

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday May 28, 2012, 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 and Coun. Martin Suthers (Notts County 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 none.
5. **Minutes of the meeting held on March 19, 2012**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
6. **Open session for members of the public, limited to 15 minutes** Nothing was raised.

7. **Planning Matters**

Planning Applications

12/00477/FUL Mr Mick Storey; Single storey side extension; Conery Nook, Conery Lane. No objections

12/00539/FUL MR A Grieve; Side extension and dormer windows to front and rear; 13 Smite Close. Object on the grounds of the size of the dormer and the side extension.

12/00633/FUL Mr and Mrs Church; Single storey extension; The Shires, Old Grantham Road. No decision

12/00645/FUL Mr Amrik Sagoo; Single storey side extension; 11 The Lawns. No decision

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

12/00340/FUL Ms Vikki Harper; Two storey side extension; Old School, School Lane. Grant Permission

12/00477/FUL Mr Mick Storey; Single storey side extension; Conery Nook, Conery Lane. Grant Permission

Notice of Proposed Work to Trees

12/00045/CONARE Reduce Beech and Cherry; Russet Lodge, Grantham Road. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and work had been allowed to proceed.

12/00057/CONARE 25% crown reduction to Prunus; 17 Burton Lane. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and work had been allowed to proceed.

12/00083/CONARE Fell Yew tree; The Old Vicarage, Church Street. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and work had been allowed to proceed.

8. **Clerk's report**

Rushcliffe Borough Council had said the wall at Church Street that the council had commented on had now been taken down to a safe level.

9. **Playing Field / Play equipment** There was nothing to report.

10. **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council and Coun. Gregg Redford provided information in regard to a withdrawal of bus services involving both Whatton and Aslockton. The Audit Commission's consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/2013 for five years had resulted in Grant Thornton UK LLP being appointed in Nottinghamshire. Nottinghamshire Branch of Campaign to Protect Rural England gave notice of its Annual General Meeting on May 29 and of two farm visits being arranged.

Coun. Greg Redford gave details of the Nottinghamshire County Council's pilot Lengthsman scheme currently being proposed. He said he didn't think there would be any measurable benefit for a village of the size of Whatton and therefore it was not appropriate for them to consider joining one of the cluster groups of parishes that were being proposed. His view was backed by the council.

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of its Town and Parish Councils Forum Event on Thursday September 13 at the Civic Centre. Couns. Mrs Carol Key and Mrs Janet Ayres agreed to attend. Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of its Town and Parish Councils Annual Conference on Monday July 2 and Couns. Greg Redford and Graham Linney agreed to attend.

General Sir David Richards, Chief of the Defence Staff, wrote to ask for the Armed Forces Day flag to be flown from June 25 to June 30 and that was supported. The chairman said he held the flag. It was agreed to invite Mr Phil Salathiel of the Vale of Belvoir Lions Club to the next meeting so that he could further explain his plans for a defibrillator in the village.

No one was available to attend the Nottinghamshire County Council's Civic Service on Sunday June 24.

URS Infrastructure and Environment UK Ltd wrote in regard to the consultation period in respect of the C3 Orston / Alverton / Kilvington proposed experimental Environmental Weight Limit. The council felt it had not made any difference in the parish and no response was needed.

Clement Keys gave notice of the annual audit for the year ending March 31, 2012, advising the date had been fixed for July 16.

11. Environment

Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme for a village sign was raised and the clerk said it was progressing.

12. Footpaths

Coun. Redford reported that most of the landowners were responsible for work on footpath no 13. There was comment on a problem with attention to some walker by a horse at the side of footpath no. 13. The chairman reported the width of the patch was 42 inches, but pointed out that if a new footpath was provided it now had to be 2 metres. Coun. Suthers told the meeting he would take it up with the Rights of Way officer at the County Council.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£3,669.92	£141.27	£3,811.19
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£3,669.92	£141.27	£3,811.19

The clerk presented a written report on the accounts for 2011 / 2012 and said they had been approved by the internal auditor. The only comment he had made was that invoices being paid needed to be signed by the members signing the cheques.

The council approved the accounts for 2011 / 2012 as presented and the chairman signed the Annual Return form.

The clerk was asked to progress the need for additional names to be added to the signature list for cheques.

14. Diamond Jubilee HM Queen Elizabeth II

The chairman reported good progress had been made with final arrangements for the celebrations and he was happy to report good cooperation from the village school at Aslockton.

He said on Jubilee Day East Midlands Trains were planning to arrange for a train from Grantham travelling to Nottingham to make an unscheduled stop at Aslockton, to allow the village Jubilee Prince and Princess to get off and be taken in a horse and trap to the village jubilee event.

The events for the day would start at 1pm and go through non stop to 10.30pm and would include music from the Corps of Drums from the Cotgrave Army Cadet Force, a display of fun dancing and Maypole dancing, an It's a Knockout competition, a tug of war competition, a display of vintage tractors, a fly-over by a Dakota of the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, a young persons disco with live music from the Loose Chippings Group, music from Ilkeston Brass, and the lighting of a jubilee beacon.

15. Date for next meeting was confirmed for July 9, 2012.

16. Agenda Items for Next meeting

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.