# Minutes of the Meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Wednesday June 30, 2021, at 6.30pm, at Keyworth Rugby Club, Widmerpool

Couns. Christopher Daynes (chairman),

Ray Belton, Anita Gotts, Geoff Brooks, Jenny Daynes
Kevin Price, Simon Telfer-Smith

Also present clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Andy Edyvean (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and three members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

 Coun. Belton.

1. Declarations of Interest

 There were none.

1. Minutes from previous meeting May 4, 2021

 Accepted as presented, approved and would be signed by the chairman when appropriate.

1. Clerk’s Report

 This was the first face to face meeting for the council for over a year, currently not being allowed by the Government to hold zoom meetings and forcing us into holding them as we are tonight. The National Association of Local Councils are continuing to push the government to change its stance on zoom meetings, and to allow them to be held.

 At the next meeting the clerk said he intended to present figures and the account payment sheets and the minutes from the last year for signing. They had been advised by the Authorities not to carry out this function as a precaution early in the pandemic because of a suggestion paperwork might carry the virus.

1. Report from the District member

 Coun. Edyvean said the Borough council were continuing with its duties but there was not a lot to report. Meetings of the council were being held face to face although some of its work was still being carried out on the zoom system.

1. Correspondence

 Rushcliffe Borough Council advised they proposed to introduce an extended Public Spaces Protection Order 2021 which would give them additional powers to deal with problems related to dogs. There would be new powers to take action against the dog owners if their animals deposited faeces which was not picked up. It would be an offence if the animal owner did not have appropriate means to pick up any dirt left by their dog. The new Order would also make it possible for restrictions to be imposed such as designated areas where dogs were not allowed or where they had to be kept on a lead.

 The clerk said they had received information on Her Majesty’s the Queen’s forthcoming Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 when it was expected there would be many celebrations to mark her 70th year reign, making her the longest reigning monarch in the world. There would be the availability to purchase special china drinking mugs bearing the name of the council, for distribution as required in the parish. Orders to the manufacturers were already known to be high.

1. Planning

 Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

 21/01625/ful. Mr and Mrs Cavell, proposed extension to existing pool house to create orangery for the growing of citrus trees. No objection

 21/01772/ful Mr and Mrs Horne, 27 Widmerpool Park, Keyworth Road, Convert existing store to home office. No objection

 21/01679/ful. Mr Mrs Buxton, 6 Widmerpool |Park, single storey side and rear extensions, revised rear dormer, timber car port. No objection

 21/01275/ful. Matthew Richards, The Old Barn, Old Hall Drive. Single storey front extension with associated landscaping works including new brick retaining wall and steps. No objection.

 Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

 20/03054/ful Steve Bell, The Corner House, Main Street. Construct temporary structure comprising car port with cycle and refuse stores and an electric car charging point. Grant.

1. Environment

 The meeting discussed a possible need to undertake grass cutting work on land fronting Chestnut Cottage. It was agreed the council would not ask their contractor to carry out the work following a gesture from a resident to say he would.

1. Affordable Housing

 Members had been given a copy of the intended survey on housing needs being carried out on behalf of Rushcliffe Borough Council by Midlands Rural Housing for comments. Two neighbouring councils, Wysall and Willoughby, had given their approval for a three-way scheme including Widmerpool.

 The housing association will report back to Rushcliffe on the results of the survey and the Borough would then decide on whether or not a scheme for affordable housing was required. Such development would be similar to that provided in many villages in the borough, and would be of a standard similar to other properties in the parish. If a scheme was required the borough council would look to give permission on an exception site that might not normally be given permission and so obtain the land at a lower price than normal building land, thus enabling the properties being built to be provided at a price less than the normal price for the parish.

 The properties can only be occupied by people who have a connection to the parish concerned.

 There had been such a housing survey in the village in 2016 in which 22 responses were received. Of the responses, 41 per cent said they did think there was a call for more houses. Of the others, the reasons for new housing including residents asking for homes for young people and small family homes. Ten per cent of the respondents said they were aware of or actually involved in others who had to leave the parish over a 5 year period because they could not afford to purchase at the asking prices.

 The clerk said the parish council had received requests from two residents who had written in support of affordable housing being provided.

 The clerk was asked to seek information on the meaning of the use of the phrase ’local’ in the survey, asking if that referred purely to the three parishes involved in the survey, if Data Protection restrictions are involved and how the result of the survey would be presented and made available. The council were not opposed to the survey proceeding. Any suggested project would need planning permission from the borough on which the parish would have the opportunity to comment.

1. Financial

 Accounts to pay were approved as circulated

 **Public participation**

 Questions were raised by the public on the problems concerning the Fairham Brook, on flooding and on drainage, and all were to be agenda items at the next meeting.

 The clerk was asked to seek work by Notts County Council to have work carried out to reduce highway verge growth removed at the Old Hall Drive junction to ensure visibility for drivers was not impeded.

 The question of use of the facility of the land at the Bee Hive was raised with a comment that the owner did not intend to allow use of the area after this year and a proposal for a local oak wooden memorial to be used on a grave in preference to a normal stone one.

1. Date for Next Meeting was confirmed as Monday August 2 2021

 There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.