

**Radcliffe on Trent Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 18 April 2018, Grange Hall, 7.00pm**

Minutes

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Councillors Present on the Top Table

**Cllr David Barton (Chairman) Georgia Moore (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Bill Banner (Vice Chairman Finance and General Purposes Committee)
Cllr Martin Culshaw (Chairman Planning and Environment Committee)
Cllr John Thorn (Chairman Amenities Committee)
Cllr Sue Clegg (Chairman Grange and Grange Hall Committee)**

Chairman's Welcome

- 1.** Cllr David Barton welcomed the Radcliffe Parishioners, Parish Councillors, Local Borough and County Councillors, Civic Award Winners NALC, Nottinghamshire Police and Stall Holders representing local Village Groups to the meeting.

Housekeeping and Signposting to All Stalls

- 2.** The Toilets and Fire Exits were pointed out and all attendees were encouraged to visit the Stallholders at the back of the Hall when Cllrs will also be available to discuss issues.

Introduction of Panel

- 3.** The Chairmen of the Standing Committees and Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk) were introduced.

Apologies

- 4.** Cllr Josephine Spencer and Cllr Keith Agar. Approved.

Review & Acceptance of Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 April 2017

- 5.** It was **Resolved:** "That the minutes be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council."

Chairman's Report In Summary:

- 6.** A fuller and busier year than the previous one and that is a direct reflection of the energy, enthusiasm and commitment of our wide range of village groups and organisations. We really are a volunteer-high village. No wonder houses aren't on the market for long in Radcliffe - no one wants to leave. Of course, there are legitimate matters for concern, including the pressure on services and infrastructure from the increase in housing and the threat to the Villager Bus service, but an active involved community such as Radcliffe will work with its representatives to face up to these challenges. The main purpose of this Annual Parish Meeting is for us Parish Councillors to report back to residents our activities over the past year, as well as the highly satisfying presentation of Civic Awards to some of the individuals and groups who are contributing so much to the quality of village life. I wish to thank, on your behalf, I'm sure, them and all the Councillors and volunteers for their commitment and hard work these past 12 months, and on a personal note my Vice Chairman, Georgia Moore, for her support and sharing of experience. We, as a Parish Council, cannot work in isolation. Our partnerships with Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council are vital. We appreciate that there are limits to what we can do as a Parish Council alone but are also aware of the benefits that come from dialogue and cooperation. An example of this has been the introduction of joint Councillor Surgeries,

where Parish, Borough and County Councillors are available together. This year we have seen the formation of the Radcliffe Growth Board, bringing together the three tiers of local government (County, Borough and Parish) and the Radcliffe Business Forum to work together for the future prosperity of the village. We are all committed to ensuring that this is not just a talking shop. I wish to thank our Borough and County Councillors and their officers for their support over the year. I have thanked our partners in local government, village groups and organisations and my fellow Parish Councillors but the Council could not operate for an hour in the day without the commitment, hard work and professionalism of our relatively small team of staff. They carry out the 'behind the scenes' day-by-day activity to deliver the services that we can so easily take for granted. It is to be welcomed and encouraged that Councillors and residents come up with ideas for fresh activities but their implementation relies on the input from staff. While it may be invidious to single out an individual, I do wish to thank Jacki Grice, the Parish Clerk for all her hard work, in leading the team and in pursuing fresh initiatives, including very demanding grant applications. I am delighted and proud to report to you that the professionalism of this Council has been recognised by the National Association of Local Councils with its presentation to us of its Local Council Award, which celebrates the successes of the very best Local Councils. Thank you to everyone for their contribution to this achievement.

Presentation of Quality Status Award: NALC (Nottinghamshire) Chairman – Cllr Bernie Briggs

- 7.** Radcliffe Parish Council applied for NALC Quality Status which consists of three levels. Radcliffe on Trent is the first Parish Council to be successful in achieving Level B Quality Level Status. The Quality Status Award was then presented to Parish Clerk Jacki Grice and Parish Council Chairman Cllr David Barton by Cllr Bernie Briggs.

Committee Chairman's Reports of the Last Years Activities

8. The Grange and Grange Hall - Cllr Sue Clegg

The Chairman updated the APM with a report of the last year's activities for The Grange & Grange Hall, and the following items were presented:

- Thanks to all the Staff and to Cllrs for their support
- The continued use of the facilities by many organisations and private individuals
- 2 years since the Silver Cinema began, opening times & tickets still £2
- Children's Cinema during School Holidays has entertained many families
- Picnic in the Park
- Funday
- Village Show
- Last Night of the Proms 2017 – held inside the Hall
- Commemoration of 100th Anniversary of the death of William Rockley & 90th Anniversary of opening of Rockley Memorial Park events.
- Christmas Lights Switch on
- Christmas Band Concert
- Over 65's Christmas Party (Organised by SNA & supported by PC)
- New Boilers & hot water system installed in Grange Hall
- Stage & Curtains cleaned
- Purchase of new floor cleaning equipment/machines
- New Pricing Structure
- Disabled Access to the stage in Grange Hall reviewed but not suitable
- Free use of the Dowson Room for Radcliffe Organisations & Clubs AGM

- Fire & Health & Safety Risk Assessments for current compliance
- Disabled Access: removable ramps to The Grange
- The Committee are working within set budgets to maintain and improve facilities which are an asset to the village

9. Amenities - Cllr John Thorn

The Chairman updated the APM with a report of the last year's activities for Amenities, and the following items were presented:

- Thanks to the Office and Groundstaff for their hard work
- 'Picnic in the Park' Event
- Commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the death of William Rockley
- Resurfacing of the tarmac path at Cliff Walk by Carnell Contractors
- Following renovation, the Rockley Park bungalow is now occupied by the PC Head Gardener
- Change of opening hours for Rockley Park
- Replacement of the old wooden Skatepark in Radcliffe with concrete / Skatepark 'Jam' event in May and RBC contribution of £125,000 towards new concrete Skatepark
- Radcliffe Conservation Volunteers: have worked hard developing the Lily Ponds area, Holywell steps and Dewberry Hill Nature Reserve.
- Radfest 2017 volunteers: an excellent example of the partnership between PC Village Amenities and Village residents.

10. Planning and Environment – Cllr Martin Culshaw

The Chairman updated the APM with a report of the last year's activities for Amenities, and the following items were presented:

- Commenting on Planning Applications, Strategic Planning Issues i.e. Local Development Plan, The Green Belt Review and Minerals Planning Issues.
- Contributing to the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Commenting and consideration for Train & Bus services, Parking, Road Pedestrian Crossings, Road works, Flooding, Water & Sewerage, Oil/Gas Extraction and Village Improvements.
- Considered and commented on over 100 Planning Applications last year, RBC grants or refuses Planning Permission.
- PC submitted comments last year re: Local Development Plan Part 2, Greenbelt Review and Community Infrastructure Levy Consultations.
- The Government Target increase to 820 houses for Radcliffe
- 90% in favour of Neighbourhood Plan at Referendum on 19 October 2017. The Neighbourhood Plan is now an integral part of RBC Development Plan.
- Trains Working Group
- Would welcome the setting up of a Volunteer Group to improve the Railway station and its surroundings.
- The two new Zebra Crossings have been installed at the bottom of Shelford Road and between Burleys & Tesco's. Thanks to NCC Cllr Kay Cutts for her contribution.

- Adam Greest from STW reports to the PC every 3-4 months, and deals with any Water & Sewerage problems in the village.

11. Finance and General Purposes – Cllr Bill Banner

The Vice-Chairman updated the APM with a report of the last year's activities for Finance and General Purposes, and the following items were presented:

- The PC borrowed a total of £600k by means of a Public Works Loan for the new Grange Hall and the extensive & costly refurbishment work at The Grange.
- After 14 years the PC has reduced the outstanding balance to less than £200k and in 11 years' time this will be cleared.
- The buildings are owned the Parishioners and have an asset value nearer to 2 million today. Their use is as popular as ever and the Committee are confident that a good income forecast is realistic for years to come.
- In addition to paying down the loan each year, have managed the total PC budget.
- For the last 9 years the total income from the precept including the Rushcliffe Borough Grant that ended in 2016 has not changed significantly.
- This year the PC has increased the precept by a very moderate £5 per household per annum for a Band D property.
- The total Parish precept compares very well with neighbouring village(s) where there is no such high capacity Public Hall as Grange Hall.
- There are plans to have the Public Toilets refurbished.
- In addition there are preliminary work on plans to provide a Leisure Hub at Wharf Lane Recreation Ground.
- The Statement of Activities for 2018/19 available tonight lists all the things the Parish Council is responsible for and how we spend your money.
- The Finance Committee wishes to acknowledge the excellent work done by Officers, in particular Sally Horn for her expertise in the preparation of the Accounts.
- You are invited to submit any queries or comments to Jacki Grice at the Parish Clerk's Office.

Report from Police Inspector Craig Berry

12. Nottinghamshire Police Inspector Craig Berry, responsible for the Rushcliffe area provided a 'snapshot' update in regard to Radcliffe on Trent Policing over the last 30 days. In summary Radcliffe is a safe place to live and has had low levels of crime and very low levels of violent crime. Current crime trends include 'relay' car theft of new motor vehicles, and theft of tradesman tools that have been left in vans overnight. Cycle theft from sheds and public places, plus house and garage burglaries are also on the increase in the Borough, however it was re-iterated Rushcliffe has the lowest crime areas in Notts. Advice can be found via the Notts Police website, Social Media and Neighbourhoods Team. Across the County as a whole there is 1 PC on duty for every 2000 residents. After difficult times and austerity a recruitment drive has seen the recruitment of 150 new Police Officers for this year, and it is hoped the figures for Officers employed will get back to 2000 this year. Many challenges affecting modern day policing include: violence, knife crime, terrorism, and human trafficking, modern day slavery, cybercrime and child exploitation. There is a now a new structure for Nottinghamshire Police, which is positive so far. With the recruitment of new PC's, the new model for local policing is based geographically and Response Officers are now based in Rushcliffe i.e. 30 Constables and 5 Sergeants are working from West Bridgford

Police Station. A number of these Constables will move across when the new Cotgrave Multi-Agency Hub Facility is up and running to cover local areas. There is a settled Neighbourhood Policing Team which is very good for policing using local knowledge that covers Radcliffe. Its team members have not changed for at least four years although there are now two new PCSO's. Integrated Partnership working refers to a collective team effort, working with closely with colleagues at RBC, NCC, PC's, Colleague Volunteers and Neighbourhood Watch Teams. Personal thanks for support and help is paid to Mr & Mrs Griffin who have a stall tonight relating to Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Watch.

Presentation of the Accounts of The Trustees of the Parochial Charities

13. The Jeffery Limmer Charity is specifically for Radcliffe on Trent and is the oldest charity in the Village. It was originally started in 1671 with a £10 legacy. Other Benefactors subsequently contributed to the Charity and properties were sold over the years. The money was invested to provide an income, and continues to fund an annual dole, which is distributed personally by the 9 Trustees, 2 are Parish Councillors. The recipients of a financial gift may be Residents, a Local Organisation, a Youth group or a Village Event. In fact £2,000 has been pledged towards the refurbishment of the Skate Park. Since the stepping down of the Clerk of the Charity, the administration is no longer located in the Village at Fraser Brown's. The new Clerk is based at Freeth's at Cumberland Court, Nottingham.

The Charity is now in the process of updating its' remit to make it more relevant in the 21st. Century. 2017 Doles were as follows:

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| 1) 58 single doles. Totalling £9,100 | 2) 17 double doles. Totalling £4,350 |
| 3) £1,500 Fish Scheme | 4) £1,500 Craig Moray |
| 5) £1,500 The Manor House | 6) £25 Junior School |
| 7) £25 Infant & Nursery School plus £1,500 | 7) £500 Parish Council Festive Tea |
| 8) £250 ROTCYP | |

Therefore the total amount distributed in 2017 was £20,250

Presentation of Civic Awards

14. Civic Awards 2018 were presented by the Chairman David Barton to; Gwyneth Farmer, Frank Seyfert, (Cllr Alice Tomlinson accepted Frank Seyfert's Civic Award in his absence tonight) Kevin Beevers, Cori and John Cryer and the Library Team for their work in the community. The Chairman's Youth Award was presented to Hattie Lord. The Chairman's Award was presented to the Young Radcliffe. The Chairman's Group Awards presented by Chairman David Barton were received by members of the RadPanto Group.

General Question Time

14. Questions / Comments from the Audience:

- *David Griffin who is Chairman and Area Co-Ordinator for Radcliffe Neighbourhood Watch provided his advice on telephone call scams that residents seem to be currently bombarded with. Report to Trading Standards on 03454 040506. Ask for a reference number and then ask Trading Standards to put you through to the Police Action Fraud Tea. Some of the major telephone services including BT and Sky now offer a 'blocking' service for phones, which control unwanted calls.*
- *Lisa Jones was concerned at the threat of losing the Trent Barton Villager Bus Service that runs up Shelford Road and appealed to Trent Barton (who have a stall tonight) and*

to the PC to keep the service running. Cllr Culshaw is aware and confirmed it is a big issue for people who live up Shelford Road and also confirmed the Bus Service is guaranteed for a further 3 years and is being subsidised by Section 106 funding (although Trent Barton have confirmed it is currently 18% short of breaking even). Future housing development is likely to mean more users of the bus service.

- A member of the public referred to cybercrime. Inspector Berry confirmed this is a vast subject significantly impacting the UK. It is global which is incredibly difficult to investigate, however mechanisms are in place for recording, analysing and investigating at 'Action Fraud.' As Cyber Crimes originate in different parts of the world, it can make a Local Officers work almost impossible. Action Fraud is an online referral and there is a telephone number also available.
- A member of the public asked the PC about the current state of the Composting Toilets at the Rec. Cllr Thorn confirmed this issue will be sorted out with mains water during the larger development of the new Skatepark.
- Clive Holland referred to the new pedestrian crossings and asked why the one near Tesco was raised and Shelford Road wasn't. The crossings were designed and constructed by the N.C.C. It was assumed 2 of the 3 crossings in Radcliffe have been raised on Main Road to slow traffic down. Whereas at the bottom of Shelford Road, drivers are already at a junction whereby traffic is expected to be moving slowly. The village had done well to have 2 crossings both at key points, although 4 zebra crossings was originally wanted for all sides of the junction at the bottom of Shelford Road. The N.C.C had carried out pedestrian and traffic surveys and had collated data into formula to find out the demand for a crossing, the junction at the bottom of Shelford Road being the only area identified as the highest priority for a new crossing. Future development applications will carry out an analysis of pedestrian crossings, and there may be a proposal for one more Zebra crossing partway up Shelford Road.
- Ian Jones asked if the PC would consider placing the Agenda and APM minutes on the PC website, so they can be read before the next APM. It was confirmed a copy of the minutes for all meetings are on the ROTPC website. The member of the public then raised concerns about the parking of a Co-op delivery lorry obstructing the bottom of Shelford Road.

Thanks and Refreshments

- 15.** The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged people to visit the stalls that are available for the next 30 minutes.

8.20pm Meeting Finish

Tea and Coffee now served.

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