

Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Wysall, on Tuesday January 8, 2008 at 8.00pm

Couns. Charlotte James (chairman)	Philip Harris (vice-chairman)
Tim Calnan (A)	Alison Avery
Mary Elston	Simon Stephens
Carolyn Birch	David Roberts (A)

Also present: The Clerk Mike Elliott

1] **Apologies** were received from Couns. Tim Calnan and David Roberts and the reasons accepted. Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Mrs Fiona Mason and Notts County Council member Coun. John Cottee also gave apologies.

2] **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on December 4, 2007** were approved and signed by the chairman as presented.

4] **Clerk's report**

The chairman said she had passed on a brochure on goalposts for the village hall playing field to Coun. Calnan with a request he would check with those he could obtain to see which were the best suited and best value.

The chairman had continued to investigate the situation concerning the allocation of houses in Little Lincoln in Wysall and was able to report to members it appeared there was a system in operation in which local residents were given consideration if a vacancy came available. She also pointed out that there had not been a change of tenancy at the properties during the last 11 years.

5] **Correspondence**

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in respect of their ongoing Parish Council Liaison project. The chairman, Coun. Mrs James, agreed to act as the local representative and the clerk was asked to advise the Borough Council of this and to say she would attend the proposed meeting to be arranged for March or April 2008. Rushcliffe Borough Council also asked for burial availability details in the village in regard to an emergency plan they were currently drawing. The clerk was to advise them the council did not have any such facilities but to advise them of the name of the parish church contact.

County Councillor John Cottee wrote in respect of the question of a car going off the road near Wembley Farm Hill travelling from Wysall to Keyworth. Coun. Cottee was to be asked to support the parish council in getting ice warning signs erected along that area of the road.

A letter was received from Mrs Jo Ling asking for details of the owner of the Church Farm Site, Thorpe in the Glebe. The clerk was asked to advise her it was understood Mr George Hickling of Kinoulton was the owner. A letter was received from The Royal British Legion saying that the result of the 2007 Poppy Appeal for Wysall had been £97.50. Rushcliffe Borough Council advised that the Council Tax Base for 2008/2009 would be 187.

Roger Edwards wrote in respect of youth work possibility in the parish and said he might be able to assist as a volunteer mini bus driver. The clerk said he had spoken to the Notts County Council youth service who had advised that while it might be possible to make a mini bus available from time to time it would have to be used by an organised group and not an ad-hoc group. Mr Edwards also wrote on the subject of greenhouse gases. It was felt it was unlikely the parish council could introduce a bye-law aimed at restricting the use of decorative lighting other than Christmastime. He was to be advised that the parish church was not illuminated, as he suggested, in an evening.

6] **Planning matters**

Planning Applications

There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

07/02068/FUL Mr and Mrs G E Shelton; Single storey side extension, alterations including new fireplace bow windows and removal of chimney; The Bungalow, Main Street, Wysall. Grant Permission

07/02346/FUL Mr and Mrs T W Avery; Demolish existing boundary wall and rebuild in different location; 4 Manor House Drive, Wysall. Grant Permission

7] Village Hall

The chairman reported that the application for grant aid in connection with the proposed scheme to improve the kitchen was now being completed and she hoped to have it ready for submission shortly.

Coun. Mrs Elston reported that she would be presenting £3,000 to council funds from the Village Hall account. It would be deposited in the National Savings account. She said fund raising events were continuing to be held as there was the continuing need to raise money for the kitchen improvement fund. A fashion show would be held on February 6, 2008 and a Quiz Night on March 8, 2008.

She said that the question of hire rates for use of the hall would be raised at the next meeting.

8] Environment

The question of minor flooding on Widmerpool Lane was raised and the problem of moles disturbing much of the grassed area at the back of the Village Hall. The latter matter was to be raised with Rushcliffe Borough Council

9] Web-site

Coun. Mrs Avery reported that the number of hits to the site continued to be good and this pointed to the site being acknowledged as a good one. It was agreed that the matter of the danger from icing of the road between the village and Keyworth should be highlighted on the site.

10] Finance

Payments were approved as per the circulated sheet.

Budget / Precept for 2008/2009

Members discussed a report presented by the clerk which indicated an expected expenditure of £8245 in the coming year. The anticipated opening balance would be £8500 not including an expected payment from the Village Hall fund. After discussion it was agreed to impose a 3 percent increase for the 12month period, therefore seeking a precept payment of £7,132 compared to the £6,925 for the current financial year.

It was also felt that a letter should be sent later in the year to the Children's Christmas Party organisers asking for details of their account rather than just making a set grant. It was also agreed to approach Coun. John Cottee to ask if he might be able to assist with any funding towards the cost of the goalposts to be purchased for erection on the Village Hall land.

11] Chairman's Matters

The date of the next meeting was arranged for February 5, 2008 at 8.00pm.

12] Agenda Items for Next meeting

No items for discussion were suggested.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.