

Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Wysall, Tuesday January 3, 2013, at 7.45pm

Couns. David Roberts (Chairman)
Simon Stephens (Vice-chairman) Helen Lewin (A)
Mary Elston Carolyn Birch (A)
Charlotte James David Grenz

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Mrs Fiona Mason.

- 1] **Apologies** were received from Coun. Mrs Helen Lewin.
- 2] **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
- 3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on December 4, 2012**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] **Clerk's report**
There was nothing to report.
- 5] **Play Area Equipment**
The chairman reported that the new play equipment erected at the rear of the village hall was now almost complete. There had been a few points raised with the contractors and the necessary work to deal with them was being put in hand.
The clerk was asked to ensure the new equipment was added to the insurance policy.
The chairman reported a letter received from the council insurers Came and Company and spoke on its advice that checks should be taken on the condition of all council owned property such as the play equipment, trees, footways, etc. The clerk was asked to check on how other local councils dealt with similar situations and to check on the date of the next training course for play equipment inspectors.
- 6] **Correspondence**
Notts County Council responded to the parish council comments on highways gully cleansing and said that was done on a rota system. It was always available to make return visits for particular drains. The clerk was asked to advise the County Council of a blocked drain on Widmerpool Road outside Rectory Cottage.
Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in regard to the new Council Tax Support Scheme and precepts and explained changes would be needed in how parish precepts were dealt with. The clerk said the Borough Council was currently deciding on details for the planned meeting with parish councillors.
Mrs Alison Avery wrote giving her resignation as a member of the council, saying that was due to heavy work commitments. The clerk was asked to write to thank her for her services. The meeting was told that Rushcliffe Borough Council had been advised of the vacancy and the necessary notice had been put on display. It was agreed the clerk place the notice on the website. Coun. Stephens offered to take on the shared duty with the chairman of looking at the content of the website.
- 7] **Planning matters**
Planning Applications
There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions
There were none.
- 8] **Village Hall**
Coun. Mrs Elston reported that classes were beginning to start again after the Christmas break but the flower arranging classes would not begin until towards the end of February.
The chairman reported on a new price from Peter James for a chain link fence now that the work did not include removal of trees. The new price was £500 and that was accepted by the council. The clerk was to write to inform him of the decision.
- 9] **Environment**
Coun. Grenz expressed concerns on the dangers that existed on the Wembley Farm corner on the road to Keyworth because of the type of surfacing that had been laid there. He suggested the need for 'Slow' signs to be painted on the road and the clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department of the County Council with a copy to Coun. John Cottee with a request for such signs to be painted.

The clerk was asked to write again to the Highways Department to point out the dangers that do exist caused by falling branches etc from the tree lined section of Bradmore Lane. A request was to be made for a thorough inspection to be made of the trees.

10] Finance including budget/precept for 2013

The meeting agreed to authorise payment of accounts as per the schedule presented.

The clerk explained the need for the council to accept a motion on the Power of Dispensation and it was agreed the council grant the Power of Dispensation to the clerk in order he could facilitate the power so members could discuss items concerning the setting of a Precept for 2013 / 2014. It also discussed the overall position in regard to that power.

The necessary dispensation was granted to allow members to discuss the budget and precept for 2013 / 2014 but no decision was taken on a report presented by the clerk, it being agreed a decision should be delayed until the Borough Council had finalized details of the new Council Tax Support scheme.

The chairman reported a letter from the clerk asking for consideration to be given to his contract in regard to hours worked and rate of pay. Members were to be given information on the current position by the chairman.

11] Chairman's Matters

Coun. Mrs Elston gave thanks to the council for flowers sent to her after her return home from hospital. The chairman welcomed her back and said members were delighted to have her at the meeting. The chairman was to progress a suggestion that a map be produced showing each individual property in the village with their names, aimed at assisting delivery personnel.

12] Agenda Items for Next meeting

The matter of the casual vacancy would be dealt with by discussion at the next council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23pm.