

Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Wysall, on Tuesday November 4, 2008, at 7.45pm

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

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

1] **Apologies** were received from Couns. Stephens, Mrs Avery, Mrs Birch and Coun. Mrs Fiona Mason (Rushcliffe Borough Council).

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

3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on October 7, 2008** were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4] **Clerk's report**

The clerk reminded members that a decision needed to be taken on the kind of plants to be purchased as part of the successful application made to Rushcliffe Borough Council for their Parish Planting and Landscape Scheme 2008/2009. The council have been given £250 as part of the project. The clerk was to progress the effort to obtain prices for the actual planters although the council also considered the idea of planting floral areas at the entrances to the parish and to seek offers of help from parishioners to look after them.

5] **Parish Council Vacancy** There was no further matters to report.

6] **Correspondence**

Details were given of the First Annual Rushcliffe Borough Council Town and Parish Council Conference being held in February 2009 at Plumtree. The chairman and clerk were invited and Coun. Harris said he would decide if he could attend later. Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote to advise that they were now extending their provision of legal services to parish councils. E.on forwarded the village hall electricity contract review period notice. It was agreed to accept it.

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire gave notice of their Annual General Meeting on November 6 at the Civic Centre, West Bridgford. Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils sent the latest issue of their Countywise newsletter. Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils provided details of the new Freedom of Information Act- New Model Publication Scheme. The clerk was to study the information needed from the council.

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils advised of their training seminars on 'The Council as Employer' on November 11 at Jubilee Hall, Ollerton and 'Budget and Finance Training' on November 26 at Epperstone Village Hall but it was felt there was no overriding need to attend.

7] **Planning matters**

Planning Applications There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions There were none.

Proposed Works to Trees

08/00114/CONARE Mr Mustoe; Removal of crab apple; Tynelea. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order.

8] **Village Hall**

Coun. Mrs Elston reported that there were minor items to be settled in regard to the kitchen but nothing was seriously wrong. She spoke of forthcoming events being arranged and also mentioned the fact that the forthcoming skittles evening did not seem to be getting a lot of support.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Coun. Roberts for providing blinds in the kitchen.

The recent Village Ventures evening had been a good success and those attending had all expressed thanks for it being organised.

The Christmas Fair would be held on December 6 following the Cheese and Wine tasting evening on November 29.

Coun. Mrs James reported on the final expenditure figures for the kitchen development scheme, saying that a total of £22,105 had been spent – £12,290 for units, flooring and tiling. Electrical appliances had cost a further £5,275.

9] Environment

Coun. Mrs James reported on the Eco event organised by Nottinghamshire County Council, she had attended on behalf of the council, which had included issues on carbon footprint. It was agreed that the information she had obtained should be made available on the website.

The chairman reported an incident of vandalism to a house sign in the village but said the property owner had not reported the matter to the police. He also updated the council on the ownership of the boundary style at the rear of the village hall. It was agreed it could be removed.

The clerk was asked to progress the call for a village road sign on Bradmore Road.

10] Church Clock

The chairman reported that he had investigated the Heritage Lottery funding availability and thought there was a good chance of this being used to help fund the repair work needed for the church clock. He agreed to talk to the Heritage Lottery office to check on the position in relation to existing funding that had been given through the Awards for All project and to ask if the council were prohibited from seeking further help yet.

11] Website

During October there had been 495 unique visitors to the site generating 1217 hits. The numbers were slightly down on the September figures. The council did not wish to withdraw the 'service' items from the site that were there to advertise professional firms giving a service to the village.

12] Carbon Footprint No further comment was made.

13] Finance Members authorised the payment of accounts as per the schedule presented.

Total expenditure for meeting	£646.24	£85.81	£732.05
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£22,536.52	£1,632.48	£24,169.00

14] Chairman's Matters None were raised.

15] Agenda Items for Next meeting

No matters were put forward for the next meeting which would be held on December 2

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.