

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Full Council Committee Meeting, held in the Radcliffe Room
at The Grange, on Monday 30 September 2019 at 7pm

Cllr John Addiscott	Cllr Barbara Deavin	Cllr Alan. R.Harvey (A)
Cllr Norman Bradley	Cllr Gillian Dunn	Cllr Anne McLeod
Cllr Abby. J. Brennan (A)	Cllr Diane Farthing	Cllr Alice Tomlinson (A)
Cllr Maggie Clamp	Cllr David Graham	Cllr Sonal Modhvia
Cllr Lorraine Foster	Cllr Harry Curtis	Cllr Tracy James (A)

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

Also present: Sally Horn (Acting Parish Clerk), Jacque Earp (Admin Assistant), NCC Cllr Kay Cutts, RBC Cllr Neil Clarke, RBC Cllr Roger Upton and three Nottinghamshire Police Officers.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Brennan, Cllr James, Cllr Tomlinson and Cllr Harvey – Approved.

The Chairman then brought forward Agenda Item 10a (Travellers Communications Protocol) to allow Nottinghamshire Police Officers to comment.

2. Travellers

Communications Protocol

Nottinghamshire Police Sgt Steve Robinson, for Rushcliffe South Nottingham presented Cllrs with an overview which included:

- There was poor communication by all parties, the last time Travellers came to the village
- Was forewarned of the Travellers visit to the Religious Festival at Aslockton, however was not forewarned or prepared for the Radcliffe visit
- Has much improved communication via Social Media, i.e. keeping public aware
- Protocols have now been agreed

The Chairman confirmed the PC are considering an 'Injunction in Waiting' which it is believed that once the injunction is in place, the Police have a duty to act upon it. Sgt Robinson is aware:

- The RBC Solicitor is dealing with this matter and it is 'work in progress', with a lot of factors to consider. RBC Cllr Upton then confirmed the RBC have an injunction in place for 5 sites for 3 years and believes if the injunction is used the Police then have to take action to move the Travellers.
- Sgt Robinson confirmed the Police would act upon an injunction, however 'how' they would act would also be considered.
- Was unaware of a change in Irish Law regarding injunctions and confirmed there was a different element of Traveller for Goose Fair, i.e. they are under the Showman's Guild and travel onto to different smaller fairs originating out of Goose Fair.
- There were no designated legal sites for the Travellers before going to Aslockton, unfortunately Radcliffe became an undesignated site at this time. (Newark is the closest legal designated site) (The Travellers will be made aware by the organisers of the Aslockton event that this is the case)
- Police were present when it was first reported Travellers (only 4 caravans) were at Bingham Road Playing Fields, then they visited the site days and weekend afterwards.
- Tried to speak to as many residents as possible, however, managing the increased Traveller situation was a problem.
- There were 33 anti-social reported incidents in the week the travellers were in Radcliffe however no arrests were made.
- The Police confirmed Travellers arrive in this area on a regular basis and there are problems, however they are not to the same degree.
- The problems were exaggerated this year due to the Aslockton Religious Festival. This is the 2nd year at this location and it is frustrating to Police that the organisers do not release the location details until 24hours prior to the Festival.

- Once the Travellers had moved from Radcliffe, Police spoke to the owners of the land at Aslockton and it is believed they will not be inviting the Travellers back in the future.
- Serious consideration must be made regarding the security of open vulnerable spaces in the village, i.e. making an area less desirable than other areas. This is difficult to address, however anything that would be a deterrent should be considered.
- Still need to be Police resources to act upon an injunction, and can only prosecute with firm evidence.

The Chairman thanked the Police for attending the meeting and re-iterated there is now a Communications Protocol in place for the future. It was therefore hoped there would be no further incidents. It was also noted that a recent Residents Association meeting the SNA, owners of the land at Bingham Road were keen to participate for an 'Injunction in Waiting'

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15 July 2019 for Approval

Resolved: "That the minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman."

5. Chairman's Announcements

- The Village Show was a fantastic day. Big thanks go to Lisa Simpson (Hall Manager), Lucy Spencer, (Events Chairman) and Cllr Norman Bradley who was there all day. It was a great success and thanks go to everyone who helped.
- Has now signed the Skatepark contract and attended the Launch event last Wednesday. Is very happy to confirm that work has started and it will be done in 16 weeks, (weather permitting). It was noted that the site needs to be secured properly as young people were getting into the area through the Herris fencing.
- Thank you to Steve Sawyer for making and supplying the stainless steel top for the Grange Grounds BBQ. This is a fabulous addition to the BBQ.
- Radcliffe had done very well and were runners up in the Best Kept Village Competition.
- Cllr Clegg and the Chairman attended a meeting with RBC Cllrs to discuss the new CIL money which will be made available to the PC. There are also plans by RBC to deal with the Health Centre and School.

6. Clerks Report on Previous Minutes

M.12: (Street Names) At the previous Planning & Environment meeting it was Resolved that The Twinning Association Street Name suggestions of 'Maquin' and 'Peguy' were submitted to RBC for the William Davis development at Shelford Road. It was noted that although these names have been submitted they still may be refused by the Royal Mail and William Davis.

M.17: Radcliffe were runners up to Farnsfield in the Best Kept Village Competition this year.

M.18: The PC has submitted an application for 10 free trees to RBC under the 'Free Tree Scheme' to be planted at the Lily Ponds area.

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

There were no comments raised.

8. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2019 For Acceptance presented by Cllr Gillian Dunn

Resolved: "That the minutes are accepted and referred back to Committee."

9. Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 29 July 2019 and 02 September 2019 for Acceptance presented by Cllr Barbara Deavin

Resolved: "That the minutes are accepted and referred back to Committee."

10. Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 12 August and 16 September July 2019 for Acceptance presented by Cllr Anne McLeod

Cllr McLeod confirmed that she would be attending the CPRE Affordable Homes Conference on the 12th November at The mechanics, Nottingham. **Resolved:** "That the minutes are accepted and referred back to Committee."

11. Travellers: Injunction Application and Costs / Contributions

The Chairman and Cllr Brennan had met up with the RBC Solicitor and were advised to obtain an 'Injunction in Waiting' which is posted on the land and the Police then have to act upon this injunction. The Chairman believes the PC should put this facility in place to a) Protect Village Land b) As a PR exercise to reassure residents that something is being done. A cost is involved, however the PC can include in the Injunction (on their land) other organisations of the village i.e. The Cricket Club, The South Notts Academy School, The Golf Club and Upper Saxondale. These organisations are all very happy for the PC to make a joint Injunction in Waiting, which will reduce the costs. The RBC Solicitor is subcontracted to the PC and will charge £1,500 to collate, then another £384 for Court Service. The Chairman recommended the PC spend £1,000 and then for other organisations to contribute towards it. It was also noted that another option to employ Bailiffs would be exceedingly expensive. The Injunction would last for 2 years.

It was **Resolved:** "That the PC will contribute £1,000 towards an 'Injunction in Waiting' to be arranged by the RBC Solicitor and for The Cricket Club, SNA, The Golf Club and Upper Saxondale to make equal contributions to meet the difference in the total cost of £1884 (£1500 + £384 Court Service of Injunction) in order to protect Village Land in the future."

12. Four Year Plan Update: To Consider & Approve Recommendations of the Working Group

Two more suggestions for the Four Year plan were discussed.

It was **Resolved:** "The PC agreed the two more suggestions should be an agenda item for the next Planning and Environment meeting instead of being included as suggestions for the Four Year Plan, and the recommendations of the Working party were considered and approved."

13. To Arrange a Designated Working Group to Progress the Economic Master Plan in Liaison with Radcliffe Growth Board

The Chairman, Cllr McLeod, Cllr Clegg, Cllr Brennan and Cllr Dunn volunteered to form a Working Group to progress the Economic Master Plan in liaison with the Radcliffe Growth Board.

14. Casual Vacancy (no petition) To Consider & Approve Co-operation of New Council Member

It was discussed and **Resolved:** "To approve and co-opt Alan Rybacki to the PC as a new Council Member."

15. Office Admin: Clarification needed on Agenda/Minutes Hard Copies Required

Cllrs were requested to confirm with the Clerk if they required hard copies of Meeting Agenda's and Minutes.

16. Working Group Membership

Cllrs were also requested to confirm with the Clerk any Working Party they wished to be included on. It was noted that there are currently email system problems for Cllrs which need addressing, and some Cllrs preferred all documents to be in a 'portrait style instead of landscape – so that iPads and Tablets can accommodate them and be read easily.

17. Correspondence

RBC Link Officer Notification

Noted.

18. RBC Community Development Nominations for Awards

It was noted that the 'Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards' will take place on Wednesday 20th November 2019. If Cllrs have any nominations, the Clerk should be informed by the 7th October.

19. RBC Street Trading Consultation

Cllrs agreed that the Street Trading Policy does not apply the PC. It was also decided to refer this issue back to the Clerk and Planning for more details of Policy implication and information.

20. Customer Letter: Formal Complaint

The Grange Hall was double booked in error for an evening date late next year. The Hall Manager has apologised several times, however a letter of formal complaint from the customer has now been received. After review of the booking procedures, it was **Resolved**: "That a letter of formal apology is sent to the Grange Hall customer, and a discount of 25% discount is applied (as a one off) if the same customer decides to book the Grange Hall on a different date in the future."

21. Resident Letter Street Bollards: Water Lane

The resident was very upset that NCC had placed new bollards on the pavement outside the corner cottage on Water Lane (which is at the 1st long bend of Main Road). The bollards had been placed on the path following repairs, after a bus had driven into the side of the cottage last year. The bollards are large and a double pushchair or disabled buggy are not able to get past them on the pavement. This issue was therefore deferred to the next Planning & Environment meeting agenda on the 28th October to look at in more detail. Cllr McLeod will declare an interest at this meeting.

22. Town and Parish Council Conference: Friday 11th October 2019

Cllrs were advised to email Sally Horn if they wished to attend the Conference.

The Chairman then deferred the remaining correspondence (resident letter) until after the Cllrs Reports

23. Councillors and Outside Organisations Reports

- Cllr Dunn, along with Cllr Clegg attended the NCC 'Showcase' Day and was particularly interested in the Brook Farm pop up shop The NCC was thanked for the invitation, it was a very interesting and enjoyable day which finished with a cream tea.
- At the RBC meeting, Cllr Spencer raised the issue of recycling and confirmed when the PC have large events recycling is very difficult. The RBC are going to look into providing bins similar to household bins for different types of recycling for the PC.
- Cllr Clegg advised Cllrs that there was information and promotion material available to look at, taken from her visit to the NCC Showcase Day.
- Cllr Deavin confirmed that a week on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Grange Hall, there will be the first meeting of the Events Committee. People are encouraged to turn up to a few meetings a year in order to organise their event under the PC 'umbrella'. Cllr Deavin has new ideas for a Book Festival and a Barn Dance for Grange Hall and the Committee are trying to attract a younger element from the village, so new ideas are welcomed and any new people are encouraged to attend the meeting.
- Cllr Graham confirmed that M.A Mills are waiting for an estimate from stone masons to replace the finial onto the Water Fountain.
- Cllr Curtis confirmed the Radcliffe Twinning Association and French visitors will be having a fund raising meal in November. The French visitors are visiting from the 7th until the 9th November. The Twinning Association have requested that the French Flag is flown for one day at The Grange, along with the British Flag and Cllr Bradley volunteered to help with flying the two flags for the day. It was also suggested that people were made aware via Social Media.

24. Reports from Borough and County Councillors**RBC Cllr Roger Upton:**

- The Local Plan Part 2 will be taken to a RBC Full Council meeting next Tuesday evening. The Plan has been put on the RBC website and is 250 pages long and it includes a review of the village greenbelt. It is hoped the LPP2 is approved next week, and will mean major implications for the PC. If it is approved the Radcliffe Neighbourhood Plan will become out of date. It was advised that the Neighbourhood Plan be reviewed and re-dated so that it becomes part of the Local Plan Part 2. It was also suggested that the Bob Philips the previous consultant and other Cllrs should meet up to update the NP when and if the LPP2 is approved next Tuesday.

- The CIL has also been approved and is operational on the 7th October. It is not retrospective and therefore half of the proposed houses for Radcliffe will not contribute and the other half will. As the PC has a Neighbourhood Plan, this will provide 25% of the CIL income and there will be opportunities for projects.
- The RBC Planning Committee previously objected the plans to build a new crematorium at Stragglethorpe. However after appeal, the plans have been approved by the Government Planning Inspectorate.
- On Wednesday 20th November at The Beckett School there will be an RBC event for the Rushcliffe Awards. Last year 'The Piano' won one of the categories. The event raises the profile of local business in the area.
- Applications for RBC Free Tree Scheme ends at midnight tonight. 2,000 trees have already been applied for by individual Rushcliffe residents, and is a huge success. The scheme will also be available next year.
- Was pleased to be involved with affordable housing at Cotgrave and there are now 5 new terraced affordable homes on Queens Road in Radcliffe, on the former site of derelict garages. There is a mix of leasing and £75,000 for part purchase of these homes, are for sale on the open market and the 'Right to Buy' scheme does not apply.
- There will be a new bus shelter with seating erected outside The Chestnut PH tomorrow. This was requested by some residents and approved by NCC.

NCC Cllr Kay Cutts:

- Attended a meeting of the RAF Newton Cadets and made a donation towards their Flight Simulator.
- Had a Robin Hood Festival Event again, held at the Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre. A lot of small children had a wonderful day watching the jousting events, having picnics and eating ice cream.
- If Cllrs support the new Minerals Plan, the NCC would be grateful for a positive reply, as if there is no reply this could be misinterpreted for a lack of interest. Shelford is not included this time.
- Has seen the proposals for the A614 which includes Lowdham Roundabout. The roundabout is very small and there are a lot of accidents.
- Skylarks had a festival of 'wild things in the wood' in August. Went to the opening, where a ballad was performed.
- Came to the unveiling event of the Hilda Dowson Blue Plaque at The Grange.
- Went to the Radcliffe on Trent Highways Event for the A52 Junction improvements. Raised objections regarding the lack of left hand turns onto the A52 as this would push more traffic down into the village which would be disastrous.
- Went to a HS2 conference in Leeds and was asked to speak about HS2 at Toton. It is planned for 2040 and is a new railway line which joins the East Midlands with the West Midlands and people will be properly compensated and market value will be applied if their houses have to make way for the line.
- There will be a new handrail made for elderly residents at the War Memorial and will be ready in time for Remembrance Sunday.
- It was lovely to come along to the Radcliffe Skatepark Presentation Launch event at Grange Hall last week. Cllrs attended and a colleague at NCC was also pleased to attend to view the plans.
- Went to a Foster Carers Group meeting in Mansfield. They are incredible people who foster children for years at a time.
- On Saturday there was a big convoy of Skills Buses who took 700 children, parents and families to Alton Towers for a wonderful day out, paid for by a Foster Carers Charity. NCC staff did a marvellous job of co coordinating the day.
- If a School has Planning Applications submitted for a new site, this does not necessarily mean there will be a new School built, only that land has been reserved for one and the NCC have to apply to the government under the 'Basic Need Case Formula' for a School. The Radcliffe Junior School can be expanded, and it is the NCC view that there is no possibility of a new

School being built at the top Shelford Road. It was also hoped the CIL money arising from the plans will be contributed towards the children of Radcliffe.

- Went to the Annual Archives Event on Saturday, which was a wonderful day out with interesting stories about old Nottinghamshire.
- Went to the Sherwood Farms Liaison Group, which meets twice a year and deals with composting at Stragglethorpe, which impinges on Radcliffe on Trent.
- Thank you to the two guest PC Cllrs who attended the NCC Showcasing Event. It was a wonderful day which was all about what the NCC does for Nottinghamshire.

"The Chairman moved that the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 15d) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960."

25. Resident Letter: To Consider

Cllrs again considered and discussed the latest resident's letter and it was noted that all questions raised had been previously dealt with. It was **Resolved:** "That the Clerk draft a final response to the resident."

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed: Chairman Date