

### Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday December 10, 2019, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7.15pm

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman)

Georgia Elms, Chris Grocock, Jane Morris, Julia Faulconbridge, Steve Ball (A)

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Steve Ball
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
4. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES  
Nothing was raised.
5. CLERK'S REPORT  
Bus shelter Beverleys Avenue. The land situation has been verified and the matter is now in the hands of Nottingham County Council as to if it goes ahead.  
The road closure for Remembrance Sunday was obtained.
6. REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
Both the visiting members said they were somewhat restricted because of the purdue that exists before an election. Coun. Mrs Stockwood said the Borough council's latest fortnightly newsletter was available. Coun. Purdue-Horan said the Notts County Council county highways officer Kendra Hourd had been moved to a new position out of highways.
7. CORRESPONDENCE  
Aslockton parish council were looking for a volunteer to be Station Adopter for Aslockton railway station, with the aim of being responsible for making it look welcoming and tidy. The chairman would display the notice on the parish website.  
Midlands Rural Housing. It was agreed to support a survey they wished to undertake to check out the needs of the village.  
Keep Britain Tidy advised of a Great British Spring Clean campaign they planned from March 20 to April 13 next year.  
NALC advised that the Section 137 payment arrangement for 2020-2021 will be £8 32p per elector, the clerk reminding members that this was the amount the council could spend on any item it wished other than on an individual, but that the money came out of usual council funds and was not in addition to it.
8. PLAYING FIELD  
Mr Paul Brown, on behalf of the Playing Fields management group, said a Risk Assessment had been undertaken in respect of the Public Liability aspect of their insurance. He confirmed that the Aslockton cricket club were responsible for payment of the insurance for the pavilion.  
Mr Brown advised that a Gala was planned on the playing field on June 23.  
Discussion took place on the situation concerning the replacement of a fence on the Dark Lane boundary of the playing field. Aslockton parish council, who were due to meet half the cost, had still not accepted the tender of £3300 that Whatton had obtained. The clerk was asked to write to them and point out the elderly couple who would benefit from the provision were extremely agitated at the continuing delay and had been advised that it was the neighbouring parish council who were holding things up. The council agreed the fence should be an item for the main agenda of the next meeting.  
Coun. Grocock said the very wet conditions of the playing field had caused a delay on work being carried out the playing field. It was hoped it would improve in January.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no applications

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

Fell dying Prunus at the Elmcote property. Grant

19/01565/FUL Tom Daws, land off Old Grantham Road. Erect single self build dwelling with associated parking and access. Refuse.

10. FOOTPATHS

The chairman reported that the footbridge on Footpath No 1 had collapsed. He had reported the matter to the County Council.

The continuing poor condition of the verges in the village was raised and concerns expressed. Fears were voiced that when a planned development of housing on Orston Lane was undertaken it was quite likely contractors vehicles would cause more damage.

11. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment were approved as per the circulated list

Budget / Precept 2020/2021. Members discussed a report presented by the clerk in which it was suggested the council would need a sum of £15,832 to meet everyday expenses in the coming 2020-2021 financial year. A sum of £1,000 had been included for expenditure to meet the proposed VE75Day events.

It was unanimously agreed by the meeting than the precept on Rushcliffe Borough Council for the coming financial year be in the sum of £15,832, compared to the figure for the current year of £15,815.

12. ENVIRONMENT

The chairman updated the meeting on the protracted situation concerning the provision of a Christmas tree and lights on the Green. He had held several site meetings with contractors and held many discussions with them. He was hopeful the completion of the work would be in time for the festive season and Eon were to be chased to finalise the provision of the necessary power supply.

Concerns were expressed of parking on Church Street adjacent to Whatton Grange and the continuing damage there to the verges.

The clerk was to ask Streetwise to contact Coun. Faulconbridge in respect of a need for tree coppicing work.

13. NEWSLETTER

An issue was planned for early 2020.

14. VILLAGE FETE / VE75DAY

Bingham Toot Hill band are not available for May weekend. Coun. Elms would attempt to find a replacement. The council would welcome support from parishioners in organising events to celebrate the milestone year of the WW2 victory over Germany

15. QUEEN'S WOOD

Coun. Faulconbridge reported on plans that were being put forward for the future development of the site and she would present it in due course to the council for its consideration..

It was suggested that residents living in the locality of the site should be invited to consider being part of the group looking to improve the area concerned.

16. CASUAL VACANCY

The council are still one membership short and would continue to advertise the casual vacancy.

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JANUARY 14 2020

VER Day, bulb planting, playing field fencing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-15pm.