

RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 September 2016 at 5.30 pm in Rufford Mill.

PRESENT: Cllrs D. Fernley, A. Drane, G. Hattersley, B. Bates, J. Pearce, County Cllr J. Peck and Mr D. Heathcote.

Cllr Fernley in the chair.

There were apologies for absence received from Cllrs K. Bower, D. Franks and District Cllr L. Tift.

There were no declarations of interest from those present.

17/24. The minutes of the ordinary general meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 were read and approved as a true record.

17/25. The matters arising from the minutes were:

17/17 – The Planning Enforcement Officer has not provided any further updates on the reported activity taking place on the site of the old poultry sheds on Rufford Lane. However, the unauthorised activity on the land adjoining the Limes Café has ceased and the site has been cleared.

County Cllr Peck reported that the Rufford Abbey car park was managing to cope with the rising visitor numbers at present. There was no news about when the pay and display system would be introduced.

The funding from the Transparency Fund has been received and a laptop and scanner has been delivered for use by the clerk.

17/26. Planning Consultation:

Decisions:

- A. Application No. 16/00701/FUL
Applicant: Center Parcs
Proposal: erection of a shed to house and maintain electric powered mini off-road explorer vehicles (mini land rovers). This activity will be used by children aged 3-6 years of age.
Location: Center Parcs
Decision: Approved.

Applications:

- B. Application No. 16/01111/FUL
Applicant: Center Parcs
Proposal: erection of lean-to conservatory extension to enclose an existing covered external seating area adjacent to a family restaurant. Re-covering existing canopies and replacement of existing awnings on a like for like basis.

- Location: Center Parcs
Resolved: No objections.
- C. Application No. 16/01165/FUL
Applicant: Mr J. Canning
Proposal: extension and alterations to existing dwelling and detached garage to form indoor swimming pool, new bedrooms and larger garage/hobby room.
Location: Woodlands, Old Rufford Road
Resolved: Object, on the grounds that the “hobby room” is capable of being used as a residential dwelling.
- D. Application No. 16/01195/FULM
Applicant: Center Parcs
Proposal: accommodation proposals: to include re-planning of the golf driving range to create new woodland, 28 new lodges and additional parking.
Location: Center Parcs
Resolved: Object, on the grounds of (a) over intensification of site and (b) increased traffic movements of up to 3,000 vehicles per year on already congested A614.
- E. Application No. 16/01280/FULM
Applicant: Center Parcs
Proposal: three extensions to the existing swimming pool to provide a children’s swimming pool and water playground, a new water ride, expanded changing room and new roof lights over the existing lane pool area, with associated plant rooms, access road, service areas and external landscaping.
Location: Center Parcs
Resolved: No objections

Notification has been received of a meeting of the Nottinghamshire County Planning Committee on 20 September 2016 at which the applications for the lagoon at Stud Farm and the CHP plant at Center Parcs will be considered. Planning officers have recommended that both applications be approved. Rufford Parish Council, who are the only objectors, are entitled to speak at the meeting.

17/27. Correspondence tabled at the meeting:

- A. NSDC – consultation on Local Development Plan Strategic Review. **Noted.**
- B. NSDC – request for information relating to TV reception affected by the wind turbines at Stonish Hill. **Resolved:** There was evidence that residents of May Lodge Drive and Mickledale Close had been affected by the wind turbines. The Clerk will report this to NSDC.
- C. NSDC – consultation on management of illegally placed horses and fly grazing. **Noted.**
- D. NALC – invitation to annual general meeting to be held at Epperstone Village Hall on 16 November 2016 at 7.30pm. **Noted.**
- E. NSDC – invitation to annual parish conference to be held at Kelham Hall on 3 October 2016. **Noted.**

17/28. Finances:

The members approved the following payments:

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Alka IT Services 50% of cost of new computer/scanner, website development, hosting and training for Clerk	900.00
D. Heathcote Clerk's salary	842.80

17/29. Roadways and Footways:

- A.** A complaint has been received relating to the poor condition of the pavements on Mickledale Close. It was agreed that the pavement was worn and uneven and required repair work. The Clerk has reported the matter to the Highways Department.
- B.** The new village signs for Rufford have been erected.
- C.** The road signs on the A614 at Rufford Country Park are in need of a clean The Clerk will request them to be cleaned.
- D.** The District Council has refused the request to amend the road sign at Mickledale Close to read "leading to Lumley Close and Cremone Drive" on the grounds the sign is new and would cost £200 to replace.
- E.** The Clerk was asked to request the services of the Lengthsman to do regular litter picks around the ford area and to also clean the new depth gauge in the ford.

17/30 Community Facilities:

The Clerk gave a brief presentation of the proposed new parish website that is being developed from money received from the Transparency Fund. It is planned that the site will be live in November 2016.

1731. Date of next meeting:

The date of the next ordinary Parish Meeting and Annual Budget Meeting will be Tuesday 8 November 2016.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE: 8 November 2016