

## Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday April 4, 2011, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7.30pm

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman)	
Ray Dawson	Ernest Parsons
Vikki Harper (A)	Barbara Harris
Carole Key	Malcolm Seagrave

**Also in attendance:** The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Martin Suthers (Nottinghamshire County Council), Coun. Mrs Jackie Marshall (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and one resident.

1. **Apologies** were received from Coun. Mrs Vikki Harper.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2011**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
4. **Open session for members of the public, limited to 15 minutes**  
Nothing was raised.
5. **Clerk's report**  
Although no official confirmation had been given the clerk said it was known that Bingham Police Station was closing, as was the one at Radcliffe on Trent.
6. **Planning Matters**  
**Planning Applications**  
11/00003/FUL Ms L Saunders; Art gallery and conference facility; Elton Barn, Grantham Road. The application had been withdrawn.

### **Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions**

10/02016/FUL Mr S Smith; Single storey rear extension; Keepers Cottage, 3 Griffins End, Whatton. Grant Permission

7. **Playing Field / Play equipment**  
Coun. Redford reported there had been vandalism to the teenage shelter in that a support unit to the roof had been broken off. It had been decided not to renew the roof to that section of the shelter.  
The chairman reported that the insurance on the playing field arranged through the County Fields Association had been withdrawn because insufficient people had taken it up. He said the clerk had now transferred the field insurance to the council policy without any additional premium being charged.
8. **Correspondence**  
Coun. Mrs Vikki Harper gave apologies for not attending the meeting and said she had decided not to stand for re-election. Coun. Gregg Redford provided a briefing note on a Street Lighting Energy and Cost Saving Consultation by Notts County Council. The clerk was asked to pass on to the County Council a request that not all lights in the proposed areas be turned off, but instead one in two be turned off, between the hours of 12 midnight and 5.30am. The lights concerned would be those on Azimghur Road, Beverleys Avenue, Cottage Avenue, Dark Lane, Green Walk and Smite Close.  
Aslockton Parish Council passed information to the council on a tree felling request by West Coast Network Services seeking permission to fell a Willow tree between the playing field and the BT telephone exchange. Members did not wish to object.  
Coun. Gregg Redford gave an update on foul water discharge in the dyke behind Beverleys Avenue and said the matter was being progressed by Severn Trent Water which had promised to keep in contact with the chairman.  
Rushcliffe Borough Council offered the opportunity of free advertising for community events. Rushcliffe Borough Council provided information on the introduction of a new charging scheme for green waste collections at a figure of £25 per year. Nottinghamshire County Council advised of the annual Civic Service on Sunday June 26 at 3pm at Southwell Minster.  
Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in respect of the Parish Elections on May 5, 2011. The clerk said he was aware there were six nominations for the seven seats and so voting for the parish would not be necessary. The Borough Council said the cost of an uncontested election for the parish would be in the region of £80.  
Nottinghamshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England gave details of the Best Kept Village Competition 2011 and after a discussion the council agreed to enter. A letter was received by the chairman from the Parochial Church Council in which it thanked the council for provision of a new finger post sign at the crossroads and in dictating the direction of the church and the village hall. It was asking if another sign might be erected for Church Street on the verge opposite Wayside Cottage. A request for financial support towards the maintenance work in the churchyard was approved and it was agreed to give £300.

### 9. **Environment and Policing**

The clerk was asked to inform the Borough Council of a problem with one of its trees on Green Walk where a large branch had been blown off.

**10. Footpaths**

The clerk advised of an email from Notts County Council in regard to the parish paths partnership scheme, saying that there had been a 50 per cent cut in staff for the department and a £60,000 budget reduction.

The chairman advised that a footpaths survey he had carried out was almost ready for publication. He was currently building a data base of all paths within the parish boundary.

**11. Finance** Members authorised payment of accounts as per the schedule presented.

<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>	<b>£973.47</b>	<b>£54.00</b>	<b>£1,027.47</b>
<b>Total expenditure to date in the current financial year</b>	<b>£973.47</b>	<b>£54.00</b>	<b>£1,027.47</b>

**12. Date for next meeting** was confirmed for May 16, 2011, and which would be the Annual General Meeting of the council to start at 7.30pm, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

Before the closure of the meeting the chairman commented on the fact that two members, Couns. Ernest Parsons and Mrs Vikki Harper would not be standing for re-election in May. Coun. Parsons had been a member since 2003 and the chairman said his work and interest had been greatly appreciated by all members. In reply Coun. Parsons said he had enjoyed his membership and would miss his attendance at meetings. The chairman also thanked Coun. Mrs Harper for her work since joining the council in 2007. She had offered to continue to assist with the work on the village newsletter and was to be thanked for that.

**13. Agenda Items for Next meeting**

The idea of the telephone kiosk in the village, now owned by the council, being used as a lending library was to be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.