

**Radcliffe on Trent Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 22 April 2015, Grange Hall, 7.00pm**

Minutes

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Councillors Present on the Top Table
Cllr Roger Upton (Chairman) Cllr Georgia Moore (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Gordon Moore (Chairman Finance and General Purposes Committee)
Cllr Rod Brears (Chairman Planning and Environment Committee)
Cllr Janet Maughan (Chairman Amenities Committee)
Cllr Penny Astill (Chairman Grange and Grange Hall Committee)
Mrs Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk)

Chairman's Welcome

- 1.** Cllr Roger Upton advised that he would be chairing the meeting, he welcomed approximately 150 parishioners to the meeting, Parish Councillors and Local Borough and County Councillors. The format of the Agenda was summarised.

Housekeeping

- 2.** No fire alarm testing is planned, mobile phones should be set to silent, several community groups have display tables at the back of the hall and tea and coffee will be served at the end of the meeting.

Introduction of Panel

- 3.** The Chairmen of the Standing Committees were introduced and the Parish Clerk.

Apologies

- 4.** Cllrs Josephine Spencer, Peter Robinson and James Spencer

Approval of the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 April 2014

- 5.** Proposed by Mr Martin Ryder and seconded by Mr Roger Alton, it was:
Resolved: "That the minutes be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council."

Chairman's Report

- 6.** Cllr Upton reported on a very busy and challenging year. The Parish Council was formed in 1884 and has a proud record of serving the village community and hopefully it will continue to do so for many years to come. Radcliffe on Trent is one of the largest parishes in the area and has 18 elected Councillors and a very large property portfolio and is proactive in trying to get better amenities such as car parking and train services.

The Parish Council is consulted on planning applications and is promoting a Neighbourhood Plan to try and influence the type and location of new housing in Radcliffe. It also has representation on the new Radcliffe/Bingham Economic Growth Board to try and get more investment into the village.

Special thanks were given to Cllrs Gordon Moore, Peter Robinson, James Spencer and Eddie Fearon (local Borough Councillor) who have decided to retire and will not be standing in the forthcoming elections.

It was noted that village stalwarts Mavis Guttridge and David Smith passed away last year and both will be greatly missed. Mr Bill Banner retired after 13 years as Deputy Clerk and

made significant contributions the Parish Council.

Key events for the village this past year were highlighted including; adoption of the Local Plan, completion of the Community Plan, start of the Neighbourhood Plan, new website with Village Diary, Carnival and Village Show, WW1 Commemoration Week and a Boules match event with our twinned town of Bussey St Georges.

Ongoing projects that the new administration may have to consider are; development of the Neighbourhood Plan and actions from the Community Plan, Greenbelt review, new housing developments, rail service improvements, car park management, monitoring the Harlequin 3 well site development, representation on the Economic Growth Board and support for the local business community and village centre.

Thanks go to the Parish Clerk and all Officers and staff, local contractors, local councillors, local police, to the many varied village organisations and to the Parish Councillors for all their work in the Radcliffe Community in the last twelve months.

The majority of Parish Council meetings are held in the Grange on a Monday evening and all residents are welcome. Details can be found on the notice boards and website.

Presentation of Civic Awards

- 7.** Civic Awards 2015 were presented by the Vice Chairman Georgia Moore to; Dave Barton, Sue Clegg, Edna Quinton and Graham Shaw for their work in the community. Winners of the Young Achievers Awards 2015 were Harrison Dowzell for his role in Billy Elliot the West End Musical (John Case 'grandfather' accepted on his behalf) and Lucy Pigeon for her voluntary work in the community. The Chairman's Group Awards presented by Cllr Roger Upton were received by The Radcliffe U3A History Group for their "Radcliffe Remembers" First World War project and The Radcliffe Community Café.

Committee Chairman's Reports

8. Finance and General Purposes – Cllr Gordon Moore

The Statement of Activities for the year was summarised, the budgeted expenditure for 2015/16 is £381,715 with a budgeted income of £103,645 making a net cost of £278,070 which is funded by the parish precept and the final instalment of the Rushcliffe Borough Council transitional grant. The precept has remained frozen at £84.62 per Band D property for the last five years.

The debt on the public works loan capital has been reduced further by £92,500 and the outstanding capital balance at 31 March 2015 was £245,366. At the same time efficiency savings were made by staff restructuring and the continuous effort to get best value for money.

Grants awarded to community groups over the past year were advised.

Cllr Moore is retiring and will not be standing at the next election, the Council has turned over an excess of £4m in the last nine years including the £1.25m on Grange Hall which generated an income of over £75k in 2014/15.

Cllr Moore thanked the Councillors and staff for their support, in particular Sally Horn, the Accounts Clerk.

9. Planning and Environment – Cllr Rod Brears

The following has been considered by the Planning Committee in the last year:

- South Notts Academy School Rebuild

- Gravel Extraction – Shelford West
- Local Plan Part 1 was approved by RBC in Dec 2014 which stated a minimum of 400 new houses for Radcliffe.
- The Community Plan survey results stated 80% of respondents wanted the Greenbelt protected. The Greenbelt Review process will start after the Elections.
- Planning Permission has been granted five times since 1999 for the exploratory drilling of the Harlequin 3 well site. The Environment Agency carried out a consultation on the permits to drill which have now been approved.
- Methodist Church plans to rebuild.
- Liaison with East Midlands Trains and the Department for Transport for better services.

10. Grange and Grange Hall – Cllr Penny Astill

The 10 year anniversary of the opening of Grange Hall was celebrated in 2014 and a DVD of the opening is available from the Parish Council for £4 per copy.

Thanks given to Bob Flowers and South Notts Academy for their continued help with the over 65's Christmas Party which is always well attended.

Extensive fire and water risk assessments have been carried out and are now reviewed quarterly.

Bookings continue to increase and new events supported by the Parish Council.

Forthcoming events include: Health and Wellbeing Day, Fun Day, Youth Band Night, Village Show and Lasts Night of the Proms.

The Cutler Albums are now in the custody of the Parish Council and can be viewed by appointment.

11. Amenities – Cllr Janet Maughan

It has been a full and productive year and the Amenities portfolio is growing, recently acquired is the Lily Ponds, Bingham Road Triangle, Dewberry Hill and now the Skate Park. New play equipment has been installed, a Rocker in Grange Grounds and a Zip Wire at Wharf Lane.

A new Woodland Walk has been created at Rockley Park in partnership with Streetwise and City Greening, thanks given to the Groundstaff for all their efforts with this project.

A management plan has been created for the Lily Ponds in partnership with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and The Canal and River Trust. A BioBlitz is planned for the area on 16/17 May.

Thanks to the Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers who have outlined a number of environmental tasks and the next job day is Sunday 3 May.

Presentation of the Accounts of The Trustees of the Parochial Charities

- 12.** Cllr Mel Mckechnie (Trustee) reported on the Accounts and gave tribute to the late Mavis Guttridge and John Key who were both former Trustees. In 2014 there had been 56 recipients of £150 'doles' and 20 recipients of £250 'doles' equating to £13,400. A further six donations had been made to village groups equating to £5,050.

General Question Time

13. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting held on 16 April 2014

None.

14. There were four written questions received; In brief:

- Would the Parish Council audio record all meetings? *To be raised at the next F&GP meeting.*
- There are empty shops in the village, what are the plans? *Planning application received for a restaurant in the old Spa shop. Tesco due to open in August. There is a business representative on the Neighbourhood Plan and local businesses have just started up a forum to drive ideas forward.*
- What consideration has been given to new small industrial/office units in the village? *The next Parish Council would assumingly look favourably on mixed use planning applications, to add to the sites already established at St James Park and Shelford Lodge Farm.*
- What involvement did the Parish Council have in the assembly of Hutton Energy's Community Advisory Board.? If PC reps are not re-elected would they stand down? *Thirteen expressions of interest were given to Curtin Consultants of which eight were accepted. The PC members are representatives of the community, if not re-elected then they would stand down. Any replacement would be at the discretion of the Board.*
- Assuming there will be a significant residential development in Radcliffe, what is the Parish Council doing to ensure that some funds from the developer comes to the Parish Council and how would they propose to make a decision on how to use it? *If planning permission is granted, the next P.C will no doubt ask for all S106 developer contributions solely for Radcliffe. If any funds are allocated then the Neighbourhood Plan and Community Plan would help decide where it should be spent.*

15. Questions / Comments from the audience:

- Communication from the Parish Council to be prioritised.
- Car Parking Consultation for the Health Centre and Walkers Yard underway, deadline for comments 22 May 2015. All encouraged to comment, restricted parking may have knock on effect with street parking. Park and Ride Scheme would help the issue.
- The Police only now deal with parking obstructions, all other parking issues are dealt with by Nottinghamshire County Council enforcement officers.
- Local businesses could be supported with signage on the Cliff Top advising way to the shops. Also signage to state no cycling. (Clerk to put on next Amenities Agenda.)
- Neighbourhood Plan – grant bid of £7,900 successful to cover professional fees. Progress underway to hopefully have plan adopted by Spring 2016.
- RBC needs to address the needs of Radcliffe and not just West Bridgford and Rushcliffe Country Park. Cllr Neil Clarke responded: Strategic Growth Board looking at supporting the Bingham/Radcliffe corridor, it has a long standing leisure strategy for Rushcliffe. The development and input from Business Forums will be part of the EGB which is looking at the whole of the area.
- The Parish Council staff are currently putting together a business directory for the village.

Thanks and Meeting Close

- 16.** The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked all to complete the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire provided. Tea and Coffee now served.

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