

RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 5.30 pm in Rufford Mill.

PRESENT: Cllrs D. Fernley, A. Drane, B. Bates, J. Pearce, K. Bower, D. Franks, County Cllr J. Peck, Mr D. Heathcote and one member of the public.

Cllr Fernley in the chair.

There were no apologies for absence.

There were no declarations of interest from those present.

County Cllr Peck reported that licences were being issued for several sites in north Nottinghamshire to be used for fracking operations. Energy companies have showed an interest in fracking under the Major Oak and a demonstration took place at the weekend by residents protesting against this. There were still exploratory surveys being undertaken and no planning applications have been submitted yet.

17/40. The minutes of the ordinary general meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 November 2016 were read and approved as a true record.

17/41. The matters arising from the minutes were:

17/41 – The Clerk has been requested to forward specific details about the properties affected by the wind turbines on Stonish Hill.

17/41 – The lack of communication from the County Council Highways regarding the worn pavements on Mickledale Close has now been reported to County Cllr Peck.

17/42. The minutes of the annual budget meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 November 2016 were read and approved as a true record.

17/43. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the annual budget meeting.

17/44. The Annual Precept for 2017/18:

Resolved: Based on the decision of the annual budget meeting, the members resolved that the precept for 2017/18 would be exactly the same as the previous year at £4,335.

17/45. Casual Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:

Following the resignation of Cllr Gillian Hattersley, the Returning Officer gave notice of a casual vacancy and election. The Returning Officer has notified the Parish Council that no poll will be necessary as there has been none requested by the electorate. The Parish Council

has therefore been given permission to fill the vacancy by co-option. **Resolved:** The Chairman asked the members to consider a suitable candidate(s) and report back at the next meeting.

17/46. Rufford Country Park:

Cllrs Fernley and Pearce reported on the meeting they attended on 22 December 2016 with the County Council and Parkwood Leisure Ltd. The meeting was called to discuss the County Council's appointment of a partner to manage the commercial operation of Rufford Country Park. Parkwood Leisure will take over the management of the café, restaurant and shops as well as introducing a variety of leisure activities. The Abbey building will remain under the control of English Heritage and the maintenance of the grounds and gardens will continue to be carried out by the County Council's staff.

The members discussed the proposals and noted that the Parish Council will be consulted on those aspects of the development that would need planning permission, such as the Sky Trail and the boating on the lake. However, the members had highway concerns particularly about visitor parking and the entrance/exit from the busy A614. The County Council has said that the intention is not to increase visitor numbers but to increase spend per head instead.

Resolved: Glen Hall, Operations Manager at Parkwood Leisure to be invited to present their proposals at an open meeting with residents on 21 March 2017.

17/47. Planning Consultation:

Decisions:

There were no decisions noted.

Applications:

- A. Application No. 16/01997/OUT
 Applicant: Mr M. Drury
 Proposal: erection of one four bedroom house
 Location: Parkside, May Lodge Drive
 Resolved: Object, on the grounds that this would not be permitted under the Local Development Plan as it would be considered to be located in open countryside.
- B. Application No. 16/02053/FUL
 Applicant: Mr and Mrs M. Smith
 Proposal: Erection of a second storey extension to an existing bungalow.
 Location: Wynlea, May Lodge Drive
 Resolved: No objections, however consideration should be made to type of glass used in the overlooking bathroom window.

17/48. Correspondence tabled at the meeting:

- A. NCC – notification of Minerals Local Plan submission to Secretary of State for approval.
Noted.

- B. Mr Chris Parsons – information about pending planning application for the erection of 9 eco houses on land south of Bilsthorpe Road, Eakring. **Noted.**

17/49. Finances:

The members approved the following payments:

(a) HMRC – PAYE	£339.20
(b) Citizens Advice Bureau – donation	£50.00

17/50. Roadways and Footways:

Rubbish has been dumped on the Robin Hood Way where it crosses the A614 near Center Parcs. The Clerk said he would investigate to establish if this was something that could be dealt with by the Lengthsman.

It was agreed the Parish Council should purchase its own litter picker.

17/51. Community Facilities:

There was no business to discuss

1739. Date of next meeting:

The date of the next ordinary Parish Meeting will be Tuesday 21 March 2017.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE: 21 March 2017