

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held in the Radcliffe Room,
The Grange, on Monday 24 April 2017
at 7.00pm

Councillors

Martin Culshaw (Chairman)	Keith Agar (Vice Chairman)	Penny Astill
Joe Bailey	Rod Brears	Graham Budworth(A)
Sue Clegg	Gillian Dunn	Graham Leigh-Browne (A)
	Pam Thompson(A)	Jean Robinson

Ex-Officio: Georgia Moore (PC Chairman) (A) and David Barton (PC Vice Chairman)

Also present: Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk) Jacque Earp (Admin Assistant) RBC Cllr Roger Upton, Adam Greest (Senior Technician, Severn Trent Water) and four members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Georgia Moore, Pam Thompson, Graham Budworth and Graham Leigh-Browne - Approved.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Keith Agar – Planning Application 17/00805/FUL. It was agreed the Chairman would present this Planning Application whilst Cllr Agar would still operate the power point presentation but would not make any comments or observations.

3. Presentation from Adam Greest, Senior Technician, Severn Trent Water: Update

The Chairman welcomed Adam Greest to the meeting and commented the PC is very fortunate that Adam attends regular meetings and provides regular updates. Adam thanks the PC for his invitation to the meeting and noted he has attended meetings over the last 2 years, had been quite quiet over the last six months in the village and the last meeting was in September 2016. Adam then asked PC Cllrs for any questions relating to existing problems or if there were any new issues they wished to raise.

- Cllr Brears asked what effect the A52 roadworks would have on the drainage at Cropwell Road Junction as water did flow down Cropwell Road and onto the A52 so wondered if this had been taken care of. Adam agreed there had been a lot of roadworks in the last six months, however nothing had been reported back to him from members of the public, drivers or dog walkers and no issues had arisen. Adam however did report that an air valve will be repaired on a pressurised/riser main from Sydney Grove to Cotgrave. Residents in Greenway Close have been spoken to and he confirmed the Pumping Station at Sydney Grove will be turned off for a short time whilst the works are carried out.

Standing orders were then suspended at 7.06pm to allow members of the public to raise relevant matters

- RBC Cllr Upton noted that he has seen a Severn Trent Tanker outside the Infant School in the village and questioned why it was there on a regular monthly basis. Adam explained that regular checks and cleaning of key assets in the area are carried out, the school being one. There has been re-lining work of the sewer done previously and Adam felt personally he needed to check the condition of this sewer on a regular basis, if after inspection the sewer needs to be cleaned a team is brought in to do the necessary work. The junction of Shelford Road and Lorne Grove is also an asset which regularly gets checked and cleaned as it gets 'fatted up', there is also an asset outside The Green. All teams report back to Adam after inspection and the maintenance and cleaning is regular and ongoing. Cllr Upton thanked Adam for this information as he had not seen a preventative maintenance programme in the village for the last 30 years. Adam also confirmed there had been a lot of issues in 2013 and 2014 with the Sydney Grove Pumping Station, however there are now more maintenance checks and things are improving.

- A member of the public referred to the fat found in the drains and asked if Severn Trent knew the source of the problem as it appeared they were managing the effects and not treating the cause. Adam confirmed there was an issue with fat in some drains, and refer to a company called ECAS. They are there to liaise between Severn Trent and Takeaways, Restaurant's and advise these businesses about 'fat traps' within the premises. The traps prevent fat getting into the drains at source and it was agreed there is an issue in Radcliffe and will advise ECAS to visit food service establishments (FSE's) to establish if anybody is contributing to the fat problems in the drain system. The cost of a fat trap ranges from £1,000 to £8,000 depending on the need and the size of the premises, ECAS can advise the next best course of action. The member of the public then referred to a company who came to the village, 'rodded' out a blockage, put a camera down the drain but were unclear what had caused the blockage. Adam advised that all issues should be reported as a blockage is the start of flooding.

The Chairman thanked Adam again for attending the meeting and invited him to attend for further updates in approximately four months' time.

Standing orders resumed at 7.12pm

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 27 March 2017 for approval
The Clerk referred to M.1 and confirmed that Cllr Budworth did send his apologies for the meeting. It was Resolved: "That minutes of the meeting held on the 27th March 2017 were amended and approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman."
5. Chairman's Announcements
The Chairman thanked the Clerk and staff for the organisation of last week's Annual Parish Meeting. It ran very smoothly and was beautifully organised and it is hoped the citizens of Radcliffe were fairly treated and gleaned something from it.
6. Clerks Report on Previous Minutes
M.5 A52 Junction Improvements
All Cllrs are aware of the delays on Cropwell Road and Nottingham Road roadworks
7. M.11 Draft Consultation Responses: local Plan, Green Belt & Community Infrastructure Levy
The Consultation responses were submitted to the Borough within the time deadlines.
8. Open Session for members of the public to raise relevant matters, limited to 15 minutes
Standing orders suspended at 7.14pm
 - A member of the public referred to Planning Application 17/00700/FUL and commented that the intrusive nature of the build would have adverse effects on his family circumstances. The Chairman confirmed the Application would be discussed later in the agenda by the Committee.
 - A member of public referred to the pedestrian crossing on Shelford Road and understood that work was due to be completed in the last financial year. As this had not been done, the member of the public asked for a date. The Clerk advised the Highways Department have now advised the crossing would be done in the first quarter of this financial year i.e. by the end of June 17.

Cllr Upton referred to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Meeting which is on Wednesday 26th April at The Grange when comments will be made back to RBC, as they are working to a deadline of 5th May to submit comments back to the Final Examiner. Cllr Upton also referred to the Christmas tree lighting, discussed at the Bingham and Radcliffe Strategic Board meeting last week. The Strategic Board have been asked to match fund by 50% to provide permanent 240 volt external electrical points for village shops to accommodate Christmas trees/lights. The cost per point would be £100, therefore £50 would be paid by the Borough and the remainder to be by another provider. Cllr Upton envisages that 3 or 4 are

done at a time, then increased over the years. It was asked that the Business forum identify and approach the shops that are freehold to discuss installation. To obtain match funding is a step forward in the right direction as battery and solar powered Christmas lights are less effective than other towns and villages in the Rushcliffe area who all have permanent power points and a better display.

Standing orders resumed at 7.24pm

9. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions as per the attached list

Noted – As outlined on the attached list.

10. Planning Applications as per the attached list

Resolved: "The applications received were reviewed and the decisions taken as outlined on the attached document."

11. Applications Subsequently Received

Resolved: "One subsequent application was received and the decision taken as outlined on the attached document."

12. Trains Working Group Update

In Cllr Thompson's absence, the Chairman provided the following update:

- There hasn't been a meeting of the Trains Working Group since the last Planning & Environment meeting. There has however been a meeting of the Poacher Line Stakeholders Group. The Poacher Line is the train line from Nottingham to Skegness and the Poacher Line Stakeholders Group consists of Parish Cllrs from Nottingham to Grantham.
- Rushcliffe BC, Gedling BC and Nottm CC have funded Consultants to carry out an economic study of the line, what can be done and the financial implications for altering the trains.
- The Consultants made an interim presentation of their report to date at the meeting, the full report will be completed in May. The Consultants are minded to propose trains in Radcliffe should be hourly and half hourly in the rush hour. In addition, the car park should be re-modelled to accommodate approximately 30 cars.
- The PC was looking to promote a number of major cost items to include The Leisure Hub, the Train Car Park and the upgrading of the Village Centre. The PC is aware that the Train Car Park is owned by Network Rail. The Consultant's report suggests the Train Car Park should be revamped and funding should be part of the Train Franchise.

The Chairman then asked Cllrs for any questions:

- Cllr Agar referred to the Train Car Park and asked for clarification on whether it would become a mini 'Park and Ride' and also suggested it was an opportunity to publicise to Residents the potential increase of trains and for them to use the service. The Chairman confirmed it was not intended to be used as a Park and Ride, and that rail users would be able to park for free. He also confirmed it was a very good idea to publicise this to residents and will take this idea to the next Trains Working Group.
- Cllr Clegg asked if the improvements would take into the account the inadequate disabled access on the Grantham side of the train line. The Chairman confirmed this issue has been raised and noted.

The Chairman re-confirmed there would be another Poacher Stakeholders Group meeting in May, at which the final report would be presented, and is happy with progress. There is no guarantee there would be any more trains however as the decision is also dependent on the Franchise winner, and the Department of Transport.

13. Roadworks Update: Nottingham Road A52 Junction

It was noted the Agenda item regarding dates of road closures had already taken place. Cllr Agar however referred to the Cropwell Road Junction and was concerned with the amount of time it is going to take to complete

the roadworks. Cllr Agar asked that the Highways Department be challenged more as the disruption to residents is substantial and that the PC should find out exactly what is holding everything up. The Chairman noted the works were originally due to finish in 14 weeks, so would have been completed. It was therefore agreed the office should write to the Highways Department to ask them why the roadworks (which should have been completed by now) are now scheduled to finish in June and August, and that a number of residents have expressed their displeasure with the current scheduling.

14. Correspondence

Gedling Borough Council: Planning Policy Consultations
Noted

15. Nottinghamshire Campaign For Better Transport: Demolition of Broadmarsh Bus Station

Noted and discussed. Cllr Agar confirmed he had recently spoken to the Building Surveyor for Broadmarsh Bus Station. The Bus Station has been condemned and will become structurally unstable. It is likely the redevelopment of the shopping centre will start at the end of this year. The Chairman noted this is an ongoing concern that may affect Radcliffe bus service and car drivers wishing to drive into Nottingham and use the car parks, as once demolition begins the whole of Broadmarsh car park will be closed.

16. Councillors Reports

- Cllr Dunn reported that the next village litter pick is on Saturday 3rd June. E mails have been sent out today to all those involved previously and posters will be going up shortly in the village.
- A Cllr noted the Travellers Site on Nottingham Road appears to have a lot of commercial activity taking place and a small brick building has also been erected close to the boundary of the A52. It is suspected that neither of these activities have planning permission and it is requested that a Planning Officer initially be contacted informally for clarification and an update be available at the next PC meeting. It was also noted that the Highways Agency who are currently using the adjacent land as accommodation hardstanding for roadworks at the A52 between the Travellers Site and the RSPCA should be asked what their plans are to re-instate the area once the roadworks are complete. This point should also be included when writing to the Highways Agency regarding the timing of the A52 Roadworks.
- Cllr Clegg referred to the Police Priority Setting minutes of the 20th April, sent to all Cllrs today and asked that they should be read through.
- Cllr Bailey referred to the faded 'Slow' sign painted on the road near to the Health Centre that hasn't been re-painted and asked for an update. The Clerk confirmed they have been scheduled to be repainted this summer.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Planning & Environment Meeting confirmed as Monday 05 June 2017.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed: Chairman.....Date.....