

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday May 18, 2009, 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 and Coun. Martin Suthers and two member of the public.

- 1. Election of chairman and signing of the necessary form**
Coun. Gregg Redford was proposed, seconded and unanimously re-elected. He signed the necessary Form of Acceptance of Office.
- 2. Election of vice chairman**
Coun. Mrs Barbara Harris was proposed, seconded and unanimously re-elected.
- 3. Apologies**
There were no apologies.
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations.
- 5. Minutes of the meeting held on April 20, 2009** were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 6. Open session for members of the public, limited to 15 minutes**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.34pm.
A resident raised the question of inconsiderate vehicle parking on Ivy Row. The meeting agreed that the matter should be highlighted in the next council newsletter. The condition of the Green Walk footpath was raised and a request made for Notts County Council to be asked to carry out refurbishment work on it.
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.40pm.
- 7. Planning Matters**
Planning Applications
09/00379/OUT RH Developments (Property) Ltd; Five dwellings and vehicular access (Following demolition of existing dwelling); The White Villa, Dark Lane. No objection
09/00679/FUL Mr N Bajwa; Retention of extended hardsurfaced area; Elton Road Farm, Grantham Road. Object on grounds of concern being expressed that the business operated on the site created a traffic danger, it being alongside a busy and fast main road. Highway safety was affected by any increased access movements on to the A52. A previous application for a farm shop had been rejected on highway grounds.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions
09/00262/FUL Whatton Jubilee Hall Management Committee; Single storey extension; The Village Hall, Church Street. Grant Permission

Notice of Proposed Works to Trees
09/00031/CONARE Prune ash, walnut and apple at Dunville, Burton Lane. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and the work has been allowed to proceed.
- 8. Clerk's report**
The clerk reported that he had begun work on the Quality Council submission.
There was still a need to organise a proposed Voluntary Help scheme meeting with the resident concerned who had put the idea forward. Coun. Mrs Harper said she would attend to this. A request had been made for the sample Parish Plan questionnaire but it had not yet been supplied. It was agreed the date for the next newsletter be early June.
- 9. Playing Field / Play equipment**
Coun. Redford reported that the Annual Meeting of the Playing Field Committee was to take place later in the week. Couns. Redford and Dawson were appointed to represent the council on the Playing Field Committee.
Tickets were available for the event being held on August 23 aimed at raising funds for the Help the Heroes Fund. A Whatton and Aslockton cricket team would meet one from the TV show Emmerdale.

10. Correspondence

Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field Committee provided a copy of their Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended March 31, 2009.

Nottinghamshire Police responded to the council's letter on vandalism and hooliganism at the playing field and said they were taking action to address the concerns of local residents. It was agreed that Pc Kneal at Bingham Police Station be added to the mailing list for minutes etc of the parish council. Rushcliffe Borough Council advised details of its Small Environmental Improvement Schemes Programme 2009/2010 Parish Planting and Landscaping Scheme and it was agreed it be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

Rushcliffe Borough Council confirmed availability of the necessary items for the litter pick day on May 30. Those taking part would be invited to start from the village hall at 1.00pm and return there for tea and biscuits at 2.30pm.

Whatton Jubilee Hall chairman Stuart Middleton wrote to thank the council for the funding assistance. Nottinghamshire County Council advised of its annual Civic Service on Sunday July 12 at Southwell Minster.

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of a Benefits, Grants and Energy Saving Roadshow it had formulated and it was agreed the information be sent to the chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Mr Middleton. Nottinghamshire County Council responded to the parish council request for a check to be made on the safety of the footbridge on footpath number 15 and said this would be carried out.

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire advised of a play ground inspection training event at Cropwell Bishop on June 23 and of its Annual General Meeting on November 2 at Kelham Hall, to start at 9.30am with breakfast. Notts County Council advised that the Footpath No 15 modification order had been confirmed. Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils secretary Lynda Ogilvie wrote to confirm she would be willing to attend Whatton to give Power of Well Being training to members. The dates of May 28 or June 25 were suggested.

Notts County Council advised of information on its proposed 4Uth week July 13 – 18 when it would be providing special activities for young people aimed at celebrating the youth of Rushcliffe.

11. Environment No matters were raised.

12. Footpaths

The chairman said the request for a definitive map of footpaths in the parish had still not been received. He would make contact again with Mr Tim Hart at Notts County Council. The clerk was asked to confirm to Notts County Council it did still wish to become part of the FP3 footpaths scheme operated by them.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£1,840.87	£78.00	£1,918.87
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£3,592.17	£118.50	£3,710.67

The council approved the end of year accounts for the 2008/2009 financial year as presented by the clerk and which had been given approval by the internal auditor, Keyworth accountant David Dixon. The chairman signed the Annual Return form.

14. Date for next meeting was confirmed for June 29, 2009.

15. Agenda Items for Next meeting

Grass cutting was an item put forward for discussion at the next parish council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.