

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday December 7, 2011, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7.30pm

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman)	
Ray Dawson	Barbara Harris
Carole Key	Malcolm Seagrave
Graham Linney	Janet Ayres

Also in attendance: The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Martin Suthers (Notts County Council) and PCSO Sally Charles.

1. **Apologies** There were none.

2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on November 7, 2011**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4. **Open session for members of the public, limited to 15 minutes**

Standing Orders were suspended.

PCSO Sally Charles reported two crimes in the last month. She also reported on the recent Police LAG meeting and said the priority programme was to include burglary up to the Christmas period. She said the annual Drink Campaign for the festive season had been launched. Metal thefts continued to be a problem.

The officer said the crime rate in Bingham had gone down in the last three months despite concerns that the Notts County Council scheme to switch street lights off each night at midnight would increase crime.

The police station at Bingham was now closed and the regular beat officer there Pc John Kneale was retiring on December

22.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

5. **Clerk's report**

The chairman said the Notts County Council grit bin the council had ordered was now in place.

6. **Planning Matters**

Planning Applications

There were none.

Rushcliffe RBC decisions

11/01481/FUL Mr A Grieve; Side extension and loft conversion including dormer extensions to front and rear; 13 Smite Close. Refuse Permission

11/01518/FUL Ms K Bradford and Mr K Evison; Two storey side extension; 12 Cranmer Avenue. Refuse Permission

11/01519/FUL Mr R Flintham; Installation of PV solar panels; HM Prison Whatton, New Lane. Grant Permission

11/01568/FUL Mrs T Aplin; Raise height of front garage projection; The Cottage, Church Street. Grant Permission

11/01600/FUL Mr D McCall; Single storey extension; Applegarth, Burton Lane. Grant Permission

7. **Playing Field / Play equipment**

The chairman reported that it had been necessary to purchase 70 metres of new fencing on the southern boundary of the field because a horse in the adjacent field had caused damage to it. It had been agreed that an electric fence would be erected alongside the new fence. It would be switched off when matches were being played on the field.

8. **Correspondence**

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) wrote suggesting it might be able to assist in the village in conservation work by making use of its volunteer members.

Notts County Council wrote in respect of the bollard near 35 Beverleys Avenue that the parish council had asked to be removed. It had said it did not agree it was necessary to do so. The chairman would contact the Highways Department to discuss the matter.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in respect of its plans to assist in the advice on holding community events in 2012 for both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

Rushcliffe Borough Council responded to the comments made by the parish council in regard to retrospective planning applications at Elton Road Farm on Grantham Road and said it expected all land owners and developers to comply with the planning legislation and not carry out work until permission had been given. The Borough Council pointed out that while it agreed it was frequently assumed that a retrospective application would automatically result in permission being given, that was not always the case and in the case in question it had been refused.

Aslockton Parish Council wrote to say it could not agree to assist in funding for a bonfire/beacon for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Vale First Responders submitted a grant application towards its first aid work in the area and it was agreed to make a grant of £100.

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of an application for hedgerow removal at Whatton Lodge Farm, A52 road. Members did not oppose the application.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote to remind the council of the need to issue a precept for 2012/2013.

9. Environment

An incident of fly tipping on Conery Lane was discussed. Concern was expressed that despite information being given to Rushcliffe Borough Council as to the likely culprits it appeared nothing had been done. The response from the officer concerned had been, it was claimed, half hearted and with little interest being shown in trying to investigate the matter.

It was agreed the question of a new notice board for the village would be placed on the next agenda as would an item dealing the Quality Council status position.

10. **Footpaths** There was nothing to report.

11. Diamond Jubilee HM The Queen June 2012

Good progress was being made on arrangements for the celebrations and the chairman said he was confident the plans would provide an impressive range of activities.

12. Nottinghamshire Approach to Localism

A letter received from Notts County Council had been written before the bill became law. It was looking for ideas for parish councils to take on some of its duties. Another letter would be sent early in the New Year. The chairman presented a written report in which he said the council were in some instances already undertaking work that normally the County Council would do. He would be happy for the parish council to undertake the monitoring of public rights of way in the village and to look after trees and hedges and could extend its existing work of maintaining public benches to include all roadside furniture including the bus shelter.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£1,200.74	£69.00	£1,269.74
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£8,771.54	£851.16	£9,622.70

14. **Date for next meeting** was to be advised.

15. Agenda Items for Next meeting

No further items were put forward.

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