

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday September 26, 2011, 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 Coun. Mrs Jacqui Marshall (Rushcliffe Borough Council).

1. **Apologies** There were none.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 2011**, 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 reminder was given to members of the October 26 meeting at Rushcliffe Borough Council dealing with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Boundary Commission. Couns. Gregg Redford and Mrs Barbara Harris had been booked for the 2.30pm session. Couns. Mrs Carole Key and Mrs Janet Ayres would go to the evening event.
6. **Planning Matters**
Planning Applications
11/01041/FUL Mr L Tyler; Dormer window to front elevation; 14 Smite Close. No objection
11/01115/FUL Mrs V Harper; Two storey side extension; Old School, School Lane. No objection
11/01227/FUL Mr D Gribby; Construction of five workshop / office units with parking / service area; Peter Gribby Limited at Riverbank, Old Grantham Road. The parish council welcomed the development.
11/01334/FUL Mr P Beckworth; Single storey front extension; 15 Conery Gardens. Concerns were expressed on the potential loss of vehicle parking space within the boundary of the site and the fact that road parking in that area was also extremely limited.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions
11/00528/FUL Mr N Bajwa; Retention of garage and storage container; Elton Farmhouse, Grantham Road. Grant Permission
11/00786/FUL Mr J Gadsby; Pitched roof to detached garage; Ruxleigh, Main Street. Grant Permission
11/00902/FUL Mr N Bajwa; Continuation of use of part of building for MOT testing station; Elton Road Farm, Grantham Road. Grant Permission
11/01041/FUL Mr L Tyler; Dormer window to front elevation; 14 Smite Close. Refuse Permission

The matter of appointment of a planning committee was to be raised as an agenda item for the next meeting.
7. **Playing Field / Play equipment**
The chairman reported the gate to the area was to be replaced. He also reported damage to the sports pavilion following an incident involving a footballer. He said the RoSPA report involving the play equipment gave the area a Medium Risk assessment.
8. **Correspondence**
Rushcliffe Borough Council said the name Boundary Close as the street address for the RH Developments site, Dark Lane, had been finalised. Members had agreed with the name put forward by the developers.
Nottinghamshire County Council gave details of its Local Council Improvement Scheme but it was not felt there was any application to be currently made.
Clement Keys gave an unqualified audit opinion on the Annual Return for 2010/2011. Nottinghamshire County Council advised of its winter service including offers of assistance to parish councils. It was agreed to take the five free bags of salt being offered and these would be delivered to the home of the chairman. It was also agreed to order a blue grit bin at a price of £150. The exact siting for this would be shown on a map that the chairman was to produce.
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils gave notice of the Annual General Meeting on November 16 at Epperstone Village Hall. The chairman and Coun. Linney would attend.
Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in regard to a review of services it was looking at to enable it to reduce expenditure. It was felt the council should have further negotiations with the Borough Council.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in connection to a Polling Districts and Polling Places Review. The council was happy with the current position.

9. Environment

It was reported that the footpath on Azimghur Road had been resurfaced. Disappointment was expressed that the work had not been extended on to Beverleys Avenue and Cottage Avenue. A request was to be made for cul-de-sac signs to be provided at the entrance to Beverleys Avenue and Cottage Avenue.

The idea of staging a best kept garden competition was discussed but no decision taken.

10. Footpaths

The chairman said there was nothing to report. He was hopeful his report would be available soon.

11. Diamond Jubilee HM The Queen June 2012

The chairman said there had been a meeting of the Joint Diamond Jubilee Committee on August 25 and some plans put forward for events next June. He said there was a proposition that a tent for 300 people be erected on the sports field for social events. There was to be a further meeting of the group shortly.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£1,782.11	£321.60	£2,103.71
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£6,451.95	£681.76	£7,133.71

The question of the salary paid to the clerk would be looked at in due course.

13. Date for next meeting was confirmed for November 7, 2011, with a request that a further meeting be held in December.

14. Agenda Items for Next meeting

No items were put forward for the next agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm