

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of  
Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council held in The Radcliffe Room, The Grange,  
on Monday 12 February 2018 at 7.00pm

Councillors

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

Also present: Mrs Jackie Grice (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence  
Cllrs Graham Leigh-Browne, Alice Tomlinson, Keith Agar, David Astill – Approved.
2. Declarations of Interest  
None received.
3. Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11 December 2017, for Approval  
Resolved: "That the minutes are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman"
4. Chairman's Announcements
  - The Chairman read out a statement that he had posted on the Fountain Facebook page, it apologised for the actions of staff with regard to the way information notices had been displayed on headstones regarding Cemetery Terms and Conditions. The Cemetery Working Group are due to meet this Friday.
  - The Chairman advised that the bid to RBC for £125,000 contribution to a new concrete Skatepark had been successful. Bids to other funders are in hand. Thanks given to the Clerk for her input on this.
5. Clerk's Report on Previous Minutes
  - M. 6 (M.5) The Quality Status Award is expected shortly.
  - M.6 (M.12) The Office had drawn down the £20,000 from the Public Works Loan Board and put it in the CCLA account as interest rates were increasing daily.
  - M.6 (M.16) There has been no update from NALC regarding an appointment of a Data Protection Officer.
  - M.8 Cllr Cutts has been asked to look into the possibility of raising the kerb outside the Butchers to aid alighting buses.
  - M.15 The three Borough Councillors have given the remaining balance of their member Community Allowances for this financial year equating to over £1,000 for the Skatepark redevelopment.
  - M.16 It was confirmed that the Scouts have been made aware of the Litter Pick and asked to make contact with the Clerk to discuss other potential volunteering projects.
6. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business, Limited to 15 Minutes  
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.10pm

A member of the public expressed his disappointment that the new Borough Trains Liaison Officer will not be arranging any more meetings with Stakeholders regarding the Franchise. It was hoped that Borough Councillors would be in attendance this evening so that they can lobby for a change in this new policy as a valuable opportunity is being missed. The preferred bidders for the new franchise have been announced and the Trains Working Group will invite them to a meeting so that direct representation can be made of what Radcliffe needs in the bids. An update was also required on the upgrading of the Station Car Park.

The Chairman would raise both issues at the next Growth Board meeting.

Standing Orders resumed 7.12pm

7. Police Crime Statistics November, December 2017  
Noted.
8. Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meetings held on 08 January and 05 February 2018 for Acceptance  
Resolved: "That the minutes are accepted and referred back to committee save for the following addition in the 05 February 2018 minutes."  
  
'The Golf Club has removed Rad 10 from the Strategic Housing and Land Availability Assessment for potential development.'
9. Minutes of The Grange & Grange Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 15 January 2018 for Acceptance  
Resolved: "That the minutes are accepted and referred back to committee"
10. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 29 January 2018 for Acceptance  
Resolved: "That the minutes are accepted and referred back to committee"
11. Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meetings held on the 22 January 2018 for Acceptance  
Resolved: "That the minutes are accepted and referred back to committee".  
  
Parish, Borough & County Councillor Surgeries – To Consider
12. Feedback Report from January Surgery  
Cllr Banner attended the January Surgery with Borough Cllr Jean Smith and County Councillor Kay Cutts. There was only one caller and it was a Planning issue. Cllr Banner suggested that an appointment system would be a more efficient way of holding surgeries. Cllr Moore suggested that the half hour prior to Full Council meetings would be ideal as all local representatives would be available.
13. Representation at 14 April Surgery  
In the first instance the Borough and County Councillors would be asked for their views on the appointment suggestion, but if they wish to continue with the scheduled surgeries then Cllr Clegg would attend the next one. The item would be considered further at the next Full Council meeting on 16 April.
14. Scheduled date of 14 July clashes with Carnival  
Noted and decision on change of date deferred.
15. Advertising Banner  
Deferred until future Surgery formats confirmed. It was noted again that the Parish Council does not facilitate their own Facebook page.
16. To Approve a Recommendation from Finance and General Purposes Committee for the Precept and Budget 2018 - 2019 Financial Year  
Cllr Spencer proposed the recommendation of the F&GP Committee (seconded by Cllr Thorn) of the 2018-2019 budget and precept equating to £300,118 this will result in an increase in the precept of £5 per household per annum based on Band D property.(5.64%)

Cllr Budworth proposed an amendment of a £10 increase in the annual precept and summarised his reasoning for this proposal. He referred to the Council's precept history in that for many years there was no increase, loss of the RBC grant, living wage commitments, inflation/RPI and additional income received last year which prevented the use of reserves e.g. VAT refund and grants which in total was more than the £5 increase will raise for this year (£16,028.50). He also noted that items such as Wharf Lane safety surfacing and the PA system have not been included in the budget and grants will be applied for which are not guaranteed. (There was no seconder to support the amendment).

The F&GP Chair, Cllr Spencer responded that 2017/18 had been an exceptional year for expenditure and it is not anticipated to have a similar year in 2018/19. Council has the option to use reserves for unexpected expenditure and to raise the precept the following year only if deemed necessary.

Resolved "To approve the F&GP recommendation of a 2018/19 budget of £300,118 equating to an increase in the annual precept of 5.64% / £5 per Band D property."

17. To Approve 2018 -19 Statement of Activities and To Agree Reserve Levels or Accruals

Resolved "To approve the Statement of Activities 2018-19 for publication, noting anticipated reserves at 31.3.18 of £185,480 and the anticipated balance for accrued funds for projects of £8,996.

18. Radcliffe Growth Board: Update & Minutes of Meeting Held 14 December 2017

The Chairman gave an overview of the minutes and highlighted the following:

- N.C.C Officers to be invited to a future meeting to consider the options appraisal for traffic and pedestrian safety improvements on Main Road.
- Radcliffe Economic Masterplan to be prioritised, creating an action plan with timescales (RBC have offered expertise and support when needed). Land assembly is one area of discussion.
- Shop Front Improvement Grant update.
- Health Centre and East Midlands Trains Franchise discussed.

It was noted that this Board is a Working Group and not a Council Meeting where the decisions are made, therefore the public are not permitted to attend. It is hoped that the Growth Board will bring benefit to the community and regional funding can be accessed to realise the various aspirations in the Masterplan. It can only be a positive thing that there is Framework with the Neighbourhood Plan, Masterplan and Growth Board (with representation of all Local Government tiers and Local Businesses) all in place before firm housing development applications are submitted.

19. Correspondence

The Chairman has received a letter from the WW1 History Group seeking the Council's support for their intentions to commemorate Armistice Day. The Group aim to create a 'Poppy Trail' placing wreaths in 14 different places for those men who fell in the war. There will also be a short explanatory statement with each Wreath. An accompanying leaflet will also be published and a map uploaded on the website. Involvement from the Schools will also be encouraged.

Councillors' Reports

20. Cllr Budworth noted that the Office received an email from a resident which contained bold and underlined text which in context could be perceived as bullying and harassment and advised that care should be taken when writing emails.
21. The Methodist Church are no longer pursuing the option of a rebuild and are now concentrating on raising funds for refurbishment only.
22. Cllr Thompson will be arranging Working Group meetings for Christmas Lights and Grounds Maintenance.

23. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

None in attendance due to other meetings.

Reports from Outside Organisations

24. Cllr Thompson advised that there is a ROTSA meeting tomorrow and will report on this.
25. Cllr Clegg advised that the Residents Association held an afternoon meeting in January instead of an evening, it received the same number of attendees as usual but there were different faces. The next one is 1pm Tuesday 27 Feb at 1pm in St Marys Hall.

26. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

Monday 16 April 2018 and Annual Parish Meeting 18 April 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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