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**Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Wysall Village Hall on Tuesday October 7 at 7.15 pm**

Councillors: Carolyn Birch (Chairman)

Vicki Plant, Mike Stanley(A), Lindsay Redfern, Liz Smith, Richard French

The clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member John Cottee and 15 residents.

Before the commencement of the meeting agenda members were addressed by representatives of environmental planners the Pegasus group of Cirencester giving details of their plans to promote a solar farm within, in part, the village boundary. Guy Longley, executive director at Pegasus group accompanied by Nick Barber, Infraland Ltd, gave details of the proposals and presented members with consultation material.

Mr Longley said his company were involved with 60 schemes at present, but only one was in Rushcliffe.

The scheme involving land in Costock, Bunny and Wysall was planned for providing power to 50,000 homes.

They were applying for planning permission for 40 years use of the site, after which, unless another provider sought a continuation of the use, the land would revert lo agricultural use. Once the panels were in place it would be possible to use the area for livestock, such as sheep.

They were aware of the need to take traffic movements into account for the vehicles needed to service the site. Once operating it was expected there would be one visit a week to the site by an operative in a van. It was estimated the scheme would cost in the region of £24m and they were planning to have the application for permission for the scheme to go ahead into Rushcliffe this side of Christmas.

**Co-option for casual vacancies:** Item 15 was brought forward in order it could be dealt with. Local resident Richard French had put his name forward and members approved his co-option to membership. After signing the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and counter-signed by the clerk, he was welcomed to membership and thanked for his interest.

**1] Apologies** Cllr Mike Stanley

**2] Minutes from Previous Meeting held on September 7, 2021** were accepted as presented, approved and signed by the chairman after it was agreed the information on past history of the village hall land site had come from Mrs James and not as recorded and there were two and not three vacancies on the council.

**3] Declarations of Interest** Coun. Smith on planning item 21/02361ful

**4] Visiting speakers representing Pegasus to discuss their plans for the Highfields Solar Farm at Costock** had been dealt with at the start of the meeting.

**5] Clerks Report**

The question of Zoom meetings may come back on the agenda now Robert Jenrick, Minister for the Government department responsible for arrangements for it has been dismissed from the Cabinet. His successor is being asked by NALC to give new thought to their request for such meetings to be legal. Some councils continue to ignore the Government ruling and still hold Zoom meetings.

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

Coun. Cottee addressed the meeting of the subject of the damaged Disney house property on Costock Road and said he was in contact with the County Highways department on the matter

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of dangers on the bend on which the house stands. In the last financial year they had refreshed the Give Way markings at the junction of Main Street and Wymeswold Road to further highlight the bend, as well as refreshing the Slow markings either side of the bend, implemented carriageway markings on the bend, and installed reflective marker posts within the verge next to Disney House and also outside Youngs Forge.

Owner of the property, Mr Peter Webster of Wymeswold Road told the meeting there had been three similar incidents of damage to his property in the last seven years during which time he had to meet repair costs of £200,000 for the damage He was certain he would experience problems in insuring the property.

The chairman said they would await the police report and the updated one from Notts County Council before making any comment. The clerk was asked to arrange delivery of some flowers for the property occupant, Mrs Brailsford and to instigate a chairman’s fund with a start figure of £50.

**7] Finance Accounts to Pay** were approved as circulated

The meeting agreed that the balance of the Covid-19 books that had been produced in the village could be handed to the village hall social committee.

**8] Correspondence**

The council were advised of a halloween party being organised but felt it could not at the present time support the project financially. It would continue to support the Christmas party, feeling that was more appropriate. Local resident Mrs Lorraine Lewise expressed concerns over two trees in the village hall groups there were very near to her property. The council agreed to seek a professional opinion and did agree the fir tree did need to be removed.

Insp Rob Lawton, new officer in charge of Rushcliffe police division had met the clerk and has said if there were points of concern in the village he would be happy to hear of them.

The clerk was asked to forward an email from Live and Local offering attendance at an on-line presentation to Coun. Smith.

**9] Village Hall**

Coun. Smith said she would look to check the system needed to take a reading for the electric use following the decision of Coun. Cooke not to continue membership. It was planned for a member to take a reading at the monthly meeting and pass it on to the clerk to report it to BULB.

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

The Lease the parish council and the National Playing Fields Association completed on January 28, 1987 shows the site is to be used solely as a Children’s playground/recreational playing field. On behalf of the parish council the lease was signed by Cynthia Onions (chairman) and Mrs K M Kettle (Clerk).

Minutes of the Playground committee meeting held on September 30 were presented. It was agreed to order three picnic tables – one square one and two round ones—and Coun. Plant would pass on details to the clerk to progress.

**11] Planning**

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions 21/01707/LBC Prof and Mrs James, Rectory Farm, Widmerpool Road. Install new fence and gates. Grant Listed Building Consent.

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21/02361/ful. Mark Ford, Wyn Lodge, Main Street.

Access changes including drop kerb to front, new drop kerb stones, replacing existing driveway, remove section of boundary wall, install blocked paved areas to front. Object. Impact on other buildings, In the conservation area. The existing property is already extensive.

21/02445/LBC.Rectory Farm, Widmerpool Road, External alterations to outbuilding including access, doors, fenestration, roof, addition of roof lights and internal alterations to include internal walls and loft access to form dwelling; alterations to boundary wall includes part demolition and rebuild re-using original stone. No objection.

21/02368/ful. The Elms Bradmore Road Wysall Demolish single storey utility area; erect two storey extension, and porch. No objection

**12] Environment** The council would await comments from the police and the County Highways before deciding on future action in respect of the crash at Disney Cottage.

The clerk was asked to write to Mrs E. Thompson of Main Street, Wysall, to thank her for her ongoing work in keeping the planters outside the church looking so splendid.

**13] Website** The website was running well and nothing undue to report.

**14] HM Queen 70th year Reign June 2022.**

Coun. Smith expanded on the suggestion to organise a working session for youngsters to produce a number of bird boxes to be displayed in various parts of the village, the exercise being part of a project to involving youngsters in an active way to be part of the actions aimed at marking the platinum Jubilee in June next year for which the Government have decreed a four-day national holiday on June 2, 3, 4 and 5..

**15] Casual Vacancies**

Catherine Heather, seeking nomination but was not at the meeting and therefore no action was taken.

**16] Matters for report**

The meeting agreed to forward the name of Avril Daniels of The Orchards, Widmerpool Road, to Rushcliffe Borough Council for consideration of the Best Volunteer Award 2021 organised by the Borough. The council wish to acknowledge the volunteering work she undertakes in support of the food bank at Clifton, by twice a week collecting food gifts throughout Wysall to take there.

**17] Next meeting date: November 2, 2021 at 7.00pm.**

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