

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Full Council Committee Meeting, held in the Radcliffe Room
at The Grange, on Monday 15 July 2019 at 7pm

Cllr John Addiscott
Cllr Norman Bradley
Cllr Abby. J. Brennan
Cllr Maggie Clamp
Cllr Lorraine Foster (A)

Cllr Barbara Deavin
Cllr Gillian Dunn
Cllr Diane Farthing
Cllr David Graham
Cllr Harry Curtis

Cllr Alan. R. Harvey
Cllr Anne McLeod
Cllr Alice Tomlinson (A)
Cllr Sonal Modhvadia (A)
Cllr Tracy James

Ex-officio: Cllr Josephine Spencer (PC Chairman), Cllr Sue Clegg (PC Vice Chairman)

Also present Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk), Jacque Earp (Admin Assistant), N.C.C Cllr Kay Cutts, RBC Cllr Neil Clarke, RBC Cllr Roger Upton and three members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr Foster, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Modhvadia – Approved.
2. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest. The Chairman advised Cllrs that a Declaration of Interest could either be 'Pecuniary or 'Non-Pecuniary' and explained the difference between the two..
3. Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 03 June 2019 for Approval
Resolved: "That the minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman."
4. Chairman's Announcements
It had been a difficult few weeks for the village regarding the travellers on Bingham Road and there had been a lot of criticism from people using Social Media. Fortunately the majority of villagers and other Organisations involved understood that SNA did the best they could in the difficult circumstances. The Chairman thanked 4REC, ROTSA and SNA for everything they had to deal with last week. The RBC Cllrs were also thanked for their support and guidance regarding potential security at Wharf Lane Recreation Ground, as blockades would have been placed there under the Clerk's Emergency Powers (4.4 of the Financial Regulations). On a positive note, recent fantastic events such as Radfest, Picnic in the Park, and The Carnival showcased Radcliffe as a great village. Volunteers for all three events were thanked for all their hard work. For the future it is hoped there will be better communications between the PC, RBC, and other Organisations involved in village facilities. Dialogue with the Police is also proposed so that in future the Village Organisations are more able to deal with situations. Cllrs were then advised of the specific wording for the Clerk's Emergency Powers under 4.4 of the PC Financial Regulations.
5. Clerks Report on Previous Minutes
There was nothing to report.
6. Point of Order: To Consider "Suspension of Standing Orders"
Noted. The 'Suspension' of Standing Orders was challenged and it was the view of the Chairman that this tradition creates 'lines' to work within for both the public and PC and strongly wished to continue with the current format. It was Resolved: "That Standing Orders and meeting procedures will be reviewed in more detail and as a whole by a Working Group who will then refer back to a later Full Council meeting with their findings, noting that Standing Orders had just been approved in May this would be reviewed later in the year".

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

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.08pm.

- The daughter of a resident read out a statement for her father which expressed his deep disappointment in the PC after fixing bird spikes to the top of the totem pole in the Grange Grounds to prevent bird droppings on the History Board below. It was suggested the History Board should be moved to a flower bed and he would remove the spikes and repair any damage for a fee which will be donated to the RSPB. The PC was also asked for an explanation for their actions and an apology. A copy of this statement was then handed to the Chairman.

The Chairman confirmed this issue is at Agenda 16a for further discussion.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.15pm

8. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 03 June 2019 For Acceptance presented by Cllr Alan R Harvey

Cllr Harvey confirmed The Risk Management Document for the PC is progressing, a Draft Register is being compiled which will go to an Audit Working Group meeting. Resolved: "That the minutes are accepted and referred back to Committee."

9. Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 17 June 2019 for Acceptance presented by Cllr Barbara Deavin

Cllr Deavin confirmed that a site meeting had taken place with the Caretaker at The Grange Hall to consider a shed store and that the Hall Manager was aware of a storage preference for inside the office. A new projector for the Hall was approved which 'ties in' with the monthly Film Club. The Hilda Dowson Plaque Event at The Grange will take place on the 24th August, Cllrs are invited to attend. It was confirmed there are now 3 quotes for new play equipment at The Grange, to be discussed at tonight's F&GP meeting. The Methodist Church have also asked the PC for any ways they can support the Radcliffe Community: and if Cllrs have any ideas to inform the Clerk. Resolved: "That the minutes are accepted and referred back to Committee."

10. Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 01 July 2019 for Acceptance presented by Cllr Anne McLeod

Cllr McLeod was concerned about the number of 'last minute' applications that were too late for Planning & Environment meetings. For example one Planning Application was only received from RBC Planning 24hrs beforehand, meaning the PC could not look at this in detail. Resolved: "That the minutes are accepted and referred back to Committee."

11. Chair and Vice Chairs Meeting with RBC Cllrs – Update

Noted. The Chairman confirmed this had been an excellent meeting on the 10th June and a large number of items had been discussed including the LPP2 and possible extension of the Health Centre. It was confirmed that as soon as any information regarding the Health Centre is received via RBC, the PC will be informed. RBC Cllr Clarke also confirmed RBC are looking at the best options for the village and Planning Officers have been informed that a Health Centre sited at the top of Shelford Road is not the best way forward and is not supported by a large majority of the village. It is hoped to develop some ideas, reiterated the meeting was extremely productive and hoped the cooperation between Cllrs would continue.

12. Four Year Plan Update

Cllrs were requested to submit any ideas and suggestions to the Clerk for collation. The Clerk may add the Red and Amber items left from the last PC Four Year Plan to the new list. It is hoped items for the new Four Year Plan will build over the next few weeks, so that this can be presented at a PC meeting for prioritising and discussion.

Street Name Suggestions for new Developments (top 6)

The Clerk confirmed there had been 2 sets of lists submitted for new street names from the Chairman and Cllr Curtis. Although former Cllr Mr Graham Leigh- Browne was not mentioned on the lists, Cllrs agreed it would be a good gesture to name a new street 'Leigh-Browne Lane.' The Clerk is still waiting to hear from the Twinning Association regarding a French WW1 name to be used, and will chase this up. It was also noted that the Clerk has not been approached by the developers as yet for new street names, however Cllrs agreed they were happy to submit the ones already provided to the Clerk for the first stage of development.

13. Committee/Working Groups, Cllr Contacts and Membership of Outside Bodies Update & Approval

Noted and discussed. Further to the new recent Cllr members, the Clerk confirmed the lists were correct as far as she was aware. It was noted that Cllr Graham volunteered to be the PC representative for Radcliffe Infant School and Cllr Addiscott volunteered to be the PC representative for The Twinning Association. The Carnival Committee are aware that Cllr Dunn and Cllr Farthing are their PC Representatives, and Cllr James has volunteered to be the PC representative for Radfest, together with Cllr Tomlinson. It was also noted that there had been Cllr email address issues which will be looked at by the Clerk and IT Support.

14. To Note Casual Vacancy – No Petition – To Consider Cooption

Cllrs agreed they were happy to continue the PC with 17 members and would not advertise the casual vacancy as there is no urgency to do so.

15. Correspondence

Resident Letter: Anti Bird Spikes

There was a full discussion and issues considered included:

- There is a strong bond of friendship between Canada communities and Radcliffe
- That the PC would remove the Anti-Bird Spikes and for the top of the ladder to be protected
- Not to move the History Board as would be very expensive and Groundstaff to wipe the History Board when needed from bird mess
- Happy for the creator of the totem pole to be present when the PC Contractor removes the spikes, and for this removal to be to his satisfaction.

The PC had also noticed some large cracks to the vertical of the Pole, that will need to be looked at and the middle section preserved by the owner.

It was Resolved: "That the resident is contacted by the PC to confirm the Anti Bird Spikes will be removed and the top of the pole 'made good' by the PC Contractor and for him to attend the removal. The History Board will not be sited elsewhere in the Grange Grounds."

16. Triathlon: 28th July 2019

It was noted that there will be another Triathlon Event taking place in the village on the 28th July 2019, and that there would be over a thousand competitors. Cllrs were concerned these type of events:

- Effectively 'close down' businesses and individuals struggle to get to work outside the village.
- Noted that at another event there were designated stops, however Radcliffe was not one of them.
- Was concerned the PC is not consulted about the events and asked who gave the 'ok' for these events to take place
- Is there formal approval to close the roads, as there appears to be no signs to view
- If there is approval, does the PC get opportunity to object

The Chairman will now make further enquiries with the relevant organisations.

17. Councillors and Outside Organisations Reports

- On behalf of the organisers of the Radcliffe Carnival, Cllr Curtis thanked the Hall Caretakers and all PC Staff for their hard work.
- Cllr Graham was disappointed at the Monthly Police Beat Surgery meeting when he attended as an observer. It was poorly attended and a Special Constable did not cover the Radcliffe

Traveller issue in any depth. The meeting times are currently inconvenient and these timings should be on the agenda for a future Police Liaison meeting.

- Cllr James, who is a member of ROTSA and a member of the 4REC committee confirmed that the travellers who arrived at Bingham Playing Fields on Saturday 29th June were seen on CCTV removing the locks, then returning back with their caravans. Cllr James, Frank Seyfert and 2 PCSO's also went to the site to discuss the situation and intentions of the travellers and Mr Philpott at SNA was also informed that same afternoon. The PCSO's advised Cllr James & Mr Seyfert not to block the travellers in and that there was nothing they could do but only to observe the vicinity whilst the travellers were camped which (at that time) was to be a couple of days.
- Cllr Brennan expressed her disappointment at the Police's response to the traveller situation and lack of communication to residents. Would like the PC to consider a communications protocol, and for the PC to take the lead initiative for a contingency in the future as the Police did keep residents informed when travellers visited Aslockton, but did nothing to communicate with Radcliffe residents. It was also suggested for the future that Borough Councils should communicate between each other, and RBC Officers meet with Police to discuss communication and response issues. The Chairman also suggested that the PC write to Aslockton PC to say that a prior warning of the traveller's arrival would have helped the Radcliffe situation.
- Cllr Dunn has a CPRE 'Best Kept Village Competition' scoresheet for Radcliffe. For all four headings: Domestic Properties, Commercial Premises, Community Facilities and any other obvious efforts for the benefit of the Community, Radcliffe has been rated 'Excellent' and is through to round 2 of the competition. Thank you to all involved.
- Cllr Deavin recently attended a Jeffrey Limer Charity meeting. The Charity are trying to widen the brief to incorporate leisure time and have spoken to the Charity Commission with a view to alter their objectives. There is money to offer to people in need and Cllrs were asked if they were aware of anybody in need of financial help to contact Cllr Deavin or any member of the Jeffrey Limer Charity.
- Regarding the Best Kept Village Competition, Cllr Brennan confirmed that Streetwise had urgently cleared the weeds from the Canadian Estate. This has made a huge difference and thanked Cllr Cutts for her support and help with getting Streetwise to do this work. Streetwise were also thanked for an excellent job done.
- Cllr Clamp attended a very useful Trains Working Group. Currently, new providers Abellio will not be increasing the trains, but will upgrade and refurbish train carriages. There will also be more regular Train Working Group meetings held.
- Cllr Bradley spoke to volunteers of the recent excellent 'Picnic in the Park' Event at Rockley Park. This is going from strength to strength and long may it continue.

18. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

NCC Cllr Kay Cutts:

- Has great sympathy for the village when closing roads for Sports and Leisure. Asked the PC to write to her with dates. Understood that roads were closed only twice a year for events not aware of roads partially being closed. The Cycle Ride was well received especially for small children but agrees other events are happening too often.
- Will be replying to a letter regarding a donation towards the 2019 Village Show
- Attended the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierpont. NCC is in partnership with Serco (which belongs to the County Council) and the Water Sports Centre is an excellent facility.
- The Ramblers Association are hoping to arrange a pilgrim walkway from where the Pilgrim Fathers started from, to Boston in Lincs, a 28 mile round trip. Awaiting confirmation from The Rail Authority to walk alongside railway line and the NCC will fund information boards for circular walks along the way.
- Went to the Inspire Awards evening at Mansfield Library a few weeks ago. The Awards are in recognition of all the people who work in NCC Libraries.
- Attended the Civic Service which was a lovely occasion. The NCC Chairman chose the Motor Neurone Charity as this year's charity.

- Had an Armed Forces Day at NCC, joined by Nottingham City Council, raised the flag and had a short service for the Armed Forces.
- Had a Tourism Stand at NCC, as very keen on finding more tourists for Nottinghamshire. Other Counties are involved along with Nottingham City Council. Had a very productive and well attended day. Some small businesses use tourists to expand business and should also be encouraged to be involved in promoting tourism.
- A Conference was held at Bournemouth, some MP's were not able to attend and there is no news regarding the Funding Review.
- Sharphill will be getting a new school and this is on the agenda for the next NCC meeting.
- The Minerals Plan will be put before Full Council on Thursday and is now out for Public Consultation. An Independent Inspector will call for any representations and then decide if the Plan is sound. Applicants did not submit a Minerals Plan application for Shelford this time.
- Attended the Radcliffe Carnival, which was brilliant. It appeared the whole village turned out and was impressed with the floats and costumes for little children.
- Radfest goes from strength to strength and is an event not just for the young people of the village.
- Is very concerned that it takes ten days to remove travellers from an undesignated site. Is aware there is a Horse Fair to be held at Nuthall for five days and believes the Government should deal with this issue and make more rules for the mess left behind as Councils and organisations have to pay for the clean-up. MP's should be told and this go to Parliament for new legislation.
- Was a pleasure to present some Duke of Edinburgh Awards last night at the Methodist Church. The children were fantastic and had done remarkably well. Children are encouraged to participate in this very worthwhile scheme which is also very well recognised by employers.
- The new War Memorial at Nottingham Embankment has listed 13,500 Nottingham City Soldiers from the First World War. To visit the Memorial, it is both a moving and worthwhile experience.

RBC Cllr Neil Clarke:

- In agreement with Cllr Brennan's view regarding the Travellers. Need to get a liaison with the Police especially: an hour meeting is scheduled between the RBC and Police. It is hoped communications will then improve. A network of communication is also needed between Parish Clerks to forewarn each other of any movements. Sympathised with Streetwise as they made comment there was more human excrement at the Bingham Playing Fields clear up than usual. There is a cost to the taxpayer for this service. Streetwise also hand out black plastic bags to travellers on arrival, not to provide a service, but to limit the amount of clear up afterwards. Endorses Cllr Cutts comments regarding the law of the land and encourages Cllrs to write to their MP's for a change in the law regarding Travellers.
- The Carnival and Radfest were fantastic and was great to see the village interacting and enjoying themselves.
- Although Remembrance Sunday is later in the year, road closures must be put in place to facilitate the parade and service. It is extremely well attended by approximately 500 villagers and the event would not be possible without the road closures. It would be much appreciated for Cllrs to volunteer to man the road closures, move signs and cones, and to advise and inform people as to why the road closure is in place.

RBC Cllr Roger Upton:

- The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is now in the public domain. The final report was placed on the RBC public website last Thursday. This is eleven pages long and not easy to read and it is hoped this will be put before the RBC Full Council meeting on Thursday 19th September. The report has a map and various charging zones across the Borough. Radcliffe is on the map and is split in two. On the West the charge is £100sqm and on the East is £40sqm of new builds and it is advised the report should be read to understand this. There has been concerns about the 1st phase of William Davis development affecting the CIL. Because of the Radcliffe Neighbourhood Plan a 25% portion of CIL goes to the PC. The CIL becomes effective

when the Planning Application is approved, and not when it is received by RBC and relates to either a full application or reserved matters application. It is therefore possible that Grooms Cottage will qualify for CIL and highly likely the RSPCA site and Grantham Road site will qualify. It was also suggested the later phases of the William Davis site may qualify for CIL money, so is feeling more positive.

- The 'RBC Free Trees Scheme' is taking place again this year, which is very popular with individuals and Parish Councils alike.

19. Date of Next Full Council Meeting – Monday 30 September 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed: ChairmanDate