

**Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Wysall, on Tuesday March 4, 2008 at 8.00pm**

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

**Also present:** The Clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Coun. John Cottee and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Mrs Fiona Mason.

1] **Apologies** were received from Couns. Tim Calnan and Simon Stephens and the reasons given accepted.

2] **Declarations of Interest**

Coun. David Roberts declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 08/00376/FUL, and Coun. Mrs Carolyn Birch declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 08/00307/FUL.

3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on February 5, 2008** were approved and signed by the chairman as presented.

4] **Clerk's report**

The clerk said the new goalposts have been delivered to the home of the chairman Coun. Mrs Charlotte James. Coun. Stephens was not present so there was no comment on discussions with Mr Roger Edwards in respect of youth work.

The clerk said the resident living at Wembley Farm on Keyworth Road said sometimes accidents were as many as three a day in icy conditions.

5] **Correspondence**

Conquer Pest Control of Barton in Fabis had responded to the query by the council on the way to deal with moles under the village hall play area. The council agreed to ask them to initially attend on a oneoff basis to set traps at a price of £210.

County Coun. John Cottee had received a response from the Highways Department of Notts County Council in regard to the provision of ice warning signs on Keyworth Lane and said there were no injury recorded accidents there over the last three years and therefore they could not agree to erect any signs. Coun. Cottee confirmed his offer to assist towards the financing for the new goalposts.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents confirmed their availability to carry out an inspection of the village hall play area. The chairman said she would attend the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils training course on 'The Council as employer' at Epperstone on April 30, 2008.

A request from the Rushcliffe Barn Owl Project for funding was received. Coun. Mrs Carolyn Birch said she was happy to make a contribution herself as there was a nesting box on her property. The council thanked her for her offer.

A letter was received from Mr John Tarrant on behalf of the Parochial Church Council in respect of the church clock which was not currently working. He reminded the meeting it was the responsibility of the parish council to maintain the clock. Mr Tarrant had asked for a report on the condition of the clock from Smith of Derby. It was agreed to invite Mr Tarrant to attend the next meeting of the council so the matter could be discussed with him.

6] **Planning matters**

**Planning Applications**

08/00307/FUL Mr and Mrs J K Hibbit; Erect livestock building, retention of milking parlour/workshop; Land North of Brooklea Farm, Wymeswold Road, Thorpe in the Glebe. Coun. Mrs Birch declared a prejudicial interest in this item, made a statement to the effect she had no objection and left the meeting. The council had no objections.

08/00376/FUL Mr and Mrs Holmes; First floor extension over garage, proposed double garage with study/office over and linked to main house, single storey and first floor extension to rear with balcony; Gable Ends, Main Street, Wysall. Coun. David Roberts declared a prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting. The council had no objections but would comment on the need to ensure there were no overlooking windows on to adjacent properties.

**Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions**

There were none.

**7] Village Hall**

The chairman reported that the application for grant aid in connection with the proposed scheme to improve the kitchen, which had been submitted to the Awards for All Lottery Fund, had been successful and £10,000 had been awarded to the council. Creative Interiors, who had been chosen last year as the contractor for the work, were to advise if the price given then was still in order. They were arranging for a visit by the electricians. The work on installing the new kitchen could start in May 2008.

A Working Party was to be organised to assemble the new goalposts and erect them on the playing area behind the hall.

Coun. Roberts reported on some vandalism to the play equipment but said it had been repaired. He had also spent time picking up broken glass and litter from around the hall.

Mr Nick Berridge had offered to be a volunteer caretaker for the hall and its grounds. The council gratefully accepted the offer. It was agreed the clerk write to thank him and to advise him the council would be happy to meet costs of materials he used for any work necessary and in an emergency he could proceed to incur expenditure up to £100 following consultation with the chairman or the clerk. If amounts over that figure were involved the council would have to confirm the expenditure.

The chairman was to talk to a resident living near the hall in regard to the use of the council's green waste bin which was being filled by other than hall users.

**8] Environment**

The clerk gave details of a Rushcliffe Borough Council glass recycling event on April 10 2008. Coun. Mrs Birch said she would attend and it was hoped a second member might be able to be present as well.

Comment was made on the condition of the highway pavements in the vicinity of the village public house.

Coun. Mrs Alison Avery raised the question of whether or not the council should be looking to play a role in the national effort to lower greenhouse gases and if so, how. Members generally agreed the council should be involved and it was agreed that Coun. Mrs Avery prepares an item for the website and also the Three W's magazine. In December last year an email had been received by the council from a local resident, Mr Roger Edwards, suggesting action should be taken including asking local residents to turn off decorative lighting to their premises at times other than Christmas.

**9] Web-site**

It was reported there was still good interest in the site but that the number of hits in February had shown a reduction.

**10] Finance**

Payments were approved as per the circulated sheet.

**11] Chairman's Matters**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for April 1, 2008 at 7.45pm. The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on May 6 at 7.00pm followed by the Annual General Meeting of the parish council.

It was agreed the scheme to make an award for the volunteer of the year be continued and the clerk was asked to produce a leaflet for door to door distribution. The deadline for receipt of suggested names would be March 31 2008.

**12] Agenda Items for Next meeting**

The items of greenhouse gases and annual volunteer award were to be raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.