

**Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting, held in the Radcliffe Room**  
**at The Grange, on Monday 07 July 2014 at 7pm**

Cllr. Mrs Janet Maughan - (Chairman) (A)  
Cllr John Thorn – (Vice Chairman)

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| Cllr. Graham Leigh-Browne   | Cllr. Peter Robinson  |
| Cllr. Mrs Jean Smith        | Cllr. Pam Thompson    |
| Cllr. David Smith (A)       | Cllr. Dominic Tompkin |
| Cllr. Mrs Josephine Spencer | Cllr. Bill Sylvester  |

Ex-officio: Cllrs. Roger Upton (Chairman) and Georgina Moore (Vice Chairman)

**Also present** Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk) and three members of the public

In the absence of the Amenities Chairman, Cllr Janet Maughan, the Vice Chairman, John Thorn chaired the meeting.

1. **Apologies** Cllrs David Smith and Janet Maughan - Approved
2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Graham Leigh Browne – Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust: Correspondence
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 19 May 2014, it was:**  
**Resolved** “that the minutes are approved and signed by the Chairman.”

**Chairman’s Announcements**

4. Radcliffe on Trent has been placed in the top four for Section A of the Best Kept Village Competition and will now be forwarded to the next round of judging (from 7<sup>th</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> July).
5. The County Council has been asked by the City Council to consider whether improvements can be made to Holme Lane that will enable the route to be used for on-road cycle events. The City Council has agreed to fund the works and the County Council are currently looking into options. Members were keen to highlight a number of issues and wished to be included in any consultation. The Clerk would liaise with County Officers.

**Clerk’s Report on Items Arising from Previous Minutes**

**M.5 RCAF Conningsby**

6. The organisation has still not responded to repeated requests for Radcliffe on Trent to be involved in the route of the Lancaster fly over event in the late Summer.

7. **M.7 Main Street Flagstones**

One protruding flagstone has been ground down outside the Post Office frontage. It is still unknown who the landlord for this area is. A land registry search may be the only option of finding out as repeated requests to the Post Office for the landlord’s details have not been answered.

8. **M. 8 Grange Play Area**

8. Weed seeds are getting embedded in the new surfacing, the Foreman will spray off the areas.

9. **M. 11 Test Seeding**

9. The fencing around the test area on Cliff top has now been removed to enable the grass to be cut.

10. **M. 13 Churchyard**

10. The weeding of the hedgerow has been completed.

11. **M. 15 Memorial Kerbs**

11. 15 kerbs have been placed on order.

12. **M. 18 Grange Hall Grounds**

12. An order for the new chair/table sets has been placed.

13. **M. 31 Pitch Maintenance**

13. The pitch maintenance requirements have been completed.

**M. 36 RBC Play Equipment**

14. When Rushcliffe Borough Council renew their play equipment, the old equipment is disposed of as it would be considered as 'reached the end of its lifespan.'

**M. 45 Lily Ponds Management**

15. Danny Brennan of the Canal and River Trust has advised that the completed survey of the area is expected in September.

**M. 52 Walkers Yard Car Park**

16. Rushcliffe Borough council has now removed the damaged tree altogether.

**M. 55 Methodist Youth Group**

17. No further information has been provided on the proposal of a Community mini bus as yet.

**Financial Update**

18. Income and Expenditure figures for April to June 2014 were noted.

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

19. Standing orders were suspended at 7.25pm

- *The recent Tree Survey report is available to any resident who wishes to view it at the Council office.*
- *Recent works have been carried out on trees on land belonging to Wyldcrest Homes. Cllr Jean Smith would make enquiries with the local authorities as the cost of work should be forwarded to Wyldcrest. Rushcliffe Borough Council advise that the organisation has agreed to carry out necessary tarmacadam works in the area and are they are also looking into issues with lighting.*

20. Standing orders resumed at 7.32pm

**Council Owned and other Amenities****a) Churchyard**

21. No reports.

**b) Cemetery**

22. Reports have been received that some small stone memorials on graves have been moved to different graves.

**c) Twitchell**

23. The lamp column at the end of Maple Close has been repaired.

**c) Grange Hall Grounds**

24. **1) BBQ Policy**

It was **Resolved**: "To take up Cllr James Spencer's offer of building a permanent BBQ in the grounds for community use at a cost to the Parish Council of materials only." A new basic policy would be drawn up and a site meeting arranged to determine the location. Enquiries would be made with other local authorities who provide this facility.

**2) Replacement Springer/Rocker**

25. One of the Springers has rotted and is need of replacement. It was **Resolved**: "To approve a new unit up to the value of £1,000." The Clerk would liaise with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee with a view to choosing a suitable replacement.

**3) Play Equipment Recently Painted**

26. Noted.

**4) Sycamore Trees Vicarage Lane & Hedgerow**

27. It was **Resolved**: "To arrange the felling of the trees in the Autumn". The Foreman would be tasked to provide a specification and costs for replacement trees such as Field Maple, Oak, White Beam or Ash for consideration at the next meeting.

**5) Boules Court Surfacing**

28. There are issues with the surfacing used on the court, the Foreman would be tasked to incorporate a couple of bags of sharp sand to smooth off the surface.

**e) Rockley Memorial Park**

29. Cllrs Maughan and Thorn have produced a specification of works required for the Park. A meeting with the Foreman has been arranged to discuss with him in the first instance to create an ongoing programme of works. He would also be asked to attend future Amenities Committee meetings. The Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers could be approached for help when plans are finalised.
30. Cllr John Thorn left the room for 2 minutes.

**f) Cliff Top**

31. Three contractors have been asked to quote for the hedge cutting on both sides of Cliff Top. Only one has been received to date at £690. It was **Resolved**: "To approve the works pending receipt of the other quotations noting £690 as the top benchmark cost."
32. The Clerk would also review the frequency of grass cutting on Cliff Top. The recently planted Oak Trees have all died, the Foreman would be asked to investigate why and contact the supplier.

**g) Wharf Lane Recreation Ground, Skate Park and Pavilion****1) Pavilion Plumbing Works Update**

Cllr Upton will oversee the upgrade works when they start, the Chairman of Radcliffe Olympic Football Club would be contacted again for a works commencement date.

**2) Play Area Gate Replacement**

The gate to the Wharf Lane Junior Play area has gone missing. Three quotations were sourced for replacement and two received. It was **Resolved**: "To order one replacement ' safety compliant' gate and order the refurbishment of the existing gate to comply with current safety regulations from Malcolm Lanes at £566 plus VAT."

35. The gaps under the fencing surrounding the play area would be addressed with top soil and seed.

**3) Minutes of the Skate Park Liaison Meeting - 16 June 2014**

Noted.

**h) Valley Road Play Area**

37. No areas of concern

**i) Saxondale Play Area**

38. There is understood to be an issue with the gate, the Clerk will report to the next meeting.

**j) 19 Rockley Avenue**

39. No reports.

**k) Bingham Road Play Area**

40. The damaged kick boards have been replaced and all the fencing has recently been repainted.  
Noted.

**l) Bingham Road Triangle**

41. The WW1 Commemorative Planting Scheme organised by Positive Futures is still due to go ahead in the School holidays. The copse has recently been strimmed and the A52 side overhanging foliage cut back slightly. The Clerk would Agenda the 'opening up' of the copse for discussion at the next meeting.

**m) Land at Dewberry Hill**

42. No reports.

**n) Lily Ponds Area**

43. It was noted that the recent theft of tree branches has been reported to the police.

**o) Vicarage Lane**

44. Nottinghamshire County Council have recently carried out remedial works to combat the flooding issue.

**o) The Village**

**Benches Review**

The following areas were thought to be a priority:

- Brielen Court (re-instate) - Junior School fundraising to replace in memory of the School Crossing Patrol man.
- Village Centre, near planter outside Physiotherapist (re-instate)
- Shelford Road opposite Richmond Avenue (too low) – task Foreman to look into it to see if it can be raised.
- End of Wharf Lane (to install )
- Cropwell Road (to install )

An article in the newsletter would highlight donations accepted for memorial benches and the matter would be put on the Finance Agenda for consideration also.

**Planters**

46. The Foreman would be asked to ensure that the entrance planters are strimmed around.

**Tree Survey Report Update**

47. A quotation was considered for the remaining remedial works highlighted in the Tree Survey carried out earlier in the year. The Clerk would source further quotes for members to decide on at the September meeting.

**Village Recreation and Leisure Facilities**

48. Cllr Jo Spencer would like to make progress in ascertaining community interest in developing facilities on the Wharf Lane site. It was **Resolved:** “Approved for Cllr Spencer compile an invitee list and to arrange an initial exploratory meeting with any interested village groups. Cllrs D. Tompkin and P. Thompson would also like to attend.”

**Reports from Outside Organisations**

49. South Notts Academy has appointed a contractor and meetings are in progress. It was noted that Parish Council representatives were not permitted to attend these development meetings regarding the new build. The build start date has been delayed but the completion date brought forward. However it is understood that planning permission is still awaited. The School newsletter needs to reach a wider audience.

**Correspondence for Information**

**50. 1) The Great British High Street Competition**

After reviewing the guidance notes, this was not felt an appropriate competition for the Council to enter.

**51. 2) NWT**

The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust are seeking letters of support to external funders regarding project work at Wilford Claypit and Wilwell Farm. Members did not feel that the areas are close enough to make comments on.

**Date of Next meeting**

52. 08 September 2014

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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