

RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30 January 2018 at 5.30 pm in the Talbot Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance:

C. Millward (Clerk)
A. Cox (Rufford Country Park) (until 5.50 pm)
C. True (Rufford Country Park) (until 5.50 pm)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
RPC/85/18	Apologies for absence: There were no absences.	
RPC/86/18	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any item of business on the agenda.	
RPC/87/18	Dispensations: No dispensations required.	
RPC/88/18	10 minutes public speaking time: No public present.	
RPC/89/18	<p>Parkwood Leisure report (if any): Mr True:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmed that, when events are to take place, Parkwood will be leaving out traffic cones for residents' use 2. Noted that vehicles are still being parked beyond the recently installed bollards and agreed to extend the bollards to the car park entrance 3. Offered to supply the house opposite the car park entrance with strong bags to use for litter and thanked the resident for collecting the litter 4. Confirmed that the refurbished shop will be opening shortly and a variety of grounds work completed ready for the busier season although major tree works will not be carried out until September 2018. <p>Councillors sought clarification and information in relation to item 13a (Planning – Applications – 17/02184/FUL). Mr True explained the principles underlying the design and confirmed that English Heritage had been closely involved. The layout was explained and Mr True confirmed that no trees were affected by the planned works. The work is planned for completion by the end of March 2018 ready for Easter.</p> <p>Councillors thanked Mr Cox and Mr True for attending and for their constructive and co-operative approach to residents' concerns. Mr Cox and Mr True left the meeting at 5.50 pm.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that Parkwood's open and constructive approach was very welcome and much appreciated. The chair will email Mr Cox formally to express councillors' thanks.</p>	Chair
RPC/90/18	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 November 2017 and 9 January 2018: The minutes of the meetings held on 28	

	November 2017 and 9 January 2018 were agreed and signed by the chair, subject to the date on the minutes for 9 January 2018 being amended to show the date correctly.	
RPC/91/18	Matters arising – for information only: There were no matters arising.	
RPC/92/18	Reports from district and county councillors: To councillors' further disappointment, none present.	
RPC/93/18	Reports from Councillors: No reports.	
RPC/94/18	Council documents storage: Councillors agreed that, ideally, the council's documents would be stored other than in the clerk's home.	
RPC/95/18	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a. Financial position as at 31 December 2017: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 December 2017. The chair verified the stated balances against the bank statements.</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved seven payments totalling £476.26.</p> <p>c. To consider the financial information provided by the Clerk and NSDC's letter regarding 2018/19 precept estimates and to agree the precept for the year ending 31 March 2019: Councillors considered the financial information provided by the clerk. They reviewed the council's financial position through the year to date, noting that the precept had been increased significantly since 2012-13 (£2550) to £4335 for 2015-16. That increase had in part been to cover the cost of the 2015 election (£884) but the £884 cost had been recouped and a reserve was now building for the 2019 election. It was also noted that the council now had pension obligations.</p> <p>There was lengthy discussion of whether the precept should be maintained at £4335 or reduced now that the 2015 election expenses had been made up. Councillors voted 3 in favour and 3 against an initial proposal to reduce the precept. Councillors then voted 3 in favour and 3 against a proposal to retain the precept unchanged.</p> <p>After further extensive discussions of the difference between the rate the precept had increased, albeit because of the 2015 election cost, and the rate the council's expenditure had increased and the identification of possible projects on which any accruing precept might be spent for the benefit of the parish, councillors considered a proposal to reduce the precept to £4000 with a capital project budget of £600. Councillors unanimously decided to reduce the precept to £4000.</p>	
RPC/96/18	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications: 17/02184/FUL Replacement of the existing Saxon Village play area and replacement and relocated cafe kiosk Rufford Abbey Old Rufford Road Rufford - Councillors considered the application and unanimously decided to support the proposal.</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC:</p> <p>i. 17/02113/TWCA – Reduce beech (x1) - Rufford Abbey Old Rufford Road Rufford NG22 9DF – Approval noted</p> <p>ii. 17/01832/FUL - Proposed 4 New Water Lodges and Associated Parking and External Works - Information Centre Sherwood Forest Holiday Village Old Rufford Road Rufford NG22 9DN – Approval noted</p> <p>c. Enforcement matters: Concerns were raised regarding activity</p>	

	of a commercial nature being regularly carried out on the land which adjoins the Limes' cafe lorry park and which runs from the railway line to the metal fencing. The clerk will check the NSDC planning pages on the website for any relevant permission in relation to the site. If there is none on the website she will seek NSDC's clarification with regard to whether such commercial use is within the permissions attached to the land.	Clerk
RPC/96/18	Licensing application – Inkersall Grange Farm, Bilsthorpe: Councillors considered the application and unanimously decided to approve the proposal.	
RPC/97/18	Parish environment and appearance: The clerk will report: a. Litter on A614 and Rufford Lane to NCC b. The need for drains to be cleared along A614 from the A617/A614 roundabout to the parish boundary c. Damage to the Rufford Lane road surface caused by lorries accessing the new chicken sheds at the brickyard site. Concerns regarding the Maylodge Drive road surface were noted. Councillors agreed that, as a private road, Maylodge Drive was outside the council's remit and was a matter for the residents involved.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
RPC/98/18	Service faults: Nothing raised	
RPC/99/18	Correspondence: Item a - Alkane Energy UK Limited - Mine Gas Extraction and Electricity Generation in Wellow – Request to attend meeting – The clerk will invite representatives to attend the March 2018 meeting and seek clarification of Alkane's intended timetable. All items of correspondence noted.	Clerk
RPC/100/18	Agenda items for next meeting: As above	
RPC/101/18	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 5.30 pm	

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm