

**Whatton in the Vale Parish Council**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday June 25, 2019, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7.15pm**

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman)

Georgia Elms Chris Grocock

Jane Morris Julia Faulconbridge

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Coun. Francis Purdue-Horan and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Maureen Stockwood.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were none

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 14, 2019 were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman.

4 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
Nothing was raised.

5. CLERK'S REPORT  
Rushcliffe Borough Council Chief Executive Allan Graham leaves the authority on June 30.

The Borough Council are again to make trees available free of charge this autumn and winter. The trees will be Rowan or crab apples. Parish councils can have up to ten free and the Borough will plant them. Residents can either have one or two, again free.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Mrs Stockwood on spoke on various matters from the Borough including the fact that Coun. Mrs Christine Jeffreys of Cotgrave had been elected Mayor. Coun. Purdue Horan said he understood work was due to take place on Old Grantham Road and Beverleys Avenue in this new financial year.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Georgia Elms had raised the question of grass verge cutting on Church Street. The chairman said he had contacted Ulyetts and they had said they would include the area in question on future cuts, acknowledging they should have been doing it.

The clerk said he had received information in regard to new regulations concerning websites. He would send a copy of it on to the chairman.

Bingham Town Council wrote in regard to their Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk would circulate the letter to all members.

8. PLAYING FIELD

Discussion took place in regard to a need for a boundary fence between the playing field and the property at 1 Dark Lane. It was agreed the council should erect a 6ft high panel fence and approach Aslockton parish council, as joint owners of the land, to share the cost. It was suggested it could be up to £1500. The chairman and the clerk were to take the matter forward.

The meeting was told by Coun. Grocock that he would be making the application to Rushcliffe Borough Council for the £15,500 that had been agreed. Work on refurbishment of the pavilion had been carried out and well received. It was planned that some space would be made in the building for storage. The refurbishment of the existing pavilion meant at least for the time being the facility could be used and the need for a new pavilion could be delayed. He was in contact with play equipment suppliers Proludic and the school in regard to the type of equipment suggested for the playing field.

The chairman gave thanks to Coun. Grocock for the progress he had made on the matter of the pavilion and play area.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS

### Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

19/01345/FUL Conversion of car port to living accommodation including change from flat roof to dual pitched roof, single storey side extension and externally render the property. 27 Connery Gardens. Support.

19/01224/FUL | Erection of single storey rear extension, loft conversion including front and rear dormer windows and erection of single storey side garage extension. 24 Cottage Avenue Support

### Rushcliffe Borough Council decision

19/00657/FUL. Peter Robinson, land east of 7 Whipling close. Retention of storage container on a permanent basis. Grant.

19/00964/ful. Mr Mrs Flint, 3 Beverleys Avenue. Demolish garage and replace with two storey and single storey side extension including the erection of a canopy. Grant.

19/00125/conare F Lawman, The Dell, Church Street. Fell Plum, 2 groups of 3 conifers, Elder, Pine, Fire damaged Holly and Conifer. Prune back Neighbours plum tree to boundary, pollard willow, crown lift maple, prune and lift cherry. Grant.

## 10. FOOTPATHS

The chairman said he hoped members would do their best to walk the village footpaths in order they could be aware of any problems that might exist. He also commented on the that he felt following the appointment of a new officer at Nottingham County Council to look after the Whatton area paths the position regarding the service to the facility had improved.

## 11. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment were approved as the circulated list.

## 12. ENVIRONMENT.

Coun. Mrs Faulconbridge had attended the Rushcliffe Borough Council tree scheme launch and had been impressed by the event.

A report on the Queens Wood was presented by Coun. Faulconbridge and is appended to the minutes. It raised various aspects concerning the Wood including the need to establish a Volunteer group for people interested in supporting the work needed to bring it back to be manageable.

The chairman presented a report on the Village Green Fencing and Gate, saying that at some time the bottom of the fence and the gate had been encased in concrete. The fence has not been repainted for a significant number of years and was in need of attention. Because of the concrete the gate use is restricted and vehicular access to the area is now only via Ivy Row which is a private unadopted road.

It was agreed to obtain advice as to the safety of the fence and cost of freeing or replacing the gate and the cost of repainting the fence. The chairman and clerk were given the power to liaise as necessary to carry the resolution forward.

A call for a power supply to be established to the Green was raised but it was felt it was likely to be too costly although the clerk was asked to obtain at least a suggestion for the cost. If it was provided it would provide a power supply to at least the Christmas Tree which it had been agreed should become a permanent provision. The council agreed to obtain advice as to the type, size and positioning of a tree and obtain a firm price for the supply and planting of a tree.

Former councillor Gwyn Owen had suggested a Village Fete on the Green, but it had not proceeded after the member had left the council. The success of the 'Memorial' event in November had, said the chairman, demonstrated there is a willingness to 'come together' in the parish and he put forward the idea of an event in May next year to commemorate the national events planned on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day. The actual day of the ending of WW2 was May 8 and that day has now been declared a public holiday next year, a move designed to help everyone make the special day. Members were asked to give thought to the idea of an event for the whole May 8 – 10 weekend and for the matter to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

13. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed there should be a newsletter published in August with deadline for copy being July 31.

14. VILLAGE FETE had been dealt with earlier in the agenda.

15. QUEEN'S WOOD

Coun. Mrs Faulconbridge was to chase the provision of a quote for proposed clearance work of the Wood. She had taken part in a very useful on-site meeting with Mr Dave Sutton and was obtaining a price from him for what was proposed was necessary and agreed to proceed with the work to a limit of £2000.

16. CASUAL VACANCY

The clerk was asked to advertise the vacancies.

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JULY 23, 2019

Interactive speed signs, May 8-10 events 2020,

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-25pm.