

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee inclusive of Amenities Committee held by
remote zoom video conference.
on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 7pm

Cllr Matthew Douglas
 Cllr Lorraine Foster (A)
 Cllr Tracy James (A)

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

Cllr Anne McLeod
 Cllr Alice Tomlinson
 Cllr Phillip Thomas

Cllr Josephine Spencer (PC Chairman), Cllr Sue Clegg (PC Vice Chairman)

Also present: Jacki Grice (Parish Clerk), Lisa Simpson (Hall Manager), Cllrs Roger Upton and Neil Clarke (Rushcliffe Borough Council), Cllr Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire County Council and four members of the public.

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Lorraine Foster and Tracey James. Cllr Abby Brennan (RBC)

2 Declarations of Interest

None received.

3 Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes/Amenities Meeting held on 22nd February 2021 for Approval.

Resolved: "That the minutes were approved as an accurate record and will be signed by the Chairman at the next available meeting.

4 Chairman's Announcements

- The Chairman wishes Cllr Tracey James a speedy recovery from feeling unwell.
- A new Senior Groundsman started work today, who will be a great asset to the Parish Council. The PC welcomes John Simpson.
- Sadly, two Cllrs have resigned due to elevated workloads, Cllrs M Clamp and S Modhvadia.
- Plantation – the Landowner is looking after the area.

5 Clerks Report on Previous Minutes

- M11. The Donation of the tree in Grange Grounds been recommended by the family to be an Oak Tree and not a Cherry Tree. The location will now be considered in the summer.
- M13. The Clerk has emailed the lady who requested 'Tree Bombs' to give the approval but has not had a response.
- M14. the new Skateboard banners have gone up. The welcome sign is on order.
- M17. The Wildflower Seeds Officer has confirmed the wildflower seeds offer is oversubscribed; therefore it will be progressed in the next financial year from April.

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

7 Standing Orders were suspended at 7.04pm

- Member of the public one – there was a query regarding costs on Dewberry Hill and the Park Home Site. The Clerk explained these were all from a Tree Survey carried out by the Parish Council's contractors.
- Member of the public two- would like a bench in the Memorial Gardens for members of the family that have passed away. (This is on the agenda for further discussion).
- Member of the public three – A member of the Skydiving Team from Langar discussed a 'Parachute drop' on the football pitch at Wharf Lane soon. Date to be confirmed.

8 Standing Orders resumed at 7.18pm

Finance and General Purposes

- 9 **Income/Expenditure Figures and Payments** – February 2021
It was Resolved: There is still an ongoing investigation into the utility costs of Grange Hall. The income/expenditure was approved for February 2021.
- 10 **Finance and General Purposes Committee Actual vs Budget & Forecast** April 2020 – March 2021
It was Resolved: there has been a further business grant from Rushcliffe Borough Council, £5239. The Actual vs Budget & Forecast April 2020 to March 2021 was approved.
- 11 **Grant Requests:** a) Radcliffe Community Garden:
It was Resolved: not to approve the grant at this time as the group has no bank account or constitution.
- 12 **Grant Requests:** b) Radcliffe Junior School – Nature Reserve:
It was Resolved; to approve a grant of £400 for the Wildlife ID Boards.

Amenities

13 **Grange, Hall and Grounds**

- a) **Lifting of Restrictions and Pricing: To Review:**
It was Resolved: to extend the price discount for regular hirers (due to the restricted numbers in the Hall) until further number restrictions have been lifted on 17th May.
- b) **To Consider a New regular P.C Event for Young Mums:**
It was Resolved: to go ahead with a £2 entrance fee (after 17th May) with a New Mums group on a Wednesday morning from 9-11am. Cllr Spencer to arrange with a list of different volunteers.
- c) **The Grange External Building Survey - To Consider:**
It was Resolved: Urgent repairs and maintenance are needed on the outside of The Grange. It was agreed to obtain quotes for external survey, tender process and project admin.
- d) **Grange Grounds Improvement Scheme - Update and Progress:**
It was Resolved: Rushcliffe Borough Council Strategic Growth Board have agreed to match fund the improvements in the grounds. The Clerk to work with the working group to ascertain the exact specifications needed for quotes. A site meeting will be convened by Cllr Tomlinson.

14 **Wharf Lane**

- a) **Zipwire Update:** there has been no developments with the warranty. The Clerk to chase up.
- b) **Parachute Jump Request:**
It was Resolved: to approve the parachute jump on the football pitch. Date and times and extent of publicity to be confirmed.
- c) **Skatepark Update and Team Rubicon Proposal:**
 - **It was Resolved:** not to go ahead with Team Rubicon's Event proposal due to the cost. Cllr A Tomlinson will contact Skate Nottingham instead regarding free events.
 - A meeting has taken place with some committee members, skatepark users and CANVAS. A defect meeting has been scheduled for April with CANVAS.
 - There is slight and issue with the lighting, CANVAS will liaise with ABACUS regarding this issue.
 - The steps are now due to be worked on by the Skatepark committee.
 - The west and south side of the skate park has become eroded, this has been noted by CANVAS.
 - South side needs topsoil. The Clerk to gain quotes for discussions regarding the project retention fees held back.
 - A new planter has been placed; however, it will be moved as deemed dangerous. Cllr Tomlinson to speak with the user.
 - The skatepark has some reserves, however some repairs and maintenance may need to be budgeted by the PC for future years.
- d) **Pop Up Trading: Policy Clarification:**
 The PC have been approached by a Coffee Van Trader to trade from Thursday – Sunday in the summer months.
It was Resolved: permission has been granted to trade on a rota basis to give other traders a chance to also trade. Also, when there is football match the traders must trade from the top car park instead of the hard standing near the pavilion.

15 **Valley Road Sink Hole:**

It was Resolved: to fill in the sink hole.

16 Rockley Park: To Consider Bench Request and Confirm Policy:

It was Resolved; Site visits to all PC areas to ascertain where new donated benches can be placed. Permission was granted to put more benches in Rockley Memorial Park. Cllr Spencer to lead.

17 Trees: To Arrange a Working Group Meeting to Review and Prioritise Recent Surveys,

Quotations and Resident Correspondence and Make a Recommendation: It was Resolved: A working group to convene. The Clerk to arrange a meeting. (To include Cllr Deavin).

18 A52 Junction Draft Orders: (Triangle of land Bingham Road): To Consider Comments from Recent Meeting Held with Highways England:

- Highways England have advised of the Draft Order which will prohibit vehicles from making a left turn –
 - a) From the northbound carriageway of the A52 into Bingham Road
 - b) Into the southbound carriageway of the A52 from Carter Avenue

Cllr Neil Clarke (RBC) reported back on this issue. The RBC Cllrs and PC J Spencer were invited to a meeting with Highways England. Unfortunately, the views of Highways England have not changed. Cllrs Neil Clarke and MP Ruth Edwards have written to Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP for support on mis information given by Highways England. Key issues are:

- 6 houses on Grantham Road will not be able to access their own properties with vehicles.
- The lack of the right turning out of Carter Avenue.
- From the northbound carriageway of the A52 into Bingham Road
- Into the southbound carriageway of the A52 from Carter Avenue

19 It was Resolved: Standing Orders suspended to enable the meeting to be extended by 15 minutes.**20 Nature Reserves to Review Working Group Membership inclusive of Radcliffe Conservation Group (non-Cllrs):**

It was Resolved: to invite Cllrs onto a Working Group to include members of RCV. Cllr Thomas will run with this.

21 Leisure Provision in the Village - To Consider:

It was Resolved: the existing project is now outdated. A working group will re convene to ascertain PC land with a larger proposal. Cllr J Spencer to lead.

22 Correspondence

- A letter from a resident has praised the Grange Grounds, what a wonderful space.

23 Councillors and Outside Organisations Reports

- **Cllr Deavin** – to note there is still money available, in the Jeffrey Dole Trust, for people that are struggling financially in the Parish.
- **Cllr Dunn** – praised the efforts of Jon Jones and the Radcliffe Rubbish Walks for the sterling efforts this past year.

24 Reports from Borough and County Councillors**NCC Kay Cutts**

- The temporary 20mph speed limit signs removal request – the Officer has been on leave but will shortly be taking up the issue.
- The Minerals Policy has been adopted by NCC.
- Two new schools planned for West Bridgford. One is a replacement for Lady bay School and the other one is on the Regatta Way Site.

RBC Cllr Neil Clarke

- Two benches to be installed, one near Birds and the other one very near Lesley Cree Opticians.

Cllr Upton RBC

- Full Council approved a stronger Planning Enforcement policy.

- Cabinet approved that RBC Cllr Upton write to Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP to review how they manage housing developments on open spaces.
- The Electric Vehicle charging points in the Health Centre Car parks are up and running.

25 **Date of Next Finance and General Purposes Committee inclusive of Amenities** –26th April 2021 – 7pm via Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: ChairmanDate

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