

## Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday May 16, 2011, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7pm

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 (Nottinghamshire County Council) and Coun. Mrs Jackie Marshall (Rushcliffe Borough Council).

1. **Election of chairman** Coun. Gregg Redford was re-elected.
2. **Election of vice chairman** Coun. Mrs Barbara Harris was re-elected.
3. **Apologies** There were none.
4. **Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations.
5. **Casual Vacancy**  
The chairman said that the council had a single vacancy following the May 5 elections. Mrs Janet Ayres was proposed and seconded and accepted as the co-opted member.
6. **Minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2011**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
7. **Open session for members of the public** No matters were raised.

### 8. **Planning Matters**

#### Planning Applications

11/00528/FUL Mr N Bajwa; Retention of garage and storage container; Elton Farmhouse, Grantham Road. Object. The visual impact of the container on the adjacent property was felt to be one that would be too powerful. And the Planning Department was to be requested to advise the applicant to submit applications prior to building, that being the third retrospective application that had been submitted.

11/00653/FUL Mrs H Whitworth; Construction of dwelling; 29 Cottage Avenue. Object. The proposal would result in a cramped and over intensive development.

11/00654/FUL Ms L J Saunders; Photographic studio and workshop; Elton Barn, Grantham Road. No objection

#### Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

11/00133/TPO Mr Baxter; 20% crown thin of Beech, 3 metre height reduction and 20% crown thin of Cherry, removal of two lowest limbs and 20% crown thin of Ash, fell Thorn tree; White Lodge, Dark Lane. Grant Consent

9. **Clerk's report** There was nothing to report.
10. **Playing Field / Play equipment**  
The council approved the appointment of Couns. Gregg Redford and Ray Dawson to the Playing Field Trust and Couns. Gregg Redford, Ray Dawson and Mrs Barbara Harris to the Joint Aslockton / Whatton in the Vale Parish Councils Committee.

### 11. **Correspondence**

The Ministry of Defence gave details of the Armed Forces Day on Saturday June 25 and it was agreed to purchase a special flag for displaying.

Nottinghamshire County Council announced details of changes to the schedule, route and timetable of its Mobile Library Service visits to the village. It would now only visit once a month and not fortnightly.

Rushcliffe Borough Council said it had given attention to the tree on Green Walk and had removed the fallen branch.

Clement Keys gave notice of the annual audit for the year ending March 31, 2011. Rushcliffe Borough Council gave details of the Annual Town and Parish Conference on Tuesday June 7 at Ruddington Place Golf Club on Localism Bill, Big Society and Parishes and Coun. Redford said he would attend.

### 12. **Environment**

The chairman expressed strong concerns over the move by Notts County Council to proceed with its scheme to switch off street lights in the village during the night and ignoring the parish council comments during what was supposed to be a consultation period. The County Council had approved a plan aimed to reduce both the energy and costs of street lighting by 25 per cent over a four year period. The County Council proposal was that all lighting in the village with the exception of three standards be turned off between the hours of 12 midnight and 5.30am. The parish council had asked that one in two lights on Azimghur Road, Beverleys Avenue, Cottage Avenue, Dark Lane, Green Walk and Smite Close remain on. The clerk was asked to write to the County Council and express its concerns that no weight had been given to the parish council proposals and that the lights on the roads concerned should be reinstated with immediate effect. A request was also to be made for the reasons for implementing the original proposal.

**13. Footpaths**

The chairman said that he was proposing that footpaths Nos 1, 13 and 15 be taken over by the parish council as far as grass cutting went, in the belief the parish council could give a better service than was now being proposed by Notts County Council which was hampered by financial cuts. The council agreed to the action.

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

<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>	<b>£1,779.00</b>	<b>£69.00</b>	<b>£1,848.00</b>
<b>Total expenditure to date in the current financial year</b>	<b>£2,752.47</b>	<b>£123.00</b>	<b>£2,875.47</b>

Members approved the end of year accounts for the 2011/2012 financial year as presented by the clerk, who said they had been approved by the internal auditor, Mr David Dixon. The chairman signed acceptance of the accounts for the period in question.

The chairman commented on the information from HMRC in regard to the necessity for the council to employ the clerk directly and to register for PAYE. The clerk said his firm's accountant was in touch with HMRC.

**15. Date for next meeting** was confirmed for July 4, 2011.**16. 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 8.50pm.