

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday July 30, 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 and one member of the public.

Reference was made by the chairman to the death of Mrs Vicky Dawson, who was to become a co-opted member of the council. Consideration was to be given to provision of some type of recognition.

Comment was made on the fact that the local MP Robert Jenrick had been installed as Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government in the recent changes in parliament following the retirement of Prime Minister Theresa May and the appointment of the new Government leader Boris Johnson. The council gave their best wishes to Mr Jenrick on his new position.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were none
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES
No matters were raised.
5. CLERK'S REPORT
The clerk said the matter of the VE75 event in May next year comes up in correspondence. A quote had been obtained for the fence between the field and Mr and Mrs Leake.
6. REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
There was no report.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the national office of CPRE discussing its future and stating it intended to show a more aggressive attitude yet continue its aim to look after the well being of the countryside.

Paveway, quoted for a fence on the edge of the playing field adjacent to the home of Mr and Mrs Leake in the sum of £3,300. The council agreed to accept the quote subject to Aslockton parish council accepting it in order the account was shared equally between the two councils. The clerk was to advise the adjacent council of the price and also ask them if they did not agree to share the price to advise Mr and Mrs Leake as to why.

Rushcliffe Borough Council confirmed its free trees scheme was to operate again in 2019. Residents could obtain two trees and parish councils were being offered up to ten.

Notts County Council had responded to the request the parish council had made on behalf of residents for a bus shelter on Beverley Avenue and assured the council they would investigate the request.

It had been confirmed that May 8 next year would be a public holiday to allow people to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VEDay. The council agreed that it intended to be part of the celebrations and the chairman suggested a concert style event be held in the Jubilee Hall.

8. PLAYING FIELD

An update on the position involving the pavilion in particular and the playing field in general was given by Coun. Grocock. Meetings continue to be held and progress was being made in the plans for improvements. The pavilion had been completely restored and had been transformed into a valuable asset that can be used by local residents and groups. Consideration was being given to new play equipment and there were plans to improve the

infrastructure on the playing field with repairs to fences, develop a netted cricket training area and obtaining new sports equipment.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Planning briefing notes, Chairman Gregg Redford.

Coun. Redford presented a report in which he reminded members that in forming opinions on planning applications only material planning issues can be put forward. He said parts of Whatton are in a Conservation Area and for planning applications in those areas there are special considerations in addition to the normal ones that have to be adhered to.

The chairman also commented on the Rushcliffe Borough Council Local Plan Part One and the Core Strategy and on Part Two of the Plan.

In regard to the way the parish council dealt with planning applications involving the parish, he said where it was not possible to meet the consultation deadline date set by the Borough, it was possible to call an extraordinary meeting with the normal rules applying in regard to notice period and agendas. He said in the event that an application is not discussed by the council at a formal meeting no comment can be made of the application, with this creating the impression of No Objection being the opinion of the council.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

19/01578/rem, land east 6 Orston Lane, approval of matters reserved under 17/02703/OUT for the appearance, layout and scale of the erection of 3 residential dwellings and associated vehicular access. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

19/000096/CONARE Mrs Stuart Oshiotse, fell Sweet Chestnut, Ash, Cypress and Cherry at 37 Conery Lane. Grant.

10. FOOTPATHS

There was nothing reported.

11. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment were approved as per the circulated list.

12. ENVIRONMENT.

Interactive speed signs: It was decided that the Clerk contact Elancity to establish if the inter-active speed signs (solar powered) were still available at a cost of circa £1,800. Additionally, the Clerk was asked to ascertain were advice could be obtained as to where to position the speed sign on the Old Grantham Road to best performance.

13. NEWSLETTER

Two instalments of copy had been received, from the chairman and Coun. Grocock. The clerk said more was needed.

14. VILLAGE FETE

The meeting agreed in principle to a Village Fete/Festival on May 8/9 and possibly 10. The Clerk confirmed that the Village Hall had been booked for the night of May 9th. Members were asked to consider the format and scope of the proposed event and bring forward suggestions at the next meeting in September.

15. QUEEN'S WOOD

Coun. Faulconbridge said plans were being formulated to create a volunteer group to help look after the Queens Wood area and to come forward with plans for its future. Some work would require professional help but other tasks could be tackled by volunteers.

16. CASUAL VACANCY There are now two vacancies and the clerk was to publicise them.

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 24 2019

VEDay 75, Village Green power, Christmas tree, and fencing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-10pm.