

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting, held in the Radcliffe Room
at The Grange, on Monday 23 November 2015 at 7pm

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

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

Also present Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk) Cllr Roger Upton (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and three members of the public.

In the interests of transparency, the council asks that any person wishing to record the meetings proceedings informs the Chairman prior to the start of the meeting and that recording equipment is on view. There is an Open Session on the Agenda at which time members of the public are invited to raise any matters pertaining to the work of the committee, limited to fifteen minutes, during which time Standing Orders will be suspended.

1. **Apologies** Cllr Alice Tomlinson - Approved.

Declarations of Interest

2. Cllr David Barton: Agenda Item 13: Member of Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers

Chairman's Announcements

3. Due to new electrical regulations for working on the Highway and the unexpected expense the wall mounted Christmas Trees for the village shops will now be installed with solar powered lighting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 26 October 2015 it was:

4. **Resolved** "that the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman."
Cllr Jo Spencer wishes to revisit the decision on additional parking space at the Cemetery, three councillors must request this for consideration at the next meeting.

Clerk's Report on Items Arising from Previous Minutes

M.5 Defibrillators

5. A training seminar was held at the Grange on 12 November and was attended by 15 people. Cllr Budworth suggested another training event be arranged in the future of which Councillors should endeavour to attend.

M.7 Bark Chippings

6. Streetwise supplied the bark chippings and the Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers placed them at the bottom off Hallow Well Steps off the Cliff walk on 14 November.

M.8 Rockley Park

7. The block paving and tarmacadam works on the pathways are due to commence this week.

M.10 Play Equipment

8. Nottinghamshire County Council are still sourcing quotations for the rubber crumb surfacing at Valley Road Play Area.

Financial Update

9. Income and Expenditure figures for April – November (17th) 2015 were noted.

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

10. Standing orders were suspended at 7.10pm
 - *Cllr Upton advised that Rushcliffe Borough Council have now installed the drop kerb outside the Health Centre.*
 - *Phillip Taylor (Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers) asked members to consider a diary date in March for a community litter pick at the Lily Ponds. He is also meeting with Jim Lennon from the Vale Barn Owl Project who has expressed an interest in the Dewberry Hill site. RCV in partnership with the Angling Society will be focusing their attention on the*

- *upstream section from the Lily Ponds clearing the overgrown section of the pathway and cutting down some of the younger self setting sycamores.*
11. Standing orders resumed at 7.16pm
- To Consider Village Litter Bin Requests**
12. There have been two requests for additional litter bins in the village, one near the bus stop outside Tompkins Butchers and one outside Woodside Stores. Rushcliffe Borough Council has advised that they would monitor the amount of litter in the areas before making a decision to install them. Cllr Dunn would contact Woodside Stores so they can also contact RBC in support and the Clerk would advise RBC of the gap in between the pavement to the shops near the bus stop that is always trapping litter.
- Dog Bin Request To Consider**
13. Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers have suggested that another dog bin be placed on Dewberry Hill. Due to budget constraints Streetwise will not collect from this location. The top of Woodland Close has been suggested before but there is history of residents objecting.
Resolved: "The Clerk to ask the Borough Council to site one on Woodland Close." (9 in favour, 4 against)
- Wharf Lane Driveway Flail Hedging**
14. **Resolved:** "To contract Streetwise to cut the long driveway hedging and other foliage at a cost of £561."
- Security Review**
15. Deferred to Finance and General Purposes Meeting on 30 November 2015.
- Parr Grave**
16. Cllr Astill advised that he is still trying to find out if any relatives are contactable with regard to the repair of the grave. No remedial action would be taken by the Parish Council at this point.
- Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers**
17. Recent and future activities were advised during the public open session. The group is need of appropriate tools to carry out future tasks for clearance works. It was
Resolved: "to purchase x1 Heavy Medium Azada, x1 Medium Azada and x2 Right Angled Forks for use by the volunteers at a cost of £107.10 inc VAT."
- Footpath Repairs Notification**
18. N.C.C Countryside Access will be carrying out repair work on footpath 11 (Woodland Close / Dewberry Hill) commencing 01 December for a 2 week period. Work will also be carried out on footpath 14 (Hallow Well Steps) commencing 30 November for 4 days. Countryside access is funding the work at a total cost of £8,000 and the footpaths will be closed whilst the work is done, notices have been erected. Noted.
- Lily Ponds**
To Consider Ditchboard
19. Nottinghamshire County Council Rights of Way have offered to install a ditchboard/boardwalk where the River floods to the Lily Ponds to address access issues. The budget for the work is up to £500 and they are seeking a contribution from the Parish Council.
Resolved: "To approve a contribution of £100."
- To Consider Maintenance of Seating Area, Willow Pollarding and Additional Seating at the Lily Ponds**
20. There may be safety issues with the Willow Pollarding as they are so close to the River, Cllrs Jo Spencer and Pam Thompson would carry out a site visit to view the Willows and Seating Areas and make a recommendation at the next meeting. It was agreed in principle that 2 benches on the path and 2 benches at the Lily Ponds would be appropriate.
21. **Dewberry Hill: To Consider Report from NWT on Management Plan Costings**
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has quoted six man days to cut and clear the paths and bramble patches and one day to thin the trees from the meadow area.
Resolved: "To approve the work at a cost of £1,050."

Streetwise Update for Rockley Park

22. Streetwise provided the following update via email:
- The area surrounding the large glasshouse has now been cleared and the site secured with a new fence
 - Bark chippings will be placed on the cleared area to keep the weeds down
 - Two new water butts will be installed to the rear of the glasshouses to harvest rainwater
 - Most of the glasshouse cleaning is complete and replacement glazing is on order
 - Two small sheds are on order for tool and pot storage
 - Pointing at the block base of the large glasshouse to be carried out
 - New lids to be put on the cold frames
 - Electrical sockets to be put into Glasshouses for plugging in the propagators (Streetwise Electrician)
 - Energy Usage Costs (to be split 50/50 with the Parish Council)

The Heads of Terms are due to be signed this week.

Funding Update

23. The Working Group recently met and has agreed that funding sources will be sought and bids submitted for the following:
 Village Planters, Composting Toilet for Wharf Lane, Automatic Doors for Grange Hall, Play Equipment.
 Another meeting will be held to find out more about the Leader Funding Programme and the Finance and General Purposes meeting will make recommendations for the budget which will make reference to village projects as match or full funding may be required.

Leisure Facilities Working Group: Update

24. The working group met with Rick Bright and Mark Shardlow on 19 November. Site visits are being organised to other local facilities, a list of potential users is being drawn up and a draft outline of a leisure building requirements and costs at Wharf Lane will be ready to submit with a bid to the Economic Growth Board in January. Other sources of funding will also be investigated.

Councillors' Reports

25. None received.

Correspondence

26. None received.

Date of Next meeting

27. 25 January 2016

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed: Chairman Date