

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held in the Radcliffe Room,
The Grange, on Monday 08 January 2018
at 7.00pm

Councillors		
Martin Culshaw (Chairman)	Keith Agar (Vice Chairman)	Penny Astill
Joe Bailey	Rod Brears	Graham Budworth
Sue Clegg	Gillian Dunn	Graham Leigh-Browne (A)
	Pam Thompson	Jean Robinson

Ex-Officio: David Barton (PC Chairman) and Georgia Moore (PC Vice Chairman)

Also present: Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk) Jacquie Earp (Admin Assistant) and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr Graham Leigh Browne - Approved.
2. Declaration of Interest
None Received.
3. Chairman's Announcements
The Chairman had walked along the newly widened and resurfaced Cliff Top path during the Christmas Holiday period. The path was greatly improved, the Contractors had finished the snagging and the area had been made good, although the damaged bench is yet to be replaced with a new one.
4. Minutes of the previous meetings held on the 4th December 2017 for Approval
Resolved: "That the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman."
5. Clerk's Report on Items Arising from these Minutes
M.6: Following on from an enquiry from a member of the public for a Mobile Bank Service in Radcliffe, the Clerk had sent an email to the NatWest Manager requesting the possibility of this service, but had not yet received a response.
M.11: The Trains Working Group will meet this Friday morning at The Grange. John McQuarrie from the Department of Transport will also be attending.
M.12: Cllr Clegg and Cllr Dunn attended the last RBC Planning meeting on the 14th December 17. Cllr Agar and Cllr Thompson will represent the PC at the next RBC Planning meeting on Thursday 11th January 18. Cllr Agar suggested PC Representation at RBC Planning meetings should become a 'rolling' agenda item for all PC Planning & Environment meetings. The Chairman agreed this is the way to proceed.
6. Open Session for members of the public to raise relevant matters, limited to 15 minutes
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.05pm
 - A member of the public confirmed Radcliffe Tesco had been approached for a Tetrapack recycling bin to be placed in their car park, for use by residents. Tesco had responded, stating the bin would take up too much car parking space. The PC was asked what could be done about this as there are currently four Tetrapack recycling bins sited in West Bridgford, but none in Radcliffe.
 - A member of the public referred to Agenda Item 15a. He is concerned the A52 Centre Refuge at Golf Road in its current format is dangerous and unsafe to use for families, schoolchildren and older people from the village. He asked if the PC are in correspondence with Highways England, then could more safer crossings on the A52 be asked for.
 - A member of the public endorsed the previous request, and also noted residents at Thomas Avenue must find it difficult crossing the road at most times of the day and is surprised there isn't a pedestrian controlled crossing at that point and this should be campaigned for. At the last Full Council meeting, thanks were given for the two

new pedestrian crossings in the centre of the village. It was also noted that the kerb to alight buses outside the Butchers had not been raised during the crossing works and has still not been done. Cllr Barton confirmed he would check the last Full Council minutes, and that NCC Cllr Cutts would be contacted and asked for a response in relation to this.

Standing Orders resumed at 7.10pm

7. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions as per the attached list

Noted and discussed. Although the PC had objected to two previous 'Post Neighbourhood Plan' Planning Applications, RBC Planning Officers had still gone ahead and granted planning permission. Cllrs were concerned about this and agreed this demonstrated the need for PC Cllrs to regularly attend RBC planning meetings. As it appears PC objections to Planning Applications are not taken seriously enough by the RBC it was suggested that a written complaint be forwarded. Cllrs who had already attended RBC Planning meetings confirmed larger Planning Application objections were discussed at length by the Planning Officers and that they require more detail and specific reasons for PC objections. It was also apparent clarification is required from RBC as to whether 'infill' properties count towards the amount of houses required for the village via the Local Plan. The Clerk will contact Andrew Pegram at RBC. Cllr Culshaw will also contact his counterpart at Keyworth Parish Council for advice as they have had more experience at the RBC Planning meetings, and the Clerk will chase up the Cllr Cluster Planning Training scheduled to take place at Bingham T.C. As more experience is required for PC representation at the RBC meetings, and also to allow time for further enquires to be made, it was agreed an RBC Planning Officer should be invited to attend the PC meeting on the 4th June 18.

The Clerk would also include an additional column on the decisions listing to state the reasons why the PC objected if applicable. Cllr Moore suggested that records be kept for all applications that the PC and RBC differ on. A measurement of additional houses built since the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan in October 2017 will also need to be monitored.

8. Planning Applications as per the attached list

Resolved: "The applications received were reviewed and the decisions taken as outlined on the attached document."

9. Subsequent Applications

No subsequent applications.

10. Emergency Planning: To Consider a Working Group To Progress

Noted and discussed. It was Resolved: "A Working Party was formed to progress Emergency Planning, members are Cllr Budworth, Cllr Astill and Cllr Culshaw. A copy of the Emergency Planning Flow Chart and template documents from the NCC Emergency Planning Officer will be sent to members of the Working Group before the first meeting".

11. Tetra pack Recycling Site: To Consider

A member of the public has contacted the PC concerning the siting of a Tetrapack recycling bin in Radcliffe. Tetrapacks are mainly a cardboard container coated by a plastic sealant, for takeaway coffee, milk, orange juice etc. There is a recycling Centre in Halifax, and it would cost the PC £400 for a bin and £24 for a collection of waste. The Chairman confirmed this cost has not been budgeted for, the location/siting of the bin is a problem and as there is a current news item concerning the recycling of coffee cups, more time is needed to see how this issue develops.

It was Resolved: "The PC are not prepared to make further investigations into the provision of a Tetrapack Recycling Bin at this moment in time, due to location, management and the costs involved."

12. N.C.C: Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

Noted and discussed. It was Resolved: "The PC have no comments to make on the new N.C.C Nottinghamshire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation."

13. The Great British Spring Clean: Litter Pick Event 2 – 4 March 2018

Cllr Dunn proposed that the PC takes part in the Great British Spring Clean for 2018, and is happy to arrange this event. It has been agreed times for the spring clean on Saturday in the village will be at 10am – 12 noon and also 10am – 12 noon on Sunday at the Lily Ponds. Cllr Bailey confirmed the Scouts would like specific tasks to do and also to get involved with clearance at the Lily Ponds.

14. Councillors' Reports

- Cllr Clegg noted that since the last Full Council meeting on the 11th December 17, there had been several Christmas events including the Coffee and Mince Pies morning and the OAP Christmas party. Cllr Clegg thanked the Caretakers for looking after these events over the break.
- Cllr Barton had just received news that £125,000 funding had been approved by RBC for a new concrete Skatepark. The total cost of the facility is £250,000, so further applications for grants can now be submitted to various organisations as this funding now puts the PC in a stronger position to apply for the grants. It was also suggested that Skatepark money could also be raised via bag packing at local supermarkets by the Scouts. Thanks and congratulations go to the Clerk and the Skatepark Committee, who has worked hard on the RBC Skatepark application. The Chairman and Cllrs agreed this was fantastic news and appreciate and congratulate the Clerk for her hard work in making the latest application.

15. Correspondence

Resident Correspondence: A52 Centre Refuge

Noted and discussed. The Chairman was sympathetic towards the resident who has difficulties crossing the A52 with young children, and did not agree with the criteria of Area 7 Customer Care Team who prioritise the provision of safe pedestrian crossings on the basis of accidents/statistics and a change in circumstances. However, all Cllrs agreed there had been a change in circumstances as the new A52 road junctions had increased traffic flow. It was Resolved: "The light sequence at this junction means that pedestrians can only cross the road in two stages, consequently meaning that residents are stuck in the middle of the refuge alongside speeding traffic before the lights change to cross the other half. As the PC would like to see vastly improved crossings on the A52, including the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Upper Saxondale, the residents email correspondence and response from Highways England will now be forward sent to NCC Cllr Cutts for a response and support."

16. Highways England: Bingham Road Junction

Noted. The works at Bingham Road/A52 Junction have now been put back until 2019/2020. Highways England will make contact nearer the time.

17. A52 Cycleway Scheme

Noted and discussed. Cllr Agar requested to keep the number of signs to a minimum, as there are already too many Cycleway signs at the Harlequin. The Clerk will send a short e-mail to Highways England to keep the signs to a minimum.

18. Resident Correspondence: The Trent Public House: Asset of Community Value

Noted and discussed. The Trent Public House is up again for rent. The Clerk confirmed that although an Asset of Community Value Application could be submitted to RBC, this may be rejected as it has no recent history as a thriving community asset. . It was Resolved: "To defer the decision to include the Trent Public House on the Asset of Community Value Register for review and to put on the Planning agenda again in six months' time. (This will give opportunity for the new lease holders to revive the pub)."

19. Date of Next Meeting: 05 February 2018

Planning & Environment Meeting confirmed as Monday 05 February 2018
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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