

**Whatton in the Vale Parish Council**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday July 18, 2011, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7.45pm

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman)

Ray Dawson (A)

Barbara Harris

Carole Key

Malcolm Seagrave

Graham Linney

Janet Ayres (A)

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

1. **Apologies** were received from Couns. Dawson and Mrs Ayres and the reasons approved.
2. **Declarations of Interest** Coun. Mrs Barbara Harris declared an interest in relation to funding for the Jubilee Hall.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on May 16, 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 to allow public participation.

Discussion took place in respect of proposed events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen in June 2012. It was reported the church was intending to hold a fund raising Fun Day on The Green on June 2 and the Jubilee Hall Committee was to hold a lunch on June 3. On Monday June 4 it was proposed that Aslockton and Whatton Parish Councils would hold a 'Street' party on the playing field.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

5. **Planning Matters**

**Planning Applications**

11/00786/FUL Mr J Gadsby; Pitched roof to detached garage; Ruxleigh, Main Street. No decision

11/00902/FUL Mr N Bajwa; Continuation of use of part of building for MOT testing station; Elton Road Farm, Grantham Road. No objection

11/00903/ADV Mr N Bajwa; Display illuminated free standing double sided sign and signs attached to access gates (retrospective); Elton Road Farm, Grantham Road. No objection. The clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to point out that the last four applications from the applicant concerned had all being retrospective and he should be warned this was not acceptable.

**Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions**

11/00653/FUL Mrs H Whitworth; Construction of dwelling; 29 Cottage Avenue. Refuse Permission

11/00654/FUL Ms L J Saunders; Photographic studio and workshop; Elton Barn, Grantham Road. Refuse Permission

**Notice of Proposed Works to Trees**

11/00220/CONARE Crown Lift Silver Birch over road at Whipling, Grantham Road. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and work had been allowed to progress.

6. **Clerk's report**

The clerk said he had attended the Rushcliffe Borough Council Parish and Town Councils Conference at Ruddington, chaired by Coun. Gordon Brown, chairman of Mathersey Parish Council in North Notts and former Managing Director of Wilkinsons. Borough leader Coun. Neil Clarke had spoken on Neighbourhood Planning and the Borough Council Chief Executive Allen Graham had spoken on The Big Society and what it could mean to Rushcliffe.

Nicola Pearson and Duncan Collings had spoken of what was needed to organise public events for such as the Royal Wedding and the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee of HM the Queen in June next year.

7. **Playing Field / Play equipment**

The chairman reported the village gala had been another success and had been extremely well supported. A total of £1,400 had been raised from it.

8. **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council gave apologies for what it agreed had been an inadequate period of notice before carrying out changes involved with the Street Lighting Energy Saving Project as far as Whatton was concerned.

Nottinghamshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England advised that the village had not been placed in the top four in this year's Best Kept Village Competition but judges had commented on general well kept gardens but said there was some weed prevention work needed on paths and gutters throughout the village. They said the book exchange idea in the telephone kiosk was good and the surroundings to the village were neat and tidy as were the parish council notice boards. The church yard was well looked after.

Aslockton Parish Council advised it had written to Newark Internal Drainage Board in regard to bridges that had been erected across the River Smite from the Beverleys Avenue side onto the Aslockton side. It was asking the board to check they would not cause any blockage in times of floods.

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised it was to implement a scheme to send planning application decision documents by email and not on paper. It was likely to be a forerunner to a similar scheme for actual applications. The council accepted the changes were aimed at reducing the amount of paper being used.

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils wrote asking if new members of the council would be undertaking Power of Well Being training and would be willing to join in with Cropwell Bishop Parish Council for the actual training. Coun. Linney said he would be happy to attend and the clerk was to ask Coun. Mrs Ayres.

#### 9. Environment

Coun. Mrs Harris left the meeting during a discussion on a proposed dinner for the village to mark the diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen in June next year. The event would be organised by the Jubilee Hall Committee to which she was connected as an officer. The council felt it unwise for them to make a grant towards the event because it was anticipated there would be an over subscription of people wishing to attend and it seemed therefore some would be disappointed and unable to be present.

The council supported grant aiding a proposed joint celebration event with Aslockton Parish Council on the village playing field on June 4, to a sum of £1,000.

#### 10. Footpaths

The chairman was authorised by the council to approach Ulyett Landscapes Ltd to obtain a price for an extension of the verge cutting area to include both sides of Grantham Road from Whatton Bridge to the 30mph signs towards Bingham.

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

<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>	<b>£1,917.37</b>	<b>£237.16</b>	<b>£2,154.53</b>
<b>Total expenditure to date in the current financial year</b>	<b>£4,669.84</b>	<b>£360.16</b>	<b>£5,030.00</b>

The council agreed that Coun. Mrs Barbara Harris should become a signatory to the NatWest Bank account on behalf of the council.

12. **Date for next meeting** It was agreed the next scheduled meeting in August would not be held.

#### 13. Agenda Items for Next meeting

Members did not suggest further items for discussion at the next parish council meeting.

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