

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday June 29, 2009, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 6.15pm

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

Also in attendance: The clerk Mike Elliott.

1. **Apologies**
There were no apologies from members. Coun. Mrs Jackie Marshall (Rushcliffe Borough Council) gave apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2009**, were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman.
4. **Open session for members of the public, limited to 15 minutes**
There were no members of the public in attendance.
5. **Clerk's report**
There were no matters to report.
6. **Planning Matters**
Planning Applications
There were no applications but the chairman reported there were two due to come out from the Borough Council shortly.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

09/00145/FUL Mr N Powell; Conversion and extension of barns to form two dwellings; Land Adjacent to Manor Farm, Main Street. Grant Permission
 09/00379/OUT RH Developments (Property) Ltd; Five dwellings and vehicular access (following demolition of existing dwelling); The White Villa, Dark Lane. Grant Outline Planning Permission
 09/00478/FUL Mr J Church; Single storey extension, alteration to window in north-east elevation; The Shires, Old Grantham Road. Grant Permission
 09/00617/TPO Mr K Tyler; Crown lift and reduce by 40% six poplar trees and reduce limb by 30% of ash tree; Dunville, Burton Lane. Grant Consent

Notice of Proposed Works to Trees

09/00041/CONARE Fell tulip tree; Applegarth, Burton Lane, Whatton in the Vale Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and the proposed work has been allowed to proceed.

The chairman reported that he had placed the Rushcliffe Development Framework Core Strategy document in the circulation file and said members had until July 31 to submit any comments. He would be forwarding comments of his own.

7. **Playing Field / Play equipment**
The chairman reminded members of the Fun Day being held on the Playing Field on July 11 and the Help for Heroes event on August 23.
8. **Correspondence**
Inspector Jeff Haywood acknowledged comments from the council on vandalism and hooliganism at Aslockton and Whatton Playing Fields and said they were looking at ways to deal with it. The chairman asked for the Rushcliffe Community Partnership Engagement Strategy for the South Notts Area to be placed in the circulation file and sought comments from members by July 31.
The clerk presented a report from the chairman Coun. Gregg Redford in regard to a claim made on behalf of the owners of 1 Cottage Avenue in that trees from adjacent land were causing damage to the building. The clerk said the transfer of the land from the original owners to the council had not yet gone through. It was agreed the clerk make contact with the solicitor at Rushcliffe Borough Council to ascertain the current situation and for the chairman and clerk to be given authority to proceed as felt best.
A letter was received from Amanda George, clerk to Aslockton Parish Council, in which she advised the council that they retained an allotments waiting list and that four of the names on it were residents in Whatton. The clerk was asked to progress the matter of attempting to obtain land on Azimghur Road from Rushcliffe Borough Council and which it was hoped may be used for allotments. The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) gave notice of the Valerie Gillespie Lecture to be held in Nottingham in July. Mrs Gillespie had died suddenly last year. She was chairman of the Notts Branch of the CPRE.

Whatton and Aslockton Playing Fields Committee presented a summary of accounts for the past three months. Nottinghamshire County Council responded to the parish council request for maintenance work on Conery Lane. The letter said there were no plans for any substantial work to take place currently. The clerk was asked to write to the local Notts County Council member Coun. Martin Suthers to ask for his support in trying to get some of the required work placed in an early works programme. The chairman and Coun. Parsons reported on a site meeting they had held with Notts County Council officers in regard to this matter.

Nottinghamshire Police wrote to advise of a move to seek the appointment of a liaison officer from each council in Rushcliffe to improve the relationship with local councils. The chairman was asked to take up the duty.

Mr Gaz Gallagher of Cottage Avenue wrote in regard to train services, The White Villa and grass cutting in Smite Close. The chairman said in regard to grass cutting the clerk was to make contact with the council contractors Ulyett Landscapes Ltd to seek an onsite meeting. In thanking the parish council for its donation, the Sherwood Foresters confirmed the creation of a memorial in Belgium to their 11,000 members who lost their lives in the 1914-18 war.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Mayor Coun. Peter McGowan advised that the Mayor's Charity Appeal 2009/2010 would be in aid of the Neonatal unit at the Nottingham University Hospitals Trust. A letter was received from the locally based Help for Heroes group making acknowledgment of the £200 grant given by the council to their funds. A letter and report from Miles King, of the Midlands Rural Housing Group, on the Housing Needs Survey they had completed was placed in the circulation file. The chairman said the matter be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Rushcliffe Borough Council was to be told the council had no request to make for the Small Environmental Improvement Schemes Programme 2009/2010 Parish Planting and Landscaping Scheme.

9. Environment including grass cutting

There were no further items raised. The matter of grass cutting would be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Footpaths The chairman said there were no matters to report.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£740.51	£81.00	£821.51
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£4,332.68	£199.50	£4,532.18

12. Date for next meeting was confirmed for August 10, 2009.

13. Agenda Items for Next meeting

The question of training for the Well Being scheme was discussed and it was hoped a session could be arranged through NALC in late September.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.