

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday October 13, 2008, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman)

Couns. Ray Dawson

Ernest Parsons

Vikki Harper

Barbara Harris

Carole Key

Malcolm Seagrave

Also in attendance: The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Martin Suthers (Notts County Council), Coun. Mrs Jackie Marshall (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and four members of the public.

1. **Apologies** There was none.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There was none.

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on September 15, 2008**, were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman.

4. **Clerk's report**

The clerk said the chairman, Coun. Gregg Redford, was continuing to ascertain ownership of the land on Conery Lane in order that the council could deal with continuing problems there.

In connection with the suggestion made by Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding the adoption of the BT kiosk near to the village hall it was understood they had managed to get BT to delay the deadline of October 31 for applications to be dealt with by.

5. **Meeting open to the public, limited to 15 minutes**

Standing Orders were suspended at 2.10pm.

Comment was made on the appeal made by R H Development (Property) Ltd against the decision by Rushcliffe Borough Council to refuse them permission for 11 dwellings with access road at The White Villa on Dark Lane. The chairman said it was being dealt with as a written evidence appeal. He said any new comments not previously made in original objections to the application could be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate but it was not advisable to purely repeat those objections.

Various statements were made by the residents present.

Standing orders were re-instated at 8 20pm.

6. **Planning matters**

Planning Appeal

08/00454/FUL R H Development (Property) Limited: 11 dwellings with access road: The White Villa, Dark Lane. The chairman advised members of the fact that the parish council had objected to the application and outlined the reasons for that objection. He then reported on the new comments that he felt could be made to the Planning Inspectorate to underline their opposition to the plans, and it was agreed his report be accepted as the council's response.

Planning Applications There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

081015031FUL Mrs Karen Porter; Greenhouse; 5A Conery Lane. Grant Permission

Proposed Works to Trees

08/00079/CONARE Vale Tree Care; Proposed cutting back of branches of overhanging adjoining property 37 Conery Lane, Whatton Conservation Area: Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order.

08/00088/CONARE Mr Pargin; Fell norway maple and 2 horse chestnut trees, prune numerous other trees as per arboqultural report: Greenacres, Grantham Road. Whatton Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order.

08/00091/CONARE Mr Parson; Crown lift and thin 3 silver birch and take back branches overhanging road; 34 Conery Gardens, Whatton Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order.

08/00103/CONARE Mr R E Gee; Fell laburnum and 30% reduction of plum; Birklands, Conery Lane. Whatton Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order.

08/00105/CONARE Mr F R Braybrook; Fell sycamore tree on Conery Lane Verge; Four Winds, Conery Lane, Whatton Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order.

7. **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils advised they have found a way for any request for financial assistance from The Sherwood Foresters could be handled. Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils gave details of training seminars on 'The Council as Employer' on November 11 at Jubilee Hall, 011erton and 'Budget and Finance Training' on November 26 at Epperstone Village Hall but no member expressed an interest in attending.

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils gave details of the Freedom of Information Act and advised of the new Model Publication Scheme which the clerk said parish councils had to submit. A request from Trent Valley Partnership Project Officer Miles King to assist in a Local Housing Needs survey in Whatton was accepted and it was agreed to invite Mr King to a meeting.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in respect of land being obtained at Whatton for an extension to the existing playing field, with the clerk reporting he had forwarded a copy of the lease to Aslockton Parish Council.

Vitalise acknowledged the donation made by the council to the Skylarks Holiday home. The clerk said he was awaiting the final wording for the consultation survey on the reduction of train services and was waiting to hear from the parish council at Aslockton. Nottinghamshire Transport Services gave details of a Transport for Communities open event on October 21 at Newstead Miners Welfare and Rushcliffe CVS gave notice of its Annual General Meeting on October 16 at West Park Pavilion, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford

8. Playing Field / Play equipment The chairman said there was nothing new to report.

9. Environment

The chairman reported that Ivy Row was not an adopted road and it was unlikely it ever would be. He said the cost of any work on it would be the responsibility of the majority of residents living there. The question of the condition of council owned trees on Ivy Row was discussed and the clerk was asked to attempt to progress the contact with tree surgeon Paul Adcock.

10. Footpaths

A letter was received from Mr Robert Hartley in regard to the Whatton to Aslockton footpath, saying the surface had deteriorated over the last 18 months primarily as a result of it being utilised by vehicles. He asked for his comments to be forwarded to Notts County Council.

11. Quality Council

The chairman outlined details of what the council needed to do to progress its aim to become a Quality Council. It was agreed the council should look to establishing a website - a condition of being a Quality Council - and also a parish plan.

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12. Train Timetable	There was no further news at present.		
13. Finance	Members agreed to authorise payment of accounts as per the schedule presented:		
514	Gregg Redford (Chairman's Fund)	£30.00	£30.00
515	Utyett Landscapes Ltd (Grass Cutting September 2008)	£200.00	£235.00
516	Elliott News Service (Clerk's Salary September 2008)	£270.00	£317.25
Total expenditure for meeting		£500.00	£582.25
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year		£22,707.77	£3,318.88
			£26,026.65

14. Agenda Items for Next meeting

No items were put forward for the next meeting due to be held on December 8.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.