

RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 10.30 am in the Markham Suite. Rufford Mill, Rufford

Present: Councillors:

D. Fernley (Chair)
 J. Pearce
 K. Bower
 B. Bates
 A. Drane

In attendance:

C. Millward (Clerk)
 C. True (Rufford Country Park)
 Members of the public (x2)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
RPC/80/17	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence with reasons were received and accepted from D. Franks.	
RPC/81/17	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any item of business on the agenda.	
RPC/82/17	Dispensations: None required.	
RPC/83/17	<p>10 minutes public speaking time: Councillors welcomed Mr True to the meeting. Councillors thanked Parkwood Leisure for the prompt installation of the bollards on the Rufford Lane verge which were very welcome.</p> <p>Discussion between councillors, the members of the public and Mr True established the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parkwood Leisure wants to work with residents to address parking and traffic issues 2. Parkwood Leisure would support the landowner of the verge opposite the new bollards if the landowner wished to take similar measures. 3. Parkwood Leisure will provide traffic cones for residents' use to be stored by Parkwood Leisure 4. Traffic management plans are in place for the following events for which large numbers are expected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 May 2018 – Classic car event 25/26 May 2018 – Food and drink festival 23/24 June 2018 – Jousting event 29 August 2018 – Car rally 29/30 September 2018 – 1940's weekend plus two or three events planned for late 2018 5. Parkwood Leisure is increasing the number of dog waste/litter bins. Mr True will address concerns regarding litter build up in the road side. He will also address the issue of left over glasses after functions. 6. Parkwood Leisure has a fifteen year lease and is now solely responsible for the Park. 7. A woodland management/conservation programme is being instituted. The reservation area will be opened for educational visits and private groups. 8. Mr True will provide contact details to the councillors to enable traffic and parking problems to be reported and monitored during events. 	<p style="text-align: center;">CT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CT CT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CT</p>

	9. Mr True will consider asking function providers to include instructions to guests not to park on the road and using the existing deposit system as a means of enforcement.	CT
RPC/84/17	<p>Planning matters: Applications - Application – 17/02040/FUL - Extension of Abbey Car Park and the Installation of Car Parking Infrastructure at both Abbey and Sawmill Car Parks - Rufford Abbey Country Park Old Rufford Road Ollerton: Discussion between councillors, the members of the public and Mr True established the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) is intended to improve traffic flow and reduce traffic build up. There will be no barriers. Residents' passes will be automatically recognised. Car park attendants' role will change but there will be no associated reduction in staff numbers. The ANPR systems will be installed as soon as planning permission is granted. 2. Mill end car park - An island will be created further to improve traffic flow. Entrance humps will be used to slow vehicles down. The overflow car park is being retained for private events but can be opened up if there is no event. 3. ANPR will free the existing car park staff, who will be deployed to safety and traffic management to ensure proactive management of traffic and potential issues. 4. Bluebell car park - An additional 30 spaces will be created. Parking bays will be installed to prevent vehicles parking across two spaces. Sycamores are to be removed. There will be no more tarmac. Surfaces will be either restored hard core or grass grids. 5. Emergency vehicle/staff access and egress is to be reinstated 6. The total increase in car parking spaces is 100. Work, other than the ANPR, will need to be done during the winter. Completion is scheduled for 2019/20. 7. The car park plans have been produced in conjunction with Historic England. <p>Councillors considered the application and unanimously decided to approve the proposal.</p>	

The meeting closed at 11.25 am.