

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council  
Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held in the Radcliffe Room,  
The Grange, on Monday 05 March 2018  
at 7.00pm

Councillors		
Martin Culshaw (Chairman)	Keith Agar (Vice Chairman)	Penny Astill (A)
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), RBC Cllr Roger Upton and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence  
Cllr Penny Astill, and Cllr Graham Leigh Browne - Approved.
  
2. Severn Trent Water - To Receive an update from Adam Greest – Senior Technician  
The Chairman welcomed Adam Greest, Senior Technician from STW returning with his regular update for the Planning & Environment Cllrs. It was noted Adam was not involved in the forthcoming Sewerage works project at Lee Barns Road, however somebody from STW involved in the project could attend a PC meeting at a later date in addition to the drop in Event on the 7<sup>th</sup> March at The Grange. Adam provided an overview tonight which included:
  - An insight into the work done and responsibilities: i.e. pipe repairs, manholes and Sydney Grove Pumping Station cleaning/flooding works.
  - Confirmation of regular contact (every 2-3 weeks) with the PC Clerk
  - A pictorial plan of the underground drain at Bingham Road
  - A video presentation of the recent liner work of approximately 30 metres to the foul water drain outside Radcliffe Junior School
  - An explanation why the previous liner had failed and caused flooding. (80% was tree roots which had created a blockage, and had now been removed)
  - There was no repair costs to STW this time as this was covered under workmanship
  - The type of material used for the liner and joints
  - The longevity of the new liner (15-20 years)
  - Drain capacity – the drain is running at 15-20%, higher at peak times in the morning and early evening
  - STW will use CCTV and clean the drain every two – three months to ensure no further problems

At the end of the overview, Adam also confirmed the following:

  - The original pipe is made out of vitreous clay
  - Clay is the best material to work on or line
  - A normal drain doesn't last 20 years
  - As long as the drain liner is monitored/ checks in place the liner will last its lifetime
  - There are two types of liner, the new liner is made of resin. There is some shrinkage and although there is an odd bump the drain is serviceable and acceptable
  - The type of liner is the most suitable for foul water, the pipe within the pipe system (as used by other utilities) and can last for 50 years cannot be used, as this is for mainly clean water and would raise maintenance issues.
  - There are no issues if a storm pipe is filled to capacity and should not flood. STW have to provide customers with a 30 year storm protection
  - Not aware of any problems with the snow thaw
  - STW confirmed they do the cleansing of the Victorian Culvert under Main Street

- Adam will not attend the Drop in Session on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, however he will attend a future Planning & Environment meeting with a person involved with the Lees Barn Road project.
- Will address any additional issues with Developers when required
- Adam has spoken to STW Media Relations Department, who have indicated a mixed response to the PC request of water connection to the Wharf Lane Eco-Toilets. This is in hand however, and he will contact the Clerk with any response.

The Chairman then thanked Adam for attending tonight's meeting.

3. Declaration of Interest

None received.

4. Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on the 5th February 2018 for Approval

It was noted by Cllr Thompson that the East Midlands Timetable Review on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 should be included at M.12, and that there are four bidders for the Franchise and not three. It was Resolved: "That subject to this amendment the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman."

6. Clerks report on items arising from these minutes

M.15: RBC Housing Allocation Clarification and Monitoring - Cllr Agar had not managed to speak with Bob Philips from 'Urban Imprint' but will now get in touch and report back to the Committee.

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

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.29pm

- A member of the public objected to Planning Application 18/00344/FUL as the extension would block out the light from his property. A written objection had also been lodged via the RBC website. He explained his house had previously been re-designed to maximise heat and light, and that if this Planning Application was to take place this advantage would be lost.
- A member of the public believed that STW had not been open and honest about the Sewerage project at Lees Barns Lane. The work will take 60 weeks, Cotgrave Sewerage works will be closed and Radcliffe will be extended to accommodate both areas. There is a Drop in Event regarding the works at The Grange on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, but feels this will be poorly attended due to lack of advertising.
- RBC Cllr Roger Upton referred to a Local Plan Part 2 event at The Arena on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, to be attended by a special Full Council. Housing will be discussed and it is a meeting that will be worth attending. There is another Radcliffe Station Railway 'Tidy Up' day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 1pm. Cllr Upton has arranged for a Wood Chipper to be on site from 12-1pm to assist the volunteers.

Standing Orders resumed at 7.36pm

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

Noted and discussed. Cllrs were still concerned that their objections were not successful or being heard by the RBC, and that more explanations are needed for the PC to pass onto people.

9. Planning Applications as per the attached list

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

10. Subsequent Applications

There were no Subsequent Applications.

11. Trains Working Group

Cllr Thompson provided an update and confirmed there will be a 'Station Tidy Up Day' on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 18. ROTSPA have approached the 'Adopted Station Scheme' to offer financial help. Phil Thomas who is the lead on the Adoption Scheme has asked Train Working Group Members for their ideas and Cllr Thompson has suggested a Community Herb Garden as it will be of benefit to the village. Cllrs were also asked for their suggestions, which will be fed back to Phil Thomas. Another issue raised at the last meeting was Station Lighting, which is being looked into and a response is expected from East Midlands Trains, who are the leaseholders of the Train Station. There has been no response to the timetabling meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, however Cllr Thompson will chase this up. Also there will be no future Stakeholders meeting, so in terms of the bidders the RBC will not be taking the lead on this. This leaves the Train Working Group with the task of arranging four different meetings with four different bidders for the Franchise, which is proving time consuming and difficult. John Macquarrie has been contacted to confirm the Franchise Bidders contact numbers, and to arrange another Trains Working Group meeting but there has been no response to date. Cllr Barton also confirmed the subject of no future RBC Stakeholders meetings will be raised and to express PC disappointment at the Radcliffe Growth Board meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Trains Working Group will remain an agenda item as it is still very active, for future Planning & Environment meetings.

12. Neighbourhood Plan: Report on Meeting with Simon Robinson Leader RBC and David Mitchell Deputy Chief Executive RBC

A meeting was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February between RBC Leader Simon Robinson, RBC Deputy Chief Executive David Mitchell, Cllr Martin Culshaw, Cllr Georgia Moore, and Cllr David Barton. Cllr Barton provided an update and confirmed it was a meeting without a formal agenda, very much face to face talking through issues and concerns the PC has regarding Planning objections and decisions arising from these. It was agreed that the RBC Planning Members have more information, results of consultations and Officers Reports and that it would be helpful for more explanations, however ultimately the RBC are the Planning Authority. There was also concern that if the newly implemented Radcliffe Neighbourhood Plan was not being taken seriously by the RBC for small scale Planning Applications, then how would large scale Planning Applications be dealt with in the future. The PC was delighted their concerns were taken seriously by the two very senior members of the RBC, who had also recently met with East Leake PC. The RBC commented that Radcliffe was very different to the East Leake situation, as Radcliffe is surrounded by green belt and East Leake does not. It is understood that some green belt in Radcliffe will be lost with the implementation of the Local Plan Part 2, leaving the developers opportunities to submit their planning applications. The RBC see this as a learning curve for Planning Officers, as Neighbourhood Plans have not been dealt with previously, and there is no case law and Training Courses may be needed. The PC requested the fullest possible involvement at all stages and a clear message of intent from the RBC to make Radcliffe's Neighbourhood Plan work to fit with RBC Planning policy/practice. The PC will also keep a watching brief on developments regarding the bigger Planning issues that will be coming up in the future. Cllr Moore concurred with Cllr Barton comments, and agreed it was a very positive meeting. Noted there is a learning curve and the clear intention of RBC to work the PC. Cllr Moore also mentioned the privately owned Health Centre at Radcliffe and it was agreed that the PC and RBC will work as closely as possible with the Health Centre owners for Neighbourhood Plan purposes. Section 106 Agreements were also discussed, and money that may be lost for Leisure Facilities. The RBC reiterated that a 'need must be demonstrated' for the new Leisure Hub, to ensure any future funding. Cllr Culshaw had noted there is a difference between Leisure and Recreational facilities and that it would be hard therefore for the school to develop Bingham Road Playing Fields for new housing. Cllr Culshaw asked that the RBC communicate with the PC on any issues, be invited to future meetings, and that this meeting was a positive step forward. Some Cllrs agreed that the phrasing of one word in the Neighbourhood Plan could perhaps be misinterpreted by the Planning Officers, and asked whether any amendments to help its smooth running could be raised in future communications. Cllr Agar confirmed the RBC Planning meetings are very worthwhile attending and that PC Cllrs speak, PC objections are read out and to provide more expansive responses.

13. RBC Planning Meetings- Latest Report and Future Representation (Meeting Dates = 15/3, 12/4, 17/5)

The Chairman strongly recommended that Cllrs attend future RBC Planning Meetings. Cllr Culshaw will attend the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, Cllr Thompson will attend the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and Cllr Agar will attend the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. If there are any more volunteers for these dates, Cllrs should notify the Chairman or the Clerk to be included.

14. Correspondence  
Severn Trent Water: Sewage Treatment Works Lees Barn Road, Drop In Event 07 March 2018, The Grange  
 Noted. The Clerk also confirmed that a notice has been placed on the PC Website, Noticeboards and Social Media.
15. RBC Off Street Parking Strategy 2018-22 Consultation & Response from Saxondale Parish Meeting Chairman  
 Noted and discussed. Cllrs were concerned that there is no communication or mention of liaising with PC's should there be an introduction of parking charges to the village. It was agreed any charges would have a devastating effect on local shops and businesses, and that car parking charges would force an increase in current street parking. It was also noted there was no mention of a potential 'Pocket Park & Ride' for the village and that the split responsibilities between NCC and RBC was not helpful. The Chairman will now compose a letter in response and forward this to the Clerk in the next few days.
16. Gedling Borough Council Planning Policy Consultations  
 Noted.
17. N.C.C A52 Bus Stop Distances from Hillside Road  
 Noted. NCC has confirmed that due to budget constraints the laybys to accommodate additional bus stops on the A52 cannot be built.
18. SNA Glebe Lane/Cropwell Road Junction Parking  
 Noted and discussed. Cllrs fully supported Headmaster Dan Philpott's response to the email from Laura Trusler (Highways Officer) at Via regarding School Student Safety. Temporary parking restrictions had been requested for parked cars on Glebe Lane & Cropwell Road to allow children to cross the road safely and to allow School Coaches to park closer to the school as they are currently parking a considerable distance away from Glebe Lane. Cllrs agreed that a letter should now be sent to NCC Cllr Kay Cutts (cc Dan Philpotts, Laura Trusler and Borough Cllrs) to raise their concerns and to express their full support for the School in this matter. The Clerk and the Chairman will now liaise and compose a letter in due course.
19. Councillors' Reports
- Cllr Moore had received a phone call from a resident in Northfield Avenue during the heavy snow. The elderly residents couldn't get out of their homes, so NCC Cllr Cutts was contacted who arranged for Gritting Lorries to attend and spread grit in the cul de sac. It was noted that although N.C.C only have a duty to grit main roads, consideration should be given on how to help people in the village in the future, and the Emergency Plan Working Group were asked to include this in their discussions.
  - Cllr Dunn reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March Village Litter Pick was cancelled due to heavy snow. The RCG will now be contacted and another Litter Pick weekend date re-organised.
  - Cllr Budworth was concerned about the safety and welfare of the residents at Park homes after the heavy snow which was laying on ice at Wharf Lane, meant carers couldn't attend to their elderly patients at Park Homes. It is important for Emergency/Contingency Plans to be in place in the event of adverse weather conditions for Wharf Lane.
  - Cllr Bailey asked if the multi-user pathway from Radcliffe to Cotgrave was progressing. The Chairman had recently seen a sign saying the pathway will be open in April, however the Clerk will now request an update.
20. Date of Next Meeting: 26 March 2018  
 Planning & Environment Meeting confirmed as Monday 26 March 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

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