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**Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the grounds of Wysall Village Hall on Tuesday June 8 at 7.15pm**

Councillors: Simon Stephens (Chairman)

Carolyn Birch (chairman from agenda item 3), Vicki Plant, Mike Stanley, Lindsay Redfern,

Peter Wyles Gareth Cook (A), Liz Smith

The clerk Mike Elliott and Nottingham County Council member Coun. John Cottee, Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Reg Adair also in attendance along with three residents.

**1] Apologies** Coun. Gareth Cook

**2] Minutes from Previous Meetings held on April 6 and March 2, 2021** were accepted as presented after it was noted that Coun. Redfern had not been present at the May meeting, were approved and would be signed by the chairman when appropriate.

The chairman, Coun. Sam Stephens, submitted his resignation, both from the council and chairmanship, a decision he said he had thought long and hard about, He said time commitments to the parish council and time pressure on his business life were becoming untenable and no longer did he get the enjoyment he previously had from his council work. He said he felt in recent years there had been a lot more attention to process and detail which no doubt was a good thing and made the council more professional and accountable. But alongside that has been an increase in time commitment and effort on the resolution of issues. The chairman said this needed to be balanced against the fact they had a budget of only £15,000 a year and for the last 15 years that he had been a member, there had been no incidents of concern.

He said he owned and runs a group of companies that employ over 50 people spread across four counties and with the economy coming out of lockdown he needed to focus on the growth of those companies and the livelihoods of the 50 families they support.

A warm vote of thanks to the chairman for his work for the council was proposed by Coun Vicki Plant and was unanimously approved by the meeting.

**3] Declarations of Interest** There were none

The vice chairman Coun. Carolyn Birch took over the chairmanship for them meeting and proposed that **Item 9** on the agenda be brought forward to allow members of the public to take part. The meeting agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow public participation.

Prof. James spoke in regard to planning applications he had made to Rushcliffe Borough Council in connection with Rectory Farm involving demolishing part of 1.2m high boundary wall and rebuild, construct new dwelling, divert public footpath, widen existing access with part demolition of front boundary wall and convert outbuilding to dwelling. After discussion the council did not object to the applications before them, 21/01470, 21/01406 and 21/01405.

The council discussed with two residents their objection to application 21/01282/ful for the construction of a first floor extension and a single storey front extension to Willow Cottage on Wymeswold Road. The council were made aware of objections from other residents and after consideration agreed to make an objection on grounds that the proposals were not sympathetic to the style of the traditional cottage or in character with housing on that side of Wymeswold Road.

21/01204/ful. Steve Baggaley, 1 Laurel Close. Relevant demolition of part of front boundary wall to form pedestrian means of access on to Keyworth Road, erect timber gate and associated works.

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21/00890/Agricult, The Elms, Bradmore Road. Erect hay barn, permitted development.

21/00607/ful. Mr Mrs J Butterfield, Longcliffe Farm, Keyworth Road. Construct 2-storey front extension with balcony and solar panels. Grant.

20/0209453. Mrs CV Brennan, The Chestnuts, Costock Road. Erect detached dwelling with improved vehicular access. Refuse

20/03143 The Chestnuts, Costock Road, remove fencing adjacent to highway. Grant

20/02421, Elaine Hack, Scotland Hill Farm, Costock Road. erect 4-stable block and tack/storage room. Grant.

21/008921LBC

Mr Mrs Noble, 5 Manor House Drive. Single storey rear extension, windows and doors painted with microporous paint, remove ivy, repoint loose friable mortar using weak lime mortar. Grant

20/02421. Elaine Hack, Scotland Hill Farm, Costock Road. Erect stable block and store room Grant

**4] Clerks Report**

At the next meeting of the council a 30 minute session will be needed to sign account sheets, actual invoices and minutes accumulated over the 12 -plus months period since the start of the pandemic during which time it has not be possible to carry out the function.

Members will have seen the nice new red telephone kiosk alongside the village main street. Its not new of course but two local residents, Merv Cooper and Bob Litchfield have done a fantastic job in repainting the box. At the suggestion of Coun. Smith I have written to both the residents to thank them for their work. A new LED light has been fitted inside the phone kiosk.

**5] Report from the District and County Council Member**

Coun. Adair said he kept in touch with planning applications involving the village and was happy to forward comments from residents and the council on any matters.

He advised the council to write to the Borough in regard to a question raised by Coun. Birch on the matter of the Waste Licence at Kingston Brook Farm at Thorpe following concerns raised by the member on its operation.

Coun. Cottee said he had been very pleased at being returned to his seat on the County Council. He was not now so involved in highway matters but more on the side of communities. He would follow up the concerns over the site of development on Keyworth Road. The clerk was asked to forward copies of an email sent to him by Cllr Stanley involving seven photographs of the site.

**6] Finance**

Accounts to Pay were accepted as the circulated list and would be signed by members at an appropriate time.

**7] Correspondence**

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of an environment job opportunity with the authority.  
 CPRE Rewarding restoration which had been circulated was raised. Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in regard to plans to extend the Public Spaces Protection Order over dog control. The council supported the move.

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Rushcliffe Borough Council had responded again in respect of the housing development at the Woodyard site on Keyworth Road. Coun. Cottee was to take the matter up.

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, through Notts County Council, advised they wanted to hear views and experiences of consumers in regard to broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas. Coun. Stanley said he had been in close contact with Mr Callum Jones at Nottingham County Council and the clerk was asked to advise the officer they had already undertaken the tasks he was now seeking from all councils.

**8] Village Hall and Play Area and Equipment**

Three members, Cllrs Plant, Birch and Smith, had asked for the issue of the children’s play equipment at the rear of the village hall to be looked at again. The chairman would continue discission with the suppliers, Proludic, and ask for a site meeting. Doubt was raised on the question of a council insurance claim because of the time lapse since the equipment was installed. The matter was to placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**10] Environment including Gigabit report**

Coun. Stanley said there was nothing to report in regard to the Gigabit situation. Plans were to go ahead for moving the existing public seat at the rear of the village hall to adjacent to Wynn Lodge.

Concerns were expressed over the condition of a stretch of Costock Road where some surface recovering work had taken place, but where the ironwork there had not been raised to the new surface level. Pot holes, on Wymeswold Road were also a concern.

Coun. Smith said the new notice board adjacent to the corner of Widmerpool Road had been erected. There had been some minor concerns raised over its exact positioning, but the council confirmed it was sited as they wished.

**11] HM Queen 70th year Reign June 2022**

The clerk reported that he had received information from the Government press office and Buckingham Palace in regard to the 70th anniversary of the Queen’s reign in February next year and the decision to hold a four day national holiday break from June 2 to 6 when it was expected there would be numerous special events being held to mark the special event. The clerk was to contact the parish church and the village hall in order to align all three organisations with the celebrations.

12] Chairman’s Matter’s The clerk was asked to write to write to Mr Stephens to give him thanks of the whole council for what he had done, both as chairman for the past five years and a member for much longer.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.45pm.