

Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Wysall, on Tuesday March 3, 2009, at 7.45pm

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

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

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

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

3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on January 6, 2009** were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman.

4] **Clerk's report**

The clerk said he had obtained the necessary paperwork for Couns. Stephens and Roberts to sign as signatories to the Wysall Poor's Charity. It was confirmed there would be a village litter pick on June 6 in connection with the national Campaign to Protect Rural England drive under the title 'Stop the Drop'.

5] **Correspondence**

Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group gave details of their annual meeting for April 21. Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire gave details of a Funding and More 2009 seminar being held on March 18 at the Civic Centre.

Rushcliffe Borough Council sought details from the council in relation to the Parish Planting and Landscape Scheme 2008/2009. Coun. Stephens said he would source the necessary planter unit. Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils gave details of training for councillors and clerks event at Thurgarton on March 24 to which the clerk said he would be attending.

Specialised Groundcare provided a grass cutting quotation for 2009/2010 and said there would be no increase from the current year and this was accepted. The clerk reported that payment had been received from HM Revenue and Customs for a repayment of VAT for the work on the provision of a new kitchen for the village hall.

Nottinghamshire County Council wrote in respect of the 'Welcome to Wysall' sign on Bradmore Road and while they agreed there was a need they could not fund such signs currently. The parish council could fund the installation if they wished with the cost being around £1,000 for two of the smaller signs and £1,200 for two of the larger ones. The clerk was asked to write back to say previous signs had been provided by the County Council and the parish council felt that one should be as well.

The latest issue of the NAVACH newsletter was received along with the Best Run Village Hall Competition 2009 and training needs survey details. Coun. Mrs Elston said she had entered Wysall Village Hall in the competition. RoSPA were to be given the go ahead for their annual inspection of play area equipment.

6] **Planning matters**

Planning Applications

09/00060/TPO Mr Tim Avery; Removal of branches overhanging boundary; Wynhaven, Widmerpool Road. No objection

09/00063/FUL Mr Michael Edge; Single storey side and rear extension to form enlarged restaurant area; Plough Inn, Keyworth Road. No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

There were none.

A letter has been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council on the subject of planning application 08/01978/COU for Homecroft on Wymeswold Road, Thorpe in the Glebe, regarding unauthorised business use and said it had been found that while the permission had been for domestic extensions there was in fact a business use and the applicants had consequently sought permission retrospectively to be able to carry on the business use.

7] **Village Hall**

Comment was made on the need for better instructions to be available in respect of the use of the dishwasher in the hall kitchen and it was suggested a clear notice should be displayed advising the unit needed turning on 30 minutes before use.

Members discussed a recent incident involving six youths who had caused damage to the hall and frightened the local Guide leader who had been in the hall at the time with a class of young girls. The police were called and were visiting the parents of those who caused the damage.

8] Environment

Coun. Stephens reported on a green campaign that had been discussed at the Rushcliffe Borough Council Parish and Town Councils Conference he had attended the previous week. The clerk was asked to check on what information was available and if it was available that should be put on the website. There had been an increase in the number of dog fouling incidents and it was agreed this matter also be highlighted on the website.

9] Church Clock

The chairman reported that Coun. Stephens had worked hard to complete the funding submission made to the Heritage Lottery and he was now awaiting the result of their quest for funding.

10] Website

A report presented by Coun. Roberts on behalf of the site operators showed that the number of visitors to the site in January and February was down on recent months but higher than for the same period in 2008. There was a need for additional input of information to ensure the site remained interesting. It was agreed there should be some changes made on an item on the parish church clock and to omit the word appeal in regard to the comments on funding for the project.

A suggestion the cost of advertising on the site should be reduced was not taken up.

The clerk was asked to write to the secretary of the Parochial Church Council to say it was hoped they would put more church news on the site.

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

12] Chairman's Matters

Coun. Stephens reported in detail on the Rushcliffe Borough Council Parish and Town Councils Conference he had attended and said the topics were all interesting and it had been a very interesting day.

Some comments were made in regard to the slow speed of connection to the broadband system in the village. It was agreed to make available an on-line petition form on the council's website to enable residents to easily make their concerns known.

The clerk was asked to further investigate the development at Gables End in the village.

13] Agenda Items for Next meeting

No items for discussion at the next parish council meeting were put forward.

14] Clerk's salary

The clerk left the meeting while members discussed the position of his salary.

A discussion took place on the clerk's salary and members agreed that the payment for the current financial year from April 1, 2008, should be at the Spinal Column Rate of 18 under the national agreement.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.