

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council
Minutes of the Full Council Committee (inclusive of Planning and Environment) Meeting, held by remote
zoom video conference.
on Monday 8th February 2021 at 7pm

Cllr Maggie Clamp (A)	Cllr Gillian Dunn	Cllr Anne McLeod
Cllr Matthew Douglas	Cllr Barbara Deavin	Cllr Alice Tomlinson
Cllr Lorraine Foster (A) (arrived at 8.15pm)	Cllr Diane Farthing	Cllr Phillip Thomas
Cllr Tracy James	Cllr David Graham	Cllr Sonal Modhvadia (Ab)
	Cllr Harry Curtis	

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

Also present: Lisa Simpson (Hall Manager), Sally Horn (Accounts Clerk), Cllrs Roger Upton and Abby Brennan - (Rushcliffe Borough Council), Cllr Kay Cutts (Nottinghamshire County Council (From 8.02pm)) and twenty-two members of the public (at various times throughout the meeting)

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Maggie Clamp and Lorraine Foster (from 8.15pm). Cllr Neil Clarke (RBC)

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Josephine Spencer and Tracy James on Agenda Item 12.a (5) – Planning Application 21/00149/FUL - 17 Lamcote Gardens. Cllrs Spencer and James did not vote on this item.

3 Minutes of the Full Council Remote Meeting (inclusive of Planning and Environment) held on 11th January and Extraordinary 29th January 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 save for the following amendments:

11.1.2021 M7b should read: “ All in favour to approve the budget for 2021/22 at £390,347 funded via Precept £316,999 and other income £73,348” (noted that this changed at the 29.1.2021 extraordinary meeting)

11.1.2021 M8c :20/02652/REM – Countryside Properties PLC Mr & Mrs Oglesby, Land South and West of Grooms Cottage should read: “ Some of the houses are **west/east facing** which does not enable them compatible for solar panels.”

4 Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose/Amenities Meeting held on 25th January 2021 for Acceptance

Resolved: “That the minutes were accepted and referred back to Committee.

5 Chairman’s Announcements

- The Chairman stated the meeting was not being recorded and wished for anyone who was recording to say they were.
- It was with great sadness that an ex Cllr Graham Leigh-Brown has passed away. Condolences are sent to the family. Funeral arrangements are waiting to be confirmed.
- The Chairman wishes to thank Jon Jones who has been litter picking around the village ever since the start of lockdown in March 2020. The Eco group have also started litter picking in areas at Holme Lane and the area near the Railway Walk to Cotgrave. This is much appreciated.
- Just to note – Upper Saxondale residents have advised that they have started the process to become a separate Parish and therefore Parish Council.

6 Clerks Report on Previous Minutes

M.4 the Clerk has contacted both the Radcliffe Market organisers and RBC with concerns over the social distancing issue.

M.15 A basic outline has now been sent to the Growth Board Officers regarding the Grange Ground Enhancements Proposals – an update response is awaited with regard to match funding.

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

8 Standing Orders were suspended at 7.10pm

- *Cllr Upton raised concern with the temporary 20mph speed signs blocking pathways, particularly around the Church bend area.*
- *Five members of the public provided views for and against the issue of dogs on leads on Cliff Top including- concerns for the frail, elderly and young when dogs are uncontrolled off the lead*
 - *the area used for many years by dog walkers (off lead) with minimal incident*
 - *individual owners causing problems should be held to account not a blanket ban for all, the request for consideration should suffice as per .gov guidance*
 - *causing confrontation between residents who are already abiding by many new rules and restrictions during the Pandemic (not enforceable)*
 - *dogs kept on leads will cause more issue with social distancing than off lead*
- *A representative of SNTR expressed disappointment with the decision to withdraw permission for horse riders to use Cliff Top for access for 3 months, explained that it had been in use for 10 years and only accessed for 10 mins on occasion by 3 riders, the only other access to the 15 miles off road riding is via Shelford Road which is a safety concern, feels that the organisation is being targeted unfairly due to increased pedestrian footfall.*

9 Standing Orders resumed at 7.24pm

10 Civic Awards 2021: To Consider Format and Process

The APM and Civic Awards will go ahead this year, most likely to be via Zoom and to be held on 21st April 7pm.

11 Standing Orders: To Approve Amendment:

It was Resolved: to approve the amendment.

'For 2021: All members will have voting rights on all Committee business that's is presented on a Full Council/Planning or F&GP/Amenities (remote meeting) Agenda. (At the request of 3 members for expediency, committee business can be requested to be considered at a Full Council Meeting).

12 Dogs on Leads Cliff Top: To Receive Correspondence and Reconsider Policy (requested by all members present at Full Council meeting 29.1.21)

The Chairman confirmed that a lot of correspondence has been received from parishioners for and against dogs on leads and read out a short statement:

'We do not take any decision lightly we live here too, so decisions affect us as well.

It was never made to protect the grass that was a lost cause long ago and one we will deal with when we can, it is not important now. It was untrue we made the decision on one complaint,

This was considered last May and all dog walkers were asked to respect all other users and to be ready to put your dog on a lead should the situation require it."

Members raised the points that the RSPCA, Bluecross, Dogs Trust and Government are all currently advising for dogs to be kept on leads during this time. Everyone is living with restrictions and the intention is to keep the public safe and happy.

It was Resolved: The Parish Council after considering the various views and suggestions regarding dogs and Cliff top would expect all users of Cliff Top to be considerate to each other and that it advises that dogs be kept on a lead where possible.

Cllr David Graham wished to have his comment minuted: In the middle of a world crisis we have just spent 25 minutes talking about dogs on leads.

13 Horses on Cliff Top: To Receive Correspondence and Reconsider Policy (requested by Cllrs Spencer, Dunn and Thomas)

There was further discussion regarding the increase in footfall on Cliff Top and concerns with safety. Horses can be unpredictable and it is considered too risky at this time with amount of activity in the area. It was suggested that SNTR could access at quieter times and could the horses be led rather than ridden.

Standing Orders were suspended to enable a representative of SNTR to speak

"There is no safety issues whether horses are led or ridden, there are only 3 riders who would access twice a month, the alternative route Shelford Road which does cause safety concerns.

Standing orders resumed

It was Resolved: To withdraw permission for SNTR to access the Cliff Path with horses for a period of three months (dated from the 25.1.2021) whilst the Cliff Path has an extremely large footfall during the lockdown and current restrictions.

**14 Planning & Environment
Applications to Consider (Resolved)**

21/00030/TPO 5 Mayfair, Upper Saxondale, NG12 2NP Trees:

T1 – Removal of 5 low branches, T2 – Removal of 3 branches, T3 – Removal of 8 branches, all less than 5cm diameter plus one large branch. T4- Removal of 4 branches. T5 – Removal of 3 branches (extension to respond – approved)

Dec	Vote	Comments
DNO	UNAN	No comments

21/00010/FUL 16 Hunt Close, NG12 2EQ

Conversion of existing garage into lounge/dining including partial rendering (extension to respond – approved)

Dec	Vote	Comments
DNO	UNAN	No comments

21/00072/FUL 8 Carter Avenue, NG12 2GU

Construction of two storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension. Dormer window to existing rear roof. (Resubmission of 20/02705/FUL (extension to respond – approved)

Dec	Vote	Comments
DNO	UNAN	No comments

20/03270/FUL 5 Trent View, NG12 1AY

Two storey side/rear and single storey rear extension with internal alterations and garage demolition with new garage erection. Application of white render. Erection of new fencing and entrance gates to front/side boundary. (extension to respond – approved)

Dec	Vote	Comments
DNO	UNAN	No comments

21/00149/FUL 17 Lamcote Gardens, NG12 2BS

Construction of two storey front gable extension and side extension, single storey rear extension with canopy over patio and single storey side extension with balcony. Construction of detached double garage. External alteration including application of render.

Dec	Vote	Comments	
DNO	UNAN	No comments	Cllrs Spencer and James abstained from voting

21/00163/FUL 19 Harlequin Close, NG12 2HQ

Construction of first floor side extension, loft conversion and new front porch

Dec	Vote	Comments
DNO	UNAN	No comments

15 **Recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions as per the attached list**

It was **Resolved:** "Noted"

20/02880/FUL 11 Johns Road, NG12 2GW

Erection garden annex outbuilding

RBC Grant Permission P.C DNO

20/02907/TPO The Paddock, Water Lane, NG12 2BY

Trees: T1 (Sycamore) Reduce height by one third

RBC Grant Consent P.C DNO

20/03022/FUL 6 Hammersmith Close, Upper Saxondale, NG12 2NQ

Single storey side extension

RBC Grant Permission P.C DNO

20/02165/FUL 58 Bingham Road, NG12 2FU

Construction of a dropped kerb and removal

RBC Grant Permission P.C DNO

16 **NCC report and Recommendations: (Prohibition of Waiting and No Stopping on Entrance Clearways Cropwell Road Zebra Crossing:**

It was Noted.

17 **Roadworks Bulletins: Temporary Road Closure Cropwell Road Zebra Crossing – 15/19 February:**

It was Noted.

18 **All Parish Council Car Parks: To Consider Electrical Charging Points and Grant Funding/Energy Saving Trust:**

It was Resolved: Not to proceed with an application for grant funding as the Parish Councils Car Parks are not considered appropriate for 24/7 access."

19 **20mph Temporary Restrictions/Signage To Discuss:**

It was Noted: a lengthy discussion took place regarding the 20mph street signs. Some points raised were:

- Too many signs
- Placed in random areas that are of no benefit to pedestrians or drivers
- Unwelcome street furniture – causing issues with social distancing
- Appropriately placed signs on lampposts would look better.

- Noted that this is a temporary requirement
- Signs being ignored – no enforcement

20 Correspondence

- 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

A letter from a concerned resident has also been received advising of a petition and seeking councils support to object.

It was noted that the Parish Council sent a letter of objection during the initial consultation stage, however members agreed to form a Working Group to review and update its reasoning. The deadline to object to the Draft Order is 4 March, therefore an extraordinary Full Council/Planning and Environment meeting will be arranged for 22 February prior to the scheduled F&GP/Amenities meeting.

21 Councillors and Outside Organisations Reports

- **Cllr McLeod** – The Chairman of the Conservation Group has reported that the wooden foot bridge at the Lily Ponds has been swept away with the floods. A concrete platform would be ideal but would need extra outside funding.
- **Cllr Thomas** – (Quoted)
‘I had confirmation today that Ruth Edwards is calling a virtual meeting on Feb 24th together with the MP’s for Melton and Grantham to talk with representatives of DfT and East Midlands Railway about offering an improved rail service between Grantham and Nottingham. The meeting will be short (max 1 hour), and each MP are limiting the number of attendees. I am led to believe the Melton MP will be inviting a representative of Bottesford PC. Cllr T James and I will be representing Radcliffe PC, with Cllr Roger Upton attending with his wider Rushcliffe ‘hat’ on. A big positive, you may have had sight of the consultation response from EMR on the London services.
- From May the train line service will be improved with many trains stopping at Radcliffe on Trent.
- **Cllr Deavin** – to note there is still money available, in the Jeffrey Dole Trust, for people that are struggling financially in the Parish.
- **Cllr Graham** – wished to thank all the public for attending the meeting.

22 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

NCC Kay Cutts

The 20mph signs were initiated by the Borough Cllrs working group to N.CC and approved by the Parish Council, the addition of 30mph signs is required to tell drivers when it changes back from the 20mph zones.

Has submitted comment to the Highways Agency regarding the A52 junction, was unaware that s106 funds being used.

Concerned about the amount of new housing in Rushcliffe without road infrastructure, time for the City to take some allocation.

‘I was approached by the Wildlife Trust for a small grant towards a new bird hide after the old one set on fire last summer and have been able to give them a small amount from my members’ fund. I have also drawn the attention of the wildlife trust to the hazard created by visitors to their land parking on Regatta Way/Holme Lane. They have passed this on to their manager who I know is seeking to address this problem.

Nottinghamshire County Council continues to explore the causes of the flooding on Thomas Avenue. This is affecting houses on the end of the road on a severe slope, and despite engineers visiting the site on more than two occasions they have still not been able to pinpoint the problem and how to resolve it, though these investigations will continue. Our flood team continues to be very busy across the county, including in Radcliffe-on-Trent, monitoring the river levels and organising sandbag deliveries on a proactive basis.

I was approached by the homeowners on the corner of Green Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Nottinghamshire County Council have included resurfacing along The Green from Radcliffe-on-Trent to repair the damage done to the road surface by flooding. This will be in the programme for 2022/22. I have also received complaints that the cycle route/footpath alongside the Trent is in need of maintenance. I have agreed with my colleagues at Rushcliffe Borough Council that they will sweep the footpath surface to make the whole of the width usable and remove the lying winter leaves and debris which are deteriorating the tarmac surface.

I have received a letter of congratulations regarding the resurfacing of the roads through the Harlequin. I was assured that the operatives were thoughtful and worked with the homeowners to ensure that access remained at all times. I will pass this on to Via, our wholly owned arms-length company who carry out all contract work on our behalf.

I was approached for help with salting and gritting on the mobile home park on Wharf Lane, but as this is a private estate the County Council cannot carry out any of this work. In any event, we do not salt and grit side roads and estates as we have to concentrate on keeping the highway open. I receive regular updates throughout the day and into the evening on expected weather conditions which necessitate our salting and gritting teams going out and spreading to different rates according to the severity of the weather. I am very grateful for the amount of information that I receive as a councillor during inclement weather which allows me to answer constituents' questions.

The vaccine programme is rolling out satisfactorily across the county, and I have contacted the Gamston Community Hall vaccination centre team to congratulate them on their organisation and care and consideration for elderly residents who received the vaccine in the first three weeks of its operation. The centre staff have been kind and considerate and deserve our praise. I received a reply which was delighted with the acknowledgement. The County Council has also been gritting the accessways to the vaccination centre so that they may continue their programme unabated."

Cllr Upton RBC

- There is a RBC Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 9th February. Several items to be discussed, one being the Crematorium at Stragglethorpe.
- Has requested that the footpath at St Lawrence Boulevard to the A52 receive some maintenance.
- A lot of issues with the H.E Draft Orders for the Bingham Road junction.

Cllr Brennan RBC

- The Conservation Strategy is a comprehensive document formed by RBC and WLT and a lot of funding is being allocated to trees and wildflower planting.
- Report from Cllr Neil Clark via Cllr Brennan) – the issues of the flooding, by the sewer at The Park Homes site has been raised with Ruth Edwards MP.
- William Davies was very forthcoming by monitoring the rain and dyke due to the previous flooding. Continuous photos and information were sent to Cllr Brennan, keeping her up to speed. (the PC Chairman thanked Cllr Brennan for cooperation and the work undertaken).
- The new bench has been installed in front of the Chemist which has been welcomed.
- The RBC has brought a large amount of wildflower seeds. A large bag will be available to the Parish Council by March.
- With more footfall on the walks in the area, the dog bins are filling up faster. If there is a dog bin not emptied, please contact any of the Rushcliffe Borough Cllrs.
- The Health Centre car charging points will be completed in the next four weeks.
- To note the 20mph signs are not the responsibility of Rushcliffe Borough Council.

23 **Date of Next Full Council Meeting (inc Planning) – Extraordinary 22 Feb 6.45pm, and scheduled 08 March 2021 – 7pm via Zoom.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed: ChairmanDate