

Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Wysall, on Tuesday September 2, 2008, at 7.45pm

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

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and Councillor Mrs Fiona Mason (Rushcliffe Borough Council).

1] **Apologies** were received from Coun. Mrs Carolyn Birch and Coun. John Cottee (Notts County Council).

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

3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on July 1, 2008**, were signed by the chairman as presented.

4] **Clerk's report**

Coun. Mrs Pearl Edge signed the necessary paperwork to take up her position as co-opted member of the council. The clerk counter-signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

A letter has been sent to Mrs Jean Derrick on the death of her husband Mr Leslie Derrick.

5] **Parish Council Vacancy** The chairman officially welcomed Coun. Mrs Edge to the council.

6] **Correspondence**

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of a survey they were to undertake of the Generic Management Plan for Conservation Areas throughout the Borough. The paperwork was to be circulated. A request was received from The Sherwood Foresters Regiment seeking a donation towards a planned memorial to be provided to those who died in the First World War, and which would be erected in Belgium. The clerk said there was some concerns on whether a parish council had the right to make a grant and this was being investigated. The meeting agreed if it was lawful, to make a grant of £30.

Community Environmental Action Projects wrote in respect of a service they gave for a disabled survey of the parish facilities. It was agreed it was not necessary to undertake such a scheme. Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of their ward profiles update. Members were reminded of how to access the Borough Council website.

Rushcliffe Borough Council's Licensing Service would in the future advise parish councils of licensing applications in advance, previously they had not provided the service to other than those immediately affected. Nottinghamshire Campaign to Protect Rural England gave details of the Best Kept Village Competition 2008 results, saying Wysall had come joint third in their section.

Notts County Council responded to the parish council comments on the footpath No 2 broken stile. The chairman undertook to contact the adjacent owner to ascertain whose responsibility the stile was. Notts County Council gave details of its Building Better Communities scheme and it was agreed to put forward the need for repairs to the village clock as the parish council project. It was agreed to advertise the Notts CPRE's Valerie Gillespie Cup award scheme, initiated following the sudden death of Mrs Gillespie who had been the Notts Best Kept Village Competition organiser for many years.

Notts County Council's Registration Service Proposals for Modernisation were being circulated to members for comment. Coun. Stephens said he would attend the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting at Epperstone Village Hall on November 19.

7] **Planning matters**

Planning Applications There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

08/00045/FUL Mr M Hibbitt; Temporary agricultural workers dwelling (resubmission); Land North of Brooklea Farm, Wymeswold Road, Thorpe in the Glebe. Grant Permission. Coun. Mrs Mason explained to the meeting why she had voted in favour of the application.

8] **Village Hall**

Coun. Mrs Elston reported that the opening event to launch the new kitchen was to take place the following day in the form of a cookery demonstration. Most of the work of installation had been completed.

Other events arranged for fund raising included the Village Ventures theatre show in October, a cheese and wine event in November and the Christmas Fair in December.

Discussion had taken place at a Village Hall Committee meeting on a suggestion to hold a Spring Ball. The committee had felt the event would be too large a project for them and were suggesting the parish council consider being responsible for it. Coun. Mrs Avery would contact the person who had put the idea forward to investigate the matter further.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Couns. Mrs Elston and Mrs James for their efforts in connection with the new kitchen, with thanks being given by the council for all their work to bring the scheme to such a successful conclusion.

It was agreed that hire charges and terms and conditions be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The clerk was asked to obtain a copy of conditions applied by other village halls.

9] Environment

The damaged road sign at the junction of Keyworth Road and Bradmore Lane was discussed again. Both the clerk and Coun. Roberts had reported the incident to Notts County Council. It was assumed a vehicle had caused the damage to both the finger post direction sign and the road name sign. There was still no sign to announce the parish on the Bradmore Lane approach.

Comment was made on a possible noise nuisance from rock band rehearsals that were being held in a residential garage.

The cutting of the grass outside the parish church was discussed and the clerk was asked to check on the price that would be charged for the work.

10] Church Clock

The chairman reported he had spoken to Mr Tarrant and had explained that the council were currently unable to meet any large expenditure to deal with the necessary repairs to the clock, particularly because of the scheme to refurbish the village hall kitchen.

Mr Tarrant had confirmed the church were willing to meet the cost of installing a permanent platform in the bell tower so that working on the clock from inside the church was more acceptable than it was now. The question of the ladder to that area of the church would need to be looked at as well.

Coun. Harris said he understood from Mr Tarrant that Mr David Bryans had scaffolding for erection outside the church to enable the clock face to be reached. The council agreed to see if the scheme could be included in the Notts County Council's Building Better Communities project.

11] Website

Coun. Mrs Avery said the number of hits on the website had dropped during July and August compared with previous months but were still higher than for those two months last year. The scheme to include advertisements on the site was proceeding.

12] Finance Accounts for payment were accepted as per the schedule presented.

Total expenditure for meeting	£13,736.71	£764.79	£14,501.50
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£20,077.84	£1,349.64	£21,427.48

13] **Chairman's Matters** No matters were raised.

14] Agenda Items for Next meeting

No items for discussion at the next parish council meeting, to be held on October 7, 2008, were put forward.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.