

Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Wysall, on Tuesday July 1, 2008, at 7.45pm

Couns. Philip Harris (Chairman)
Simon Stephens (Vice-chairman) Alison Avery
Mary Elston Carolyn Birch
David Roberts Charlotte James

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

1] **Apologies** were received from Coun. John Cottee (Notts County Council) and Coun. Mrs Fiona Mason (Rushcliffe Borough Council).

2] **Declarations of Interest** There were none.

3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on June 3, 2008** were signed by the chairman as presented.

4] **Clerk's report** Nothing was raised.

5] **Parish Council Vacancy**

The clerk reported no one had asked Rushcliffe Borough Council for an election and therefore the parish council were at liberty to coopt if they wished. The chairman said he had approached Mrs Pearl Edge from the Plough Inn and she had expressed an interest. It was agreed an official approach be made by the chairman and that the clerk follow this up later with a letter.

6] **Correspondence**

Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parochial Church Council responded to the council request for an extra effort to be made in keeping their area tidy in respect of the village entry into the Best of Village Competition 2008. A letter from the Notts Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England advised that the village had been placed in the final four in their population category and that judging would take place between July 2nd and 25.

Bruton Knowles wrote in regard to the electricity supply to the village hall, confirming the go ahead for the wayleave for excavation work on the footpath at the side of the hall building.

Rushcliffe Borough Council gave details of their Small Environmental Improvement Schemes Programme 2008/2009 for Parish Planting and Landscaping Scheme and it was agreed to seek financial support for the provision of planters to go adjacent to the village name signs. The Borough Council also advised of their Small Environmental Improvement Schemes future rolling programme and it was agreed to seek provision of an information board to be erected in Thorpe in the Glebe to highlight the fact of its medieval village history.

7] **Planning matters**

Planning Applications There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions There were none.

8] **Village Hall**

Coun. Mrs James updated the council on progress for the new kitchen, saying that she was meeting the electrician later in the week. They were continuing to plan for installation of the new kitchen in August. Coun. Mrs. Elston and Coun. Mrs James would be going to view dishwashers the following week.

The clerk was asked to arrange for a cash transfer from the National Savings to the bank account in order payment of the cost of the kitchen could be met as and when required.

Coun. Mrs Elston reported a successful sports day and on the fact that although it had not been seen as a fund raiser it did in fact raise £70 for hall funds.

She also reported on forthcoming events including a cooking demonstration in September, the village Ventures show in October and a skittles evening in November.

Coun. Roberts reported that Mr Berridge has advised that 40 tiles had had to be replaced on the hall roof following an incident of vandalism.

The clerk was asked to organize with Rushcliffe Borough Council for the removal of a fridge that had been donated but which was not now working.

9] Environment

The chairman, Coun. Philip Harris, reported on a smashed stile on the land at the back of the village hall. The clerk was to report the problem to Notts County Council. Coun. Harris also said there was need to have bushes and overgrowth on land near the Bradmore Lane / Keyworth Road junction removed and the clerk was asked to write to Notts County Council on this.

The clerk was asked to obtain a price from Specialised Groundcare for cutting the grass on the land in front of the churchyard and also for clearing an area of nettles at the end of the church ground on Costock Road. Attempts were made by the clerk to find a firm able to undertake cleaning and varnishing of the five public benches in the village.

10] Church Clock

The chairman was asked to contact Mr John Tarrant again in respect of the church clock and to inform him that currently the parish council would not proceed with any major scheme to effect repairs or improvements to it because of its financial position. It was stated that the cost of the intended work would be over £500. The council said it would be willing to look at being involved in fundraising in the following financial year.

11] Web-site

Coun. Mrs. Alison Avery reported the number of visitors to the website continued to be high with a total of 524 in the last month. The work on paid-for advertising was progressing and a sample home page showing them was produced for the council.

Members did not favour a 'swap shop' site being set up.

The clerk was asked to write to the site designers, Vista360 Web Solutions, and thank them for their work in the first year.

12] Finance

It was agreed to authorise payment of accounts as per the schedule presented

13] Chairman's Matters

The next meeting was arranged for September 2 at 7.45pm.

14] Agenda Items for Next meeting

No items were put forward.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.