

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of
Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council held in The Radcliffe Room, The Grange,
On Monday 12 December 2016 at 7.00pm**

Councillors

Keith Agar	Rodney Brears	Georgia Moore (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 (Vice Chairman)	Graham Leigh-Browne (A)	Alice Tomlinson

Also present: Mrs Jacki Grice (Clerk), Mrs Jacquie Earp (Admin Assistant), Cllr Kay Cutts Nottinghamshire County Councillor, 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 for Absence:** Cllrs: David Astill and Graham Leigh-Browne. – Approved.

2. **Declarations of Interest**
None Received

3. **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 31 October 2016 for Approval**
It was **Resolved:** “That the minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.”

4. **Chairman’s Announcements**

- There was an open evening event at South Notts Academy on the 8th November. It is an amazing building and the Parish Council were very impressed, and well worth a look for anyone to see. The Chairman sends best wishes on behalf of the Parish Council to everyone involved.
- It was sad to see Rev Graham leaving St Mary’s. There is no replacement for him as yet, however services will still be covered until a replacement is found.
- The Remembrance Sunday Parade went well. The Service also went well, however it was felt that more support was needed from the Police regarding the road closures in the village. The Chairman thanked all the Cllrs who attended and helped on the day.
- The Parish Council is thrilled to bits that Radcliffe has won the Best Kept Village Competition in Notts. Thanks go to Jenny Ellis & Primo Rose in particular for their efforts in making the village look lovely.
- A letter had been received from Jenny Simms of the Residents Association thanking the Parish Council for all their efforts and hard work in achieving the Best Kept Village award.
- The Christmas Light’s switch on went extremely well, with a large amount of people attending. The Parish Council thanks all who attended.
- The pantomime ‘Peter Pan’ at the Grange Hall was a great event. The annual event has evolved greatly over the years, thanks go to all involved.
- The Christmas Lights look great on the lampposts through the centre of the village. At the ‘Tesco’ end of the village however there is a need for shop keepers to make more of an effort with their own display of lights. This issue will be addressed after the Christmas Holidays.
- A massive thank you to the Trains Working Group on their effort in providing 5 additional trains for Radcliffe and arranging the celebrations earlier on today. The

Cllrs involved have done such a lot to achieve this. Lots of people attended the Launch Event, which was a great success.

- There have been two consultations at St Mary's Church Rooms regarding the A52 roadworks improvements. The Chairman feels these are not consultations and the Parish Council are concerned with these plans, which were announced with no prior warning. Cllr Culshaw will write to Highway's England to confirm that whilst improvements are welcomed, the Parish Council should have been contacted a long time ago, to provide first hand local knowledge. Time however, is now short and although the PC is not happy with the process there is little that can be done to be included. Cllrs agreed that the current consultations required much more publicity and advertising, as people had not been informed and had not been made clear enough about the impending improvements.
- Finally the Chairman thanked all PC staff who have done an amazing job this year.

5. Clerks Report on Previous Minutes.

M.18 c Leisure Investigation Work

The Clerk confirmed that an amended letter has been sent to the Redhill Academy Trust concerning Bingham Road Playing Fields, and that they had acknowledged receipt, however the PC are still awaiting a full reply.

6. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business, limited to 15 Minutes

Standing Orders Suspended 7.15pm

- *A member of the Trains Working Group thanked the PC on the today's launch day celebrations of the new trains from Radcliffe. All levels of representatives attended the event including Borough Cllrs and Ken Clarke MP and Notts TV broadcast the celebration on TV that same night. Residents of Radcliffe also showed great support, and their support is still needed until the new franchise for the village is decided.*
- *A member of the public suggested that the award money from the Best Kept Village Competition is spent for tree work at the Lily Ponds and Dewberry Hill. It was also asked if there is any progress with Bingham Road Playing Fields and the Redhill Academy Trust.*

Standing Orders resumed at 7.17pm

7. Policing

Crime Statistics October and November 2016

PCSO Sally Charles presented the figures which were discussed and noted.

8. Report from Inspector Craig Berry plus Q & A Session

Inspector Craig Berry was introduced to the meeting, he provided an overview of the current structure and resources of the Nottinghamshire Police. Reference was made to:

- Budget cuts of £40 million over four years
- Change of four divisions to only one
- There are now eight response hubs
- Serious Crime is now dealt with on a regional level
- Mobile devices now used for report writing whilst out and about
- Rushcliffe crime patterns not significantly changed over time
- More engagement with the Community via Social Media
- 2015 Crimes = 196 and 2016 plus 42
- The Police Contact point at SNA will no longer be operating, contact can be made at bases in Cotgrave and West Bridgford.

The PC asked the following questions:

“Can reports be received on solved crimes?” *Approximately 20% are solved however meaningful figures cannot be provided on a regular basis as the case could be pending for Court over a long period of time*

“Can more Police resource be given to help with road closures to help with the Remembrance Parade.” *There were eight parades this year and only 10 members of staff were on duty, therefore the high risk areas needed to be prioritised.*”

The Chairman thanked Inspector Berry for attending the meeting, and he left at 7.45pm

9. Minutes of the Grange & Grange Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 14 November 2016 for Acceptance

Cllr Clegg thanked the SNA for organising the OAP Christmas party, which was a great success. Cllr Clegg also confirmed that work to upgrade the Grange Hall Boiler System is in hand and the tenders will be sent out to Contractors before the Christmas break.

It was: **Resolved** “that the minutes were accepted and referred back to committee.”

10. Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meetings held on 07 November and 05 December 2016 for Acceptance

The Committee has made a response to the Shale Gas Wealth Fund Consultation and hopes that this area will not be affected. Cllr Culshaw also confirmed The Royal Oak Public House has now been added to the Asset of Community Value Register, and that the Borough Council has refused permission for Sequoia Trees to be felled at the British Legion. The Trains Working Group was thanked for the celebration of the new trains at Radcliffe and thanks in particular go to Dave Thornhill, Phil Thomas and Dave Thornley. 100 people attended the event, and 18 schoolchildren rode on the new train.

It was: **Resolved** “that the two sets of minutes were accepted and referred back to committee.”

11. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2016 for Acceptance

It was: **Resolved** “that the minutes were accepted and referred back to committee.”

12. Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 21 November 2016 for Acceptance

Cllr Thorn thanked the PC Ground Staff for their work at Rockley Park. It was confirmed the new benches at the Lily Ponds were now in situ. The Wharf Lane Composting Toilets are open, but will be closed over the Christmas break. ROTSPA will be donating money to the Skate Park Users Group for repairs and the signage is also in hand. Cllr Budworth has reported recent vandalism on the urinal at Wharf Lane Toilets, the Clerk will address this tomorrow. It was: **Resolved** “that the minutes were accepted and referred back to committee.”

13. Quality Status – Model Standing Orders Review: To Approve

It was **Resolved** “that the Model Standing Orders are approved.”

14. To Approve a Recommendation from Finance and General Purposes to apply a Nil Increase on the 2017/18 Precept (Based on Band D Property Calculation)

It was **Resolved** “A Recommendation from Finance and General Purposes was Approved to apply a Nil Increase on the 2017/18 Precept (Based on Band D Property Calculation).”

15. N.C.C Supporting Local Communities Scheme: To Consider Amount of Match Funding for Bid: Signposting Radcliffe

Discussed and noted. The Parish Council are aiming to put in an Application for funding under the Local Communities Scheme for new signposting in the Village. It is proposed that eleven History Boards, five Finger Posts are placed strategically throughout the village and two notice boards and five Information Lecturns are placed along the Walking Trail. Leaflets will be available at the Library, PC Office and £16,790 is required to facilitate the new signage, £10,000

of this to be a grant £6,790 therefore is the amount required to match fund. The signage would benefit Businesses and residents alike. An article in the village newsletter will be placed to make people aware.

It was **Resolved:** “to agree that the amount of match funding for bid to place new signage in Radcliffe be £6,790 funded via £1125 Best Kept Village Awards and £5,665 Village Projects Budget. The remaining £10,000 to be made up of grant funding.”

16. Monthly Councillor Surgeries: Review Effectiveness and Continuation

Discussed and noted. It was agreed that very few residents attended the Cllr Surgeries held on the 1st Saturday in the month and was not working out in its existing form. The Cllrs also agreed that the Clerk should be e-mailed in order to bring their recommendations to the next Full Council Committee Meeting in 2017.

17. Correspondence

Rt Hon K. Clarke QC MP: Council Tax Referendum Principles

Discussed and noted.

18. Councillors Reports

- Cllr Joe Bailey confirmed that Positive Futures will not be having meetings as previous, and will attend Committee Meetings only periodically. It was also confirmed there will be a new Youth Club opening on a Friday night.
- Cllr Budworth was happy to travel on the new train into Nottingham and back with the schoolchildren and their teachers on ‘Celebration’ day. The children also received goodie bags and Santa hats, and had a lovely day. Cllr Budworth thanked Cllr Thompson for all her hard work.
- Cllr Thompson thanked all involved at the Trains Working Group for supporting the event. Timetables have been produced and are being distributed to households in the village.
- Cllr Tomlinson reported the Skate Park Users Group have received free fencing & will be carrying out the repairs to the Skate Park shortly. Donations have been received from the Christmas Food & Gift Fayre, ROTPSA, and Carnival. The Skate Park Users appreciate the support made by the PC, and for supporting all the young people in the village.
- Cllr Culshaw thanked Ken Clarke MP, N.C.C Cllr Kate Cutts, and RBC Cllr Jean Smith for attending the New Trains celebrations.
- Cllr Barton referred to the Radcliffe Economic Masterplan and confirmed that £20,000 has been received from the Economic Growth Board. The Steering Group has been set up and Consultants have been appointed. There will be a survey of business opinion and land usage will be researched. Things are moving quickly and there will be a fuller report for the next Committee Meeting.
- Cllr Clegg reported an issue that was on social media namely ‘The Fountain’. It was reported that the outside of somebody’s home in Radcliffe had been photographed by unknown persons recently. Cllr Barton said this was a puzzle and needed specifics, however he suggested this may be related to the EGB.

19. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Kay Cutts provided the following report:

- Attended a buffet for the Politics Show, and will be providing an occasional speaking slot.
- Attended a meeting at Hucknall PC to discuss the new traffic measures.
- Attended four meetings regarding Council Tax and Precept. The Government are enabling County Councils to increase the precept beyond the capped 2% with regard to Social Care.

- Attended the leaving do for Rev Graham, who will be missed.
- Attended the Radcliffe Christmas Light Switch and the Food and Gift Festival at the Grange. The Chairman of the PC was thanked and noted the Christmas lights in Radcliffe looks beautiful.
- Attending a Charity Concert on Saturday
- Young people who are doing apprenticeships are coming to County Hall. They will be giving presentations on the day.
- Attended a recent Christmas Carol Service, the concert was lovely but the logistics were muddled, and couldn't hear the youngsters singing.
- Attended a 'Tree Fest 'at Gamston Parish Council. There was a Brass Band playing and lots of children. Although Gamston is an urban area there is a real community feeling.
- The new five trains for Radcliffe is a fantastic triumph. Well done to the Trains Working Group.
- Has been invited to the Nativity play at the Play Group, and is going on Friday.
- The school playing fields have a S.77 notice. Losing the fields are important and is an important issue.
- The Health and Well Being Board draws together Clinical Community Groups and how they spend their money. There is a need to know how this money is spent.
- Going to Southwell Minster Carol Service on the 23rd December
- Wishes the Parish Council a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

20. Reports from Outside Organisations

None Received.

21. Date of Next Full Council Meeting

13 February 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29pm

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