

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council
Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday October 22, 2019, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the
Vale at 7.15pm

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman) Georgia Elms Chris Grocock Jane Morris Julia Faulconbridge(A) Steve Ball

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Julia Falconbridge
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

The chairman brought forward agenda item 16 to this point.

CASUAL VACANCY The meeting was told that Mr Steve Ball had put his name forward for co-option. The clerk said he was on the voting list and was therefore eligible to be considered. The chairman proposed he be co-opted and Coun. Grocock seconded and the meeting unanimously supported the proposition. Coun. Ball signed the necessary papers and then took part in the meeting.

4. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
There were no members of the public present.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

Free salt offer by Nottingham County Council has been ordered, five 5k bags.
The clerk said the boundary fence adjacent to home of a local couple living on the edge of the playing field was still a problem and the residents were concerned at the delay.
The clerk said the quotation they had received for the work of replacing the current broken wire and fence was £3300. The council had confirmed it was willing to pay for half the cost of the project if Aslockton PC would agree to the other half. It was agreed to finalise the parish comments under a later item on the agenda.

6. REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
There were no reports.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Jenny Kirkwood of RCAN wrote looking for help in finding long term office space. The council said it was not in a position to offer help.

The latest edition of the new fortnightly Rushcliffe Borough Council Town and Parish update giving news from the area had been received.

RMS wrote in respect of parish plan details they could offer. The council took no action.

Rushcliffe Borough Council confirmed its action to introduce community infrastructure level (CIL) payments to parish councils, from property development taking place in the parish. NALC wrote on the same subject, pointing out that payment would be higher to parishes where a parish or neighbourhood plan was in place,

The clerk was asked to write to Elliott Mizen at Notts County Council , to point out that land at the rear of a requested site for a bus shelter at Beverleys Avenue was owned by the parish council.

8. PLAYING FIELD

The clerk presented comments he had obtained on Christmas trees for use on the Green. He said it might be possible to obtain a cut one of up to 15ft but it would need to be dug in the ground into a concrete pipe to make it safe. The Tree could cost £190 or more. The tallest living tree would be 7ft or 8ft. and would need a stand and wires. Best time for planting a tree is March.

Streetwise at Rushcliffe Borough Council could offer the entire service of erection and fixing of a cut tree, the next pipe fitting in the ground stand and lights or a growing tree, no more than 8ft. They would need to know all details to give a price and would be happy to do that. The clerk was asked to submit to them the necessary details for a quotation. The council unanimously agreed to meet an overall cost of up to £3000 for the necessary scheme for a 14ft tree, fitting and lights.

Streetwise could also undertake bulb planting and would source the required bulb if we asked them to do so. To give a tender they need detailed plans and requirements including what time of year this would be required.

The clerk was asked to submit a firm order for hire of the Bingham Toothill Band for a VE75 event in the Jubilee Hall on May 9 next year

Discussion took place on the proposals for a fence to be erected on the Dark Lane edge of the playing field. The council had agreed to meet half the cost of the work but as yet Aslockton parish council had deferred a final decision. The clerk was to write to the residents at The Bungalow to explain that the council were willing to proceed as soon as Aslockton gave their approval for payment of half the cost. A copy of the letter was to be sent to the Aslockton council.

Coun. Grocock updated the council on proposed work on the sports pavilion and this is planned to start in mid November. Plans were in hand for a fund raising event to be held in June. A grant application for £70,000 was being submitted to WREN.

The meeting gave a unanimous vote of thanks to Coun. Grocock and the playing field committee for the tremendous amount of work they had and were still undertaking.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning applications or decisions.

10. FOOTPATHS

The chairman said there were no matters that needed urgent attention. He would present a report to a future meeting.

11. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment were approved as per the circulated list

12. ENVIRONMENT Remembrance Day arrangements were discussed and the clerk was to submit a road closure request to Nottingham County Council. Coun. Grocock was arranging for the wreath. The clerk was to write to all the residents on Church Street and advise of the road closure which would only be for 15 minutes from 10-30am to allow for a parade from the Jubilee Hall to the church.

The clerk had obtained a new supply of the lamp post poppies.

13. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed the next edition would be early in 2020.

14. VILLAGE FETE / VE75DAY It was being suggested the theme of the planned Fete would be the 1960's. Meetings were to be held for both that event and the VE75Day as well and residents are invited to give their support to those meetings.

15. QUEEN'S WOOD --a report from Julia Falconbridge would be considered when she was at a meeting.

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 10 2019

VE75Day

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