

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday November 18, 2012, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7.30pm

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman)

Ray Dawson	Barbara Harris
Carole Key	Malcolm Seagrave
Graham Linney	Janet Ayres

Also in attendance: The clerk Mike Elliott and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Mrs Jacqui Marshall.

1. **Apologies** There were none.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on September 3, 2012**, 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**

A cheque for £150 had been banked from the Aslockton and Whatton Trust towards the cost of the new community notice board. The clerk was to write to the Trust chairman Coun. Dawson and thank them for the donation.

6. **Playing Field / Play equipment**

The chairman presented a report on the proposed Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field Trust budget for 2013 / 2014 which said they were building on the firm base from previous years. The balance of their reserves had been allocated to the Capital Reserves which was designed to fund development. The contribution from the Whatton and Aslockton parish councils was to remain the same for 2013 / 2014, £900 from each council.

Anticipated income for 2013 / 2014 was £3,076 and operating expenses would be £2,705. There would be a 2.9 per cent increase in rental fees due from user clubs.

The council accepted the proposals outlined in the report and approved the proposed budget.

The chairman reported on suggestions for a BMX area and said it was likely such a facility would cost up to £45,000 to provide. The council felt such an expense could not be warranted for the amount of use it would get. It was felt a more pressing need was a new pavilion for the sports ground.

7. **Correspondence**

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in regard to the precept arrangements for 2013 / 2014 and said that the Government had so far not confirmed the proposals as far as parishes were involved with the new Council Tax Support scheme. The Borough Council needed the parish precept figure for 2013 / 2014 by February 15. The clerk was asked to obtain information from the Borough Council on the number of properties in each rateable group in the parish.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote to confirm it was willing to lease the plot of land on Azimghur Road to the parish council at a peppercorn rent of £100 a year for 15 years and to use the site for allotments, a play area or amenity land. The parish council would have the responsibility of managing the site. Members agreed unanimously to approve the signing of the lease by the chairman.

Nottinghamshire County Council wrote to say that after the first six months of its part night lighting scheme the review showed there had been no noticeable increase in crime or accidents in Whatton.

St John of Beverley Church wrote to give acknowledgment of the donation of £500 to its funds. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England wrote on the subject of its electoral review of Rushcliffe and said the suggested ward for Whatton would be called Aslockton, and would comprise of that village and Car Colston, Kneeton, Scarrington, Screveton and Whatton-in-the-Vale. That ward was similar to the Conservative Group proposal for the area. The Aslockton ward would have 8% fewer electors than the borough average by 2018.

Clement Keys wrote to confirm an unqualified audit opinion on the Annual Return for 2011 / 2012 and the clerk was thanked for his input into the accounts. A letter from the Jubilee Hall Committee advised of a rent increase as from January 1, from £5 to £7 an hour for the committee room.

8. **Planning and Neighbourhood Planning**

Planning Applications

12/01680/FUL Mr and Mrs A Smith; Proposed extension and conversion of existing garage into living accommodation; Fox Vane, School Lane. No objection

12/01762/FUL Mrs R Hulme-Edwardson; Construct summerhouse; 7 Conery Lane. No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

12/01143/FUL Mr Tom Fisher; Conversion of existing barn into dwelling; Whatton Lodge Farm, Grantham Road. Grant Permission

12/01290/FUL Mr and Mrs Hall; Demolish existing outbuilding and construct single storey side extension; 13 Azimghur Road. Grant Permission
 12/01368/FUL Mr and Mrs Ragsdale; Single storey side conservatory; 10 Beverleys Avenue. Grant Permission

9. Environment

The clerk was asked to order a dog / refuse bin to be sited at the bottom of Main Street near Footpath No 1.

He was also to ask for the Borough Council to include Main Street between Sunbeam Street and Manor Farm on its sweeping routine because currently the work was not being carried out.

A letter was received from Rushcliffe Borough Council confirming its willingness to lease land at the bottom of Azimghur Road to the parish council at a rent of £100 per year for 15 years. It was agreed the chairman sign the lease when it was received from the Borough. It was also agreed the land become an open space and consideration be given to planting trees on it.

The clerk was asked to progress with the County Council the question of the council undertaking the grass cutting work it currently undertook in the village. The clerk said he understood it had been out to the village to check on the areas concerned.

10. Provision of Defibrillator

Aslockton Parish Council wrote to say it was not in agreement to support the suggestion of the siting of a defibrillator at Aslockton Railway Station. Mr Phil Salathiel of the Vale of Belvoir Lions club confirmed that the order for the unit had been placed. The parish council would be responsible for its installation. Whatton Jubilee Hall wrote to confirm it had no objection to the defibrillator being placed on the outside wall of its building.

Members felt that if a second defibrillator unit was to be provided consideration could be given to it being sited at the sports pavilion or the BT telephone exchange building. A suggestion was made that BT might be approached to ask if it would be interested in being a partner for provision of a unit.

11. Footpaths

Comment was made of a continuing problem of a horse reported to be biting walkers on footpath no.13. The clerk was asked to write to Notts County Council to report the matter, explaining that the narrow width of the walk made it difficult for anyone to move away if the horse approached them.

The council agreed that some strimming work be carried out which the clerk said was in order providing the land did not side up to an A-class road.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£2,700.05	£272.01	£2,972.06
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£8,959.92	£626.46	£9,586.38

Note: The parish council funds include £800 to be used towards future schemes on the Playing Field

13. **Date for next meeting** was confirmed for January 7, 2013, and then March 11, May 13, July 8, Sept 9 and November 11.

14. 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 9pm.