

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday November 15, 2010, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7.30pm

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

Also in attendance: The clerk Mike Elliott and Coun. Martin Suthers (Notts County Council).

1. **Apologies** were received from Coun. Ernest Parsons.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on October 4, 2010**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
4. **Open session for members of the public, limited to 15 minutes**
No matters were raised.
5. **Clerk's report** There was nothing to report.

6. **Planning Matters** **Planning Applications**

10/01853/FUL Tesco Stores Ltd; Retail store (A1), car parking, bus stop, pedestrian linkages, petrol filling station, landscaping, recycling facilities and access road; Land East of Chapel Lane, Bingham. The council did not wish to comment.

10/01869/VAR Mr N Bajwa; Removal of condition 1 on planning permission 09/01203/VAR to allow continued opening on Sundays and Bank Holidays 10.00 – 16.00 hours; Elton Road Farm, Grantham Road. The councils did not wish to comment.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

There were none.

Notice of Proposed Works to Trees

10/00167/CONARE Kathleen A M Danby; Prune Damson, Plum and Hazel trees along drive; 3A Conery Lane, Whatton in the Vale Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and work had been allowed to proceed.

7. **Playing Field / Play equipment** Nothing was raised.

8. **Correspondence**

A letter was received from Mr Graham Linney in respect of a suggested use of the telephone kiosk in the village to house a defibrillator unit in it. The clerk was asked to seek comment from the manufacturer of such a unit as to it being stored in what would be an unheated area and one which could become damp. A letter acknowledging the idea and thanking Mr Linney was also to be sent. A letter was received via email from Mr Ralph Bellamy in regard to the condition of the path round the perimeter of the green between Beverleys Avenue and Smite Close. The clerk was asked to write to thank Mr Bellamy for his observations and to say the matter would be raised with Notts County Council when the intended walk took place involving a highways officer and the chairman.

Mr Gary Cooke wrote in regard to the effort required to get BT to agree to update the telephone exchange at Whatton to allow it to link to the proposed superfast optic broadband across the UK and it was agreed he be given support and that an item be included in the next newsletter.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote giving details of its precept requirement arrangements for 2011/2012. The clerk said he would prepare a budget report for the next meeting.

Mr Peter Toghill responded to an appeal by the council for support for its Emergency Planning project and as a retired physician from the QMC was offering his support. The clerk was to write to thank him and to say further contact would be made in due course.

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils reminded members of its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday November 17, 2010, at Epperstone Village Hall. The chairman said he was now unable to attend.

Nottinghamshire County Council wrote saying the overgrown vegetation on the east side of Old Grantham Road, close to the junction with the A52, had now been cut back and that the pavement at Green Walk had been treated with weed killer.

Nottinghamshire County Council responded to the comments on the condition of a tree on the verge on Conery Lane between Conery Lane and The Green and said it was planning work on it when finance permitted.

Nottinghamshire County Council wrote in regard to its severe winter weather plans and the council agreed to take up the offer of five free bags of salt. Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote seeking comments on its 'A Partnership with the Parishes' publication and it was agreed this be put into the circulation file for members to make comments. A letter was received from Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council seeking comments on an area wide event to help celebrate the London Olympics in 2012. The council welcomed the idea and suggested it be put to the Playing Field Committee at its next meeting.

9. **Environment and Policing**

The clerk said nothing had been heard from British Gas or Central Network in regard to the condition of the gas valve on Whatton Bridge. He would attempt to progress the matter again.

The chairman presented a briefing paper on the suggestion of establishment of an Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Order on the playing field and Dark Lane to help combat anti-social and criminal behaviour. Members unanimously supported the idea and thanked the chairman for his report.

Coun. Redford praised the interest shown in the matter by British Transport Police when they had attended a meeting with Aslockton and Whatton parish council members primarily to look at the situation at Aslockton Station but at which the discussions had widened to include the other named areas.

The clerk was asked to write to Aslockton Parish Council and the police and British Transport Police to say that members fully supported the proposal for the DPPO, and to send copies of the report and map produced by Coun. Redford.

Members agreed the clerk should write to Aslockton Parish Council in respect of the current discussions on the possibility of an Affordable Housing Scheme in Aslockton. Investigations in regard to land availability for such a scheme in Whatton had seemingly broken down. The council wished to point out it had never been convinced there was in fact a need for such a scheme locally.

The chairman reported he had attended a recent Community Speed Watch meeting and was able to report it was intended the scheme should continue.

The clerk was asked to write to Rushcliffe Borough Council in regard to the future use of its vacant land on Azimghur Road, pointing out according to the Environment Agency it was liable to flooding and should not therefore be considered for housing.

10. **Footpaths**

Coun. Redford said a report he was preparing on footpaths was progressing and should be available in the New Year.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£721.00	£119.00	£840.00
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£6,652.01	£734.16	£7,385.97

12. **Date for next meeting** was confirmed for December 13, 2010. Coun. Malcolm Seagrave gave apologies in advance.

13. **Agenda Items for Next meeting**

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