

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting, held in the Radcliffe Room
at The Grange, on Monday 09 March 2015 at 7pm

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Cllr. Mrs Janet Maughan - (Chairman)
Cllr John Thorn – (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Graham Leigh-Browne Cllr. Peter Robinson (A)
Cllr. Mrs Jean Smith (L) from 7.09pm Cllr. Pam Thompson
Cllr. Mrs Josephine Spencer Cllr. Dominic Tompkin
Ex-officio: Cllrs. Roger Upton (Chairman) and Georgia Moore (Vice Chairman) (A)

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

1. **Apologies** Cllrs Peter Robinson, Georgia Moore (Jean Smith late)

2. **Declarations of Interest** None received.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 26 January 2015** it was:
Resolved “noting the amendment of minute no. 35 ‘subject to the deletion of the last sentence on point no 16’ the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.”

Chairman’s Announcements
4. The new planting scheme for the Woodland Walk at Rockley Park is progressing well. The walkway and stepping log area is complete and the planting and willow tunnel will be completed shortly

Clerk’s Report on Items Arising from Previous Minutes

M.8 Boundary Wall
5. The gate post has now been repaired, TNT’s insurers are paying the bill.

M. 10 Highways Tree Inspections
6. The Clerk is still waiting for a response from Highways as to whether they intend to carry out inspections in Radcliffe. It was noted that the hedgerows have been severely cut back or grubbed out along the A52 during the drainage works. The Parish Council was not informed of their intentions again. The Clerk to email Cllr Cutts.

M. 11 Wharf Lane/Cliff Top Steps
7. Complaints have been received that the whole section wasn’t resurfaced, this was due to N.C.C Countryside Access budget restraints.

M. 13 BBQ
8. Cllr James Spencer will be marking out the area for a concrete base in the next few days.

M. 15 Education Area
9. The Mini Beast Sign is now in situ and the Infant School enjoyed a trip to Rockley Park last week and added twigs and leaves etc.to the Mini Beast Area.

M.19 Public Spaces Protection Order
10. Picture evidence and incident records are required over a period of time in order to submit a request for the order in regard to dog fouling at the Lily Ponds, Cliff Top and Dewberry Hill. It is unsure whether the new legislation means that existing orders in place are no longer valid. Cllr Jean Smith would make enquiries with the Environment Team at the Borough Council.

M.22 Sand Bags
11. The County Council has no more free sand bags, the Clerk has requested a price for the Park Homes Residents to consider purchasing some.

M.25 Litter Pick & Laurels
12. A community litter pick has been arranged for 22nd March, 10am, meet at Rockley Park. A resident has been sent a letter regarding the disposing of Laurel cuttings down the Cliff bank.

M. 30 Supporting Local Communities Fund

13. Cllr J. Maughan and the Clerk are meeting with a contractor on 16 March to obtain a quote for concrete surfacing on the eroded sections of the pathway at Rockley Park.

M.31 Rockley Park Signage

14. The signage for the gates to signpost the toilets and Shelford Road are on order.

M.34 Cemetery

15. The Clerk's Office is now in the process of organising the de-consecration of part of the Cemetery.

M. 41 Christmas Lights

16. The Clerk is arranging a meeting with Blachere at the end of March, date to be confirmed.

M.42 Grit Bins

17. An article has been placed in the Parish newsletter, asking residents to inform the Clerk if there is a grit bin on their street. The village grit bins can then be mapped.

M. 44 Benches

18. The residents on Cherry Tree Close opposed the idea of a bench near their property on Cropwell Road. The only perceived available space for another village bench is outside the Chestnuts opposite Water Lane. It will be offered for anyone wishing to donate a memorial bench.

M.49 Graffiti

19. The Graffiti tags on Shelford Road have now been removed. Network Rail will be informed about the graffiti on the bridge on Wharf Lane.

M.50 Fencing Repair

20. The Landowners have asked their agents to deal with the gap in the fence near the welcome sign on Nottingham Road.

Financial Update

21. Income and Expenditure figures for April 2014 to 02 March 2015 were noted.

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

22. Standing orders were suspended at 7.25pm
- *Thought was given to separate bags for recycling during the Community Litter Pick, this may be too difficult to organise as people will be covering the same areas for different types of litter.*
 - *To address the litter on Cliff Top, it was requested that signage boards be installed for do's and don'ts. This could be incorporated into the future proposed information boards.*
23. Standing orders resumed at 7.33pm

Lily Ponds

a) ROT Angling Society

24. To enable access to funding opportunities, the Society is seeking to amend the 5 year Fishing Rights Agreement to a 10 year term. It was **Resolved**: "to approve the agreement be changed to a 10 year period."

b) Management Plan

25. A meeting has recently been held with Notts Wildlife Trust, Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers and the Canal and River Trust who have recently prepared a management plan for the Lily Ponds. In the first instance it was agreed to hold a 24 hour BioBlitz on 16/17 May to ascertain Biodiversity information. Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers are holding a relaunch of their group at St Marys on 31st March at 7.30pm where there will be presentations on the Lily Ponds and the BioBlitz shall also be publicised.

Cliff Top Litter Management

26. Recently litter has been strewn around the Cliff Top bank. A litter bin has recently been relocated to the other side of the Valley Road Play Area to help tackle the problem. The proposed information board could address litter. The Foreman would be asked to prioritise the leaf clearance.

Grange Grounds Bollards

27. Due to health and safety concerns it was: **Resolved** "To take out the three bollards in front of Grange Hall and review in three months if a different type of parking restriction installation is required."

Wharf Lane**a) Skate Park Update**

Councils Insurers have now included the Skate Park at no additional cost. The SkatePark committee are in the process of closing their bank account and transferring the remaining funds to the Parish Council. The Clerk is meeting with Ross Marshall this week for an inspection and handover of keys etc..

b) Potential Pavilion Extension

29. It was **Resolved**: "members were in support of Cllr Jo Spencer making enquiries with local groups and landowners with a view to submitting a basic outline plan of an extension to the Pavilion for future provision to the Planning Department for their initial thoughts."

Annual Play Area Inspection**a) Change of Contractor**

30. Three quotations were considered for the annual play area inspections. It was **Resolved**: "to contract Streetwise to undertake the inspections in May @ (net) £50 per site inclusive of five items and £3 per item thereafter."

b) Zurich Annual Play Area Inspection

31. The report was summarised and considered by members. The Foreman has addressed priorities and is monitoring the condition of equipment. It was agreed that the fencing and signage recommended was not appropriate.

Village**a) To Consider Purchasing a Manual Grit Spreader**

Resolved: "The Clerk to order the Atlas II model from County Supplies @ £185 net".

b) To Consider Installation of a Radar Key System for the Public Toilets

33. Standing Orders were suspended at 8.29pm to enable a resident to speak

A resident advised that his wife has a Radar key and is fairly sure that you have to lock the door after use.

34. Standing Orders resumed at 8.32pm

35. A letter was received from a local resident requesting members to consider the Radar key system. Due to the fact that anyone can purchase a key and the locking/unlocking of the toilets will not be in the control of staff, it was: **Resolved**: "not to proceed with the installation of Radar Key system. However the public toilet opening times will be extended to 6pm daily."

Play Equipment Review

36. The order for the Double Cable Rider for Wharf Lane has been placed with Children's Playground Company at net £7,900 inclusive of equipment, installation, delivery and other associated costs. Installation should be 2-3 weeks. The Play Area Working Group would consider next year's equipment requirements in the near future. Cllr Thorn will make further enquiries about the possibility of refurbishing the Rocking Horse at Wharf Lane.

Data Analysis

37. A detailed breakdown was provided on Mowers, Machinery, Fuel and PPE costs. For ongoing servicing parts such as air filters, it may be prudent to buy in bulk. The Clerk to pursue.

Churchyard: Parr Grave

38. A quotation has been obtained for re-instating the copings and gravel on the Parr Grave. However some members did not feel this was within the Council's remit, but all agreed that it should be made safe. It was **Resolved:** "The Clerk to make arrangements for the copings to be disposed of to enable the grass to be mowed on top of the grave (subject to the approval of the Diocese)."

National Citizens Service

39. The Clerk would arrange a convenient working group meeting to further consider projects to submit. (Cllrs Roger Upton, Pam Thompson, Jo Spencer to attend. Cllr Georgia Moore and the Foreman also to be invited.)

Correspondence

40. A resident has made a complaint regarding the accumulation of litter around Bingham Road Playing Fields. The Chairman of 4Rec has instructed the Caretaker to deal with it.

Date of Next meeting

41. 13 April 2015

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signed: Chairman Date