

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held in the Radcliffe Room,
The Grange, on Monday 03 December 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 (A)	Graham Leigh-Browne (A)
	Pam Thompson (A)	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 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: Gillian Dunn, Penny Astill, Pam Thompson and Graham Leigh-Browne - Approved.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Agar declared an interest re: Planning Application 18/02721/OUT and did not take part in discussion or vote and Cllr Barton declared an interest re: Planning Application 18/02114/FUL and left the room when the application was considered.

3. Chairman's Announcements

- The Chairman is concerned about the future of the Villager Bus Service that currently operates up and down Shelford Road which is subsidised by N.C.C. but long term the service is under threat. This is clearly an issue for Shelford Road residents, and although the service was guaranteed for 3 years, it is now in the 2nd year of its operation. The future Shelford Road Housing Development is likely to mean more users of the Villager Bus Service, also RBC have indicated there are discussions taking place between the developers and S106 funding to ensure continuation of the service. The PC confirmed they will continue to monitor this situation.
- The Chairman is attending a Local Plan Part 2 Inspectors Examination Hearing tomorrow at The Arena. The Neighbourhood Plan was approved in October 2017 and as a consequence the LPP2 does not take this into account. All PC comments have already been submitted to the Inspectorate, however the LPP2 does not adequately deal with the traffic totality in Radcliffe which will increase when the Shelford Road, Newton, East Bridgford and north side of Bingham Housing Developments are completed. This is a major criticism and Traffic assessments are now required for all these developments as a total and not on an individual basis. The Vice Chairman thanked the Chairman for a completing a very thorough piece of work, which truly reflects the sentiments of the PC. It was noted that another PC Cllr will join and support the Chairman tomorrow when attending the Hearing.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 05 November 2018 for approval

It was Resolved: "That the minutes are approved and signed by the Chairman."

5. Clerks Report on items arising from these minutes

M.13: The Chairman is attending the Local Plan Part 2 examination meeting at The Arena tomorrow.

M.16: Cllr Upton previously contributed £300 to assist the PC with the purchase of re-useable cups. Cllr Clarke has also pledged £300 for this project.

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

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.12pm.

- A resident referred to the speech made recently on television by Sir David Attenborough concerning Climate Change and hoped the PC had listened and if action to combat Climate Change will be addressed for

- Radcliffe and whether the PC will look at their own energy use and potentially converting to Solar Energy. The Chairman then asked the resident to submit a short list of suggestions for the PC to consider.
- A resident noted the continuation of the Villager Bus Service is both socially and economically important, and that due to the infrequent service, people from Shelford Road are now walking down into the village to catch the Mainline buses. It appears there is an inflexibility for Trent Barton to run the service up Shelford Road, however there is an ability to divert the Mainline Bus Service if necessary. Is concerned that when N.C.C. Subsidy runs out, the Villager Service will fail as S.106 money will not be available from the Developers straightaway. Extortionate fares are charged on the Mainline route, which is currently £6.60 adult return to Nottingham, compared to Lincolnshire where the same distance fare is £2.75 return. The resident appealed to the PC that Marshalls are asked to divert their bus service up Shelford Road and to also approach Trent Barton to do something about the current situation.
 - A resident had concerns with the Hillside Road A52 crossing as it is very narrow and considered it lethal if there was any more than 3 people on it at one time. The resident asked the PC if anything could be done to change it to a bigger crossing and if there are any plans to change the speed limits in that area. There is another crossing further down, however this can take a long time to walk to it from Hillside Road. The Chairman referred to Item 15, regarding the A52 issues which will be discussed later in the agenda.

Standing Orders reinstated at 7.23pm.

7. Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions as per the attached list
Noted.
8. Planning Applications as per the attached list
It was Resolved: "The applications received were reviewed and the decisions taken as outlined on the attached document."
9. Subsequent Applications
Resolved: "Three subsequent applications were reviewed and the decisions taken as outlined on the attached document."
10. Trains Working Group: Update
The Friends of Radcliffe Railway Station Group have recently cleared a bank of weeds and rubbish at the far end of the Car Park with an idea to plant wild flowers and shrubs in this area. Thanks to a kind resident on Shelford Road the Group now have access to water. The Chairman then complimented the 10-12 volunteers on the work sessions carried out at the Station.
11. RBC Planning Meetings- Report and Future Representation
Cllr Clegg did not attend the last RBC Planning Meeting, but is available to attend on the 13th December 18 and the 17th January 19. The Chairman and another PC Cllr will attend and represent the Parish Council at the RBC Planning meeting in the New Year when the Planning Application for the Land at Grooms Cottage is expected to be discussed.
12. A52 Improvements: To Consider Lobbying Campaign
It was noted the need for a Radcliffe bypass was identified 20-40 years ago, however the need is now greater than ever due to increasing traffic problems on the A52 at Radcliffe. The PC have now decided to lobby for a bypass and consideration as to how this should be done was discussed. The Vice Chairman confirmed economic facts are required before a draft letter is submitted to Bingham Town Council and the MP for Bingham and Newark, who have both expressed their concerns and a need for a bypass. Cllr Agar will then report back for the next Planning & Environment meeting in January 2019. At the last EGB meeting it was hoped to address this issue, however due to a very full agenda there was insufficient time, so it will therefore be on the agenda for next time. Improvements are clearly needed and Cllrs agreed that as there are only 4 more planning meetings scheduled under the current PC, a lobby on behalf of Radcliffe and The Harlequin residents will now start. The successive PC will then continue with the campaign. Cllrs are also willing to speak to residents (to include Bingham and surrounding areas)

with a view to sign petitions for a new bypass, which could potentially mean a petition containing 15,000 - 20,000 signatures.

13. Rushcliffe: Draft Empty Homes Strategy Consultation

Noted. There were no comments to make as there are very few empty houses in Radcliffe. The PC however welcomed the Strategy.

14. Councillors Reports

- Cllr Moore recently attended the Rushcliffe Community Awards, sponsored by the 'West Bridgford Wire' at the Beckett School. It was noted that The Piano in Radcliffe won this year's Rushcliffe Award for the 'Best Food and Drink' establishment.
- Cllr Bailey reported the SNA have now opened its new 1.3 million refurbished Sports Centre Establishment. It is being managed by a Field and Sport Management company, is a fantastic facility and encouraged Cllrs and residents to use it.
- Cllr Barton advised that he will provide a full report on the recent Economic Growth Board meeting at next week's PC Full Council meeting.

15. Correspondence H.E / A52 Nottingham Junctions Scheme Update

Noted.

16. Roadworks Bulletins

The NCC have proposed to reduce the 60mph speed limit to 40mph between the A6011 junctions at Radcliffe Road to Blotts Country Hotel, and to reduce the speed limit to 20mph from Blotts to Main Road at Radcliffe. Although there will be a limited number of 20mph signs and repeater signs along this stretch, residents of The Green were praised for their campaign/petition for traffic speeds to be reduced in this area.

17. Date of Next Meeting: 07 January 2019

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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