

Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Wysall, Tuesday March 5, 2013, at 7.45pm

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

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

- 1] **Apologies** were received from Coun. Stephens and the reason given accepted.
- 2] **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
- 3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on February 5, 2013**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] **Clerk's report**
A booking had been made for Peter James to attend a Playground Inspection Training event at Gunthorpe on March 18.
- 5] **Casual Vacancy – to consider nominations**
Vicki Plant was proposed by Coun. Roberts and seconded by Coun. Mrs Elston and unanimously approved as a member to fill the vacancy currently existing following the resignation of Mrs Alison Avery.
- 6] **Play Area Equipment**
Coun. Mrs Helen Lewin updated the council in regard to the new play equipment erected at the rear of the village hall and said Mr Ian Lewin had informed her that the final sum required from the council towards the overall cost of the project would be £3,966.10. Mr Lewin had said he was trying to progress two final items with Notts County Council, being extra turfing to speed up the recovery of the disturbed ground around the multi-play equipment and attention to the top bar on the climbing net which was not operating correctly. Mr had Lewin offered to help plant and look after them if shrubs were purchased to plant on land between the new path and the fence.
The clerk was asked to write to Coun. Mrs Fiona Mason to thank her for a donation of £250 from her fund as a Rushcliffe Borough Council member. He was also asked to order a waste bin from Rushcliffe Borough Council for siting at the rear of the village hall.
The question of installing a dummy security camera at the rear of the hall was discussed and it agreed to obtain prices for one. The question of an electrical supply to it was also raised. The council agreed to send thanks to the Notts County Council officer Mike Elliott who had been closely involved in the necessary work involving the establishment of the new play equipment scheme.
- 7] **Correspondence**
An invitation was received from the Nottinghamshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England for the Best Kept Village Competition 2013, and it was agreed to enter. Vista 360 Ltd provided the website figures for February showing 407 unique hits and a total of 648 overall hits. The question of charges for advertisements on the website was to be left in abeyance for the time being. The clerk was asked to write to Rushcliffe Borough Council to ask what its policy was in regard to using photographs of children on its website.
The Local Government Boundary Commission wrote to advise that Wysall would be in a new ward Bunny with Bradmore, Bunny, Thorpe in the Glebe, Costock and Rempstone. Rushcliffe Borough Council's CEO Allen Graham wrote in regard to the contact they had with parish councils and said they were intent on ensuring that was maintained and improved.
The Boundary Commission for England announced that the parliamentary review had now been postponed and would not take place until 2018. Coun. David Roberts raised the question of making use of a mole catcher following an outbreak of mole hills on the land at the rear of the village hall. After discussion it was agreed not to take any current action other than tidying up the actual mole hills which was preventing use of the football area.
Jane Baines of Notts County Council wrote in regard to the footpath diversion that had been put in place from Wysall to Costock and said that had been felt to be the best action they could take.
- 8] **Planning matters**
Planning Applications
There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

There were none.

9] Village Hall

Coun. Mrs Elston reported a profit of £294 from the Quiz Night. A cookery demonstration event was being organised for April 17.

The chairman appealed for someone to take over the organisation of the Village Ventures events held in the hall.

10] Neighbourhood Watch

A suggestion that an effort be made to reinstate a scheme for the village had been made by Mr Paul Noone of Upper Broughton, a member of the Executive Committee for NottsWatch, the Nottinghamshire Neighbourhood Watch umbrella organisation. His role was to enhance and enlarge the NHW movement throughout Rushcliffe and said he would be more than happy to help someone set it up and get it going. It was agreed the matter could be raised at the annual parish meeting and an item be placed on the council website.

11] Environment

The question of a horse being taken on to the Midshires footpath at Thorpe in the Glebe was raised. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Paul Atkinson of Woodside Farm to ask if he was aware of the situation and of the use of a permissive footpath that runs on his land. He was also to be thanked for putting the footpath in the very acceptable condition it was.

12] Finance

The council authorised payment of accounts as per the schedule presented.

13] Anonymous Mail / Emails, Council Policy

The council discussed the questions of acceptance of emails that did not give a postal address and agreed that in those circumstances the clerk should respond and ask for the additional information. If that was not forthcoming the email would not be dealt with. The council added that anonymous letters would be similarly disregarded.

14] Localism Act 2012 – Standing Orders

The clerk had attended a full day meeting at Anstey organised by the Leicestershire and Rutland ALC on the subject of the Code of Conduct, Members Interest, Dispensations and the new Standards Regime. The clerk said that the contents of the new Localism Act in his opinion necessitated a change to the council's existing Standing Orders. He was asked to put forward the suggested changes for members to discuss.

15] Chairman's Matters

The chairman said there had been comments about a problem of litter and vehicles parked on grass verges when a fish and chips van had visited the village.

16] Agenda Items for Next meeting

Members did not suggest further items for discussion at the next parish council meeting which would take place on April 2.