

Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Wysall, Tuesday August 6, 2013, at 7.30pm

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

Also present: Clerk Mike Elliott and Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Fiona Mason.

The chairman welcomed Mr Greg Hewitt, a member of the staff at Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN), to address members before the start of the meeting on the work of his organisation. He was thanked for an informative presentation and for the advice he gave on how they could help village community groups.

- 1] **Apologies** Couns. Sam Stephens and Charlotte James.
- 2] **Declarations of Interest** Couns. Vicki Plant and Carolyn Birch in relation to planning application 13/01039.
- 3] **Minutes from previous meeting on July 2, 2013**, were accepted as read and signed by the chairman.
- 4] **Clerk's report**
Rushcliffe Borough Council had provided a litter bin quote -- £136 to supply. 64p per visit to empty. The clerk was asked to source other prices. Notts County Council had acknowledged the request for speed checks on Widmerpool Road. The clerk was asked to attempt to progress the provision of the necessary equipment for this.
- 5] **Correspondence**
Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote to book the village hall for the European Parliamentary election May 22 2014.
Vista360 – advised the web site July hits total at a figure of 676 compared with 625 in June.
- 6] **Planning matters**
Rushcliffe Borough Council applications
13/01486/CON. Graham Bramley, Meadow View, Keyworth Road, Wysall. Demolition of bungalow (to be replaced with two storey dwelling) No objection
13/01485/FUL. . Graham Bramley, Meadow View, Keyworth Road, Wysall. Erection of new dwelling. No objection.
13/01242/FUL. Debbie Smith, Whitehouse, Wymeswold Road, Wysall. No objection.
Couns. Plant and Birch declared a prejudicial interest in the following application and left the meeting while it was discussed.
13/01039/FUL. Mr Mrs Hibbitt, Kingston Brook Farm, Wymeswold Road, Thorpe in the Glebe. Temporary (3 year) residential occupancy of a portakabin. Object.

The council was opposed to the original application in 2008 on the basis the site was not viable and therefore there was no reason for a dwelling and without additional information felt the same now. . The applicant had totally failed to convince the council of the need for the temporary dwelling. The introduction of cattle to the site in the suggested numbers is also of concern because it is felt there could be insufficient availability of grazing land. Already there have been problems of cattle escaping due to totally inadequate fencing of the site.

If the council are mindful of permitting this application the parish council ask the time limit be 1 year. The applicants have been operating on site without planning permission for almost two years and therefore any continuing use should be restricted to 1 year and after that the Brough should this time take the necessary enforcement action which has been lacking since the permission expired in 2011.

7] Village Hall

A discussion took place on the question of a possible alarm system for the building but no firm decision was taken. The chairman reported that there had been woodworm found in the wooden table usually kept in the hall. The unit had been removed. He asked for members to report any signs of the beetle being present elsewhere in the building.

Decorating village hall: The clerk said one quotation had been received from Neil Dudley and another was expected from Integrity Decorating. The council agreed the decoration work should not proceed until the proposed new lights and a dado rail had been installed.

The Thankful Villages event held the week previously had been successful and had resulted in press and television coverage. Around 30 motorcycles in all had been present and a plaque and a certificate had been presented to the council to mark the fact the village is one of 51 nationwide where everyone who went to the First World War in 1914 returned safely.

Peter James had begun his work to check the play equipment and has expressed comment that the rowing unit required to be made more secure. Coun. Mrs Lewin would raise the question with Proludic, the suppliers.

8] Environment including Best Kept Village competition

A letter from Notts CPRE advised the village of winning its section for a population of 300-700 in the 2013 competition. There would be a cash prize of £125 and a certificate for retaining. The wrought iron sign would be erected in September and kept for 12 months. It was agreed to stage a ceremony to mark the receipt of the sign and to invite the competition judges to that event. Mrs Harris would be asked if she wished for the planting of the councils memorial tree to her husband to be part of the events of the day. The meeting was told Mrs Harris supported the idea of the having a flowering cherry tree and having it planted at the rear of the village hall. A plaque would be placed by it.

9] Finance

a] Cheques for payment were approved as per the circulated list.

10] Chairman's Matters

The chairman reported that Sue Griffiths wished to resign from her post of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. The vacancy would be put on the website and an effort be made to re-establish the organisation.

Coun. Mrs Lewin offered to fix a woodren shelf in the disused telephone kiosk to allow books to be placed there for an exchange scheme.

11] Agenda Items for Next meeting – No items for discussion at the next parish council meeting were put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.