

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting, held in the Radcliffe Room
at The Grange, on Monday 17 July 2017 at 7pm

Cllr John Thorn (Chairman)	Cllr Pam Thompson (Vice Chairman) (A)	Cllr David Astill (A)
Cllr Rod Brears	Cllr Joe Bailey	Cllr Bill Banner (A)
Cllr Martin Culshaw	Cllr Graham Budworth	Cllr Alice Tomlinson (A)
Cllr Jean Robinson	Cllr Josephine Spencer	Cllr Keith Agar
Cllr Gillian Dunn	Cllr Graham Leigh-Browne (A)	Cllr Sue Clegg

Ex-officio: Cllr David Barton (PC Chairman) Cllr Georgia Moore (PC Vice Chairman)(A)

Also present Sally Horn (Acting Parish Clerk), RBC Cllr Roger Upton and three members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr Georgia Moore, Cllr Pam Thompson, Cllr Graham Leigh-Browne, Cllr Alice Tomlinson, Cllr David Astill, Cllr Bill Banner – Approved.

2. Declarations of Interest

None received.

3. Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Thorn reported on the extremely successful Radfest at Wharf Lane on Saturday 15th July. The organisers thanked the Council for its support and the Council recorded congratulations and thanks for all the work they had put into organising and running an excellent event and it was noted that the behaviour and enthusiasm of the attendees (over 1,600) was a credit to the village. It is anticipated that this will become an annual event and the 'profit' made this year will be kept to finance future years.

Cemetery Gate. Cllr Thorn reported that the left hand wall and gate pillar had been damaged last week. The office will establish whether it is an insurance claim before proceeding with repairs.

Trailer. Cllr Thorn reported that the trailer used to move the bowser from the Park to the village was at the end of its life and that the Grounds Team Leader is not licensed to tow it. The possibility of a metal shed in the Grange grounds was discussed located where the bike rack currently stands. Cllr Spencer believes that the bike shed was a condition of the planning consent for Grange Hall. It was agreed that this was an urgent situation and the Van Replacement Working Party (Cllr Thorn, Cllr Moore and Cllr Spencer) agreed to convene as soon as possible.

It was Resolved: "The Clerk be authorised to sell the trailer, source and locate a metal shed in the cemetery with a financial limit of £500".

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 June 2017, for approval

M.25: Valley Road Sink Hole It was noted a contact surname and status was incorrect. This was amended to "Tony Trevarrow, a retired building lecturer at Nottingham Trent University".

M.35: Cllrs Reports: Cllr Spencer's comments about the Golf Club and bulbs by the roadside were two unrelated points and it was requested that this be made clear in the minutes.

Resolved: "That the minutes subject to these amendments, were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman."

5. Clerk's report on items arising from these minutes:

M.22. The situation with the boules court and the Grange hall sign has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the users. Cllr Barton had agreed with them that the Council would put a soft protective cover over all the edges.

6. Financial Update - April-June 2017

Cllr Spencer stressed the need for prudence.

It was noted that the Vehicle and Machinery expenditure was over budget due to the need to replace the pump for the Mess Room toilet.

7. Open Session for members of the public to raise relevant matters, limited to 15 minutes

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.43pm

- The Chair of the Radcliffe on Trent Archaeological Society spoke about the proposed dig in the Grange Grounds. It would be a Community Dig from Saturday to Monday morning and the area would be restored by the time they left. There would be a slight hump for a couple of months but this would settle. The dig is between 1 and 1.5 meters, and is left secure when unattended. The preferred location is near the cemetery wall close to Vicarage Lane.
- Cllr Upton commented on the success of Radfest and his ongoing support for the Skatepark project. There is a meeting at 11am on Monday 24 July of the three RBC ward councillors, Ms D Mason and the new Leader of RBC. Cllr Upton also drew attention to the A52 contractors site and the need to ensure it is left in a satisfactory state. Cllr Culshaw reported that he had met with the contractors to discuss compensation for the inconvenience the works have caused. He had been assured by the contractors that the site would be fully reinstated. Resolved: "The reinstatement of the contractors site be included on the next Planning Committee Agenda"

Standing Orders were re-instated at 7.48pm

8. Grounds Staff Update Report

No Ground Staff report, as no Ground Staff attended tonight's meeting.

It was noted that the flower beds that have been filled in at the Rockley Park need more top soil.

It was agreed that the Grounds Maintenance Working Party should meet with the Grounds Team Leader to agree a winter work programme.

9. Cemetery - Seeding Alleyway Between Trees

It was reported that a quote for £250 for labour and £130 for grass seed and equipment had been received for levelling and seeding the alley between the trees in the centre of the cemetery.

It was Resolved: "Other quotes be obtained and the work only be completed in the spring"

It was also noted that the area between the railing fence and the hedge was full of weeds along the footpath to the west side of the cemetery.

10. Running Lanes at Wharf Lane and Grange

Cllr Thorn reported that he had reviewed the full Playground Equipment Safety Report. Some of the British Standards have changed since the equipment was installed. The only item needing urgent attention was the swings at Valley Road. It was agreed that Cllr Thorn and Cllr Spencer would inspect the equipment and propose corrective action.

Running lanes. Cllr Thorn reported that the Play Equipment Committee Working Group were not planning any major purchases this year and approved the proposed white lining of running lanes.

It was Resolved: "That 4 by 25 meter running lanes be laid at the Grange and re-painted as required for the summer".

11. Valley Road – Sink Hole Report

It was reported that the A52 Roadwork contractors had been asked to investigate and solve the problem of the Sink Hole at the bottom of Valley Road. None of the previous works had been successful. The contractors reported finding 3 pipe ends and had reconnected two of them. They have refilled the large hole they dug and resurfaced with tarmac. Photographs of the pipe ends and the new connection along with before and after shots supplied by the contractor were viewed.

It was noted that there is no longer a man hole cover in the location but it was thought that the previous cover was redundant.

The Council appreciates what has been done and await heavy rains to assess its success.

The contractors had also been asked to widen and re-surface the Cliff Path. It was reported that the proposal had been submitted to Highways England and was awaiting their response.

It was Resolved: "To authorise the widening and resurfacing of Cliff Path should Highways England accept the proposal."

12. Leisure Working Group – Update

Nothing to report.

13. Councillors Reports – Dewberry Hill and Lily Ponds

Cllr Spencer noted that the Village bins were overflowing after carnival and that in future Streetwise should be asked to clear them on the Saturday.

Cllr Agar stated that the Health and Safety Working Party must meet as a priority once the Clerk is available.

Lily Ponds. Pollarding the willows. It was noted that EMEC think they could do this from the land which should be much cheaper than from the river. It was proposed that Dave Sutton of EMEC be asked to do a site visit.

The need for pollarding is mainly that the branches in the water hold the rubbish in the river and they prevent the anglers fishing. The trees themselves are holding the banks in place,

Standing orders were suspended so Mr Taylor could speak to this proposal. Mr Taylor suggested that the pollarding be done in stages and would benefit the anglers and all river users.

Standing Orders re-instated 8.24pm

Mess Room Pump. Cllr Spencer and Budworth stated that they felt the Council may have been overcharged for the work done.

It was noted that no one had known about the pump and thus there is an urgency that the Asset Working Party meet to inspect all assets and report on their condition.

As an unexpected cost it was agreed that a bid should be submitted to F and GP to fund the repair of the Mess Room Sewage Pump.

14. Budget Bid to F&GP Dewberry Hill (£1,600) and Mess Room Sewage Pump (£1,341.75)

Cllr Thorn reported that EMEC had previously cleared several areas on Dewberry Hill and this had enabled wild flowers and wild life to increase as well as better visibility and safety for walkers. The circulated report and quote from EMEC continued the work and included using mats for snakes etc to rest under during the summer. This would facilitate monitoring of such wildlife.

Standing orders were suspended so Mr Taylor could speak to this proposal. Mr Taylor emphasised the increase in wild flowers and the proposal to plant more seed. Yellow Rattle had previously been proposed but seed would now be used. He hoped that if the proposed work was carried out by EMEC the Radcliffe Conservation Group could maintain Dewberry Hill as a Nature Area.

Standing Orders re-instated.

It was Resolved "To put in a Bid to F and GP for the full cost of £1600".

15. Correspondence for Action

To Consider a Dig Request in Grange Ground from Radcliffe Archaeological Project

Cllr Clegg requested that the Archaeological Society contact a national group looking into the black death and performing similar digs.

It was noted that Western Power would be contacted before the dig commenced to ensure there were no power cables in the chosen site.

Cllr Culshaw was very concerned about safety and collapsing walls.

The Society Chair noted all these points.

It was Resolved "To permit the dig on the weekend of 19th – 21st August".

16. Date of Next Meeting

18th September 2017

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed: ChairmanDate