# Minutes of the Meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Tuesday March 29, 2021, at 6.30pm, by the Zoom system.

Couns. Christopher Daynes (chairman),

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

 There were none.

1. Declarations of Interest

 There were none.

1. Minutes from previous meeting January 26, 2021

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

1. Co-option two new members

 The clerk reported that two residents Mr Kevin Price and Mr Simon Telfer-Smith had indicated they would agree to being co-opted on to the council. The clerk gave information on the two nominees and following a proposal by Coun. Ray Belton seconded by Coun. Geoff Brooks the two new members were co-opted.

1. Clerk’s Report

 There is confusion about the future in respect of whether meetings by Zoom can continue after May 6, with the Government currently saying they cannot. But their decision has been hotly disputed and could yet be reversed. Herefordshire County Council is taking the Government to court to get a ruling on an extension of the Zoom date, to at least September.

 All councils have to hold their annual meeting in May and many are having them before May 6 in case the Zoom situation does not change. The clerk said he had to get 12 meetings in and was doing that with six on Saturday May 1 and six on Tuesday May 4. The Widmerpool one will be at 6pm on the Saturday. and with only two items that statutorily have to be on the agenda apart from minutes of the previous meeting --elect chairman for the next 12 months and accept the accounts – the zoom line booking will be for only 25 minutes after which the meeting will automatically end, giving just five minutes to start the next one, and so on through the evening until 9pm.

1. Report from the District and County Council member

 Coun. Edyvean updated the council on various topics including the Notts County Council elections on May 6, meetings on Zoom and the Notts County Council Strategic plan.

1. Correspondence

 Ruth Edwards Rushcliffe MP wrote advising of her support for the J9 event which aims to create ‘Safe Spaces’ across the Borough to recognise domestic abuse. It was agreed to show the MP’s letter on the council web site. Keep Britain Tidy advised of their One Million Mile Mission aimed at staging a major clear up of litter UK wide. The council felt that it would not particularly organise an event but would hope residents continue their existing effort in picking litter as they saw it. The clerk was asked to make available litter snatchers.

 Notts County Council advised of the latest position in respect the Minerals Local Plan which they said had now been out for its final consultation.

1. Planning

 **Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications**

 21/00199/FUL. Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd, Temporary construction of prototype footbridge and supporting platforms, Melton (Access point D) Rail Innovation and Development Centre Station Road, just off the Melton Road (A606) and Junction with the A46 Widmerpool. No objection.

 21/00830/NMA, Non material amendment to planning permission 20/00168/FUL to allow change in materials, 15 Widmerpool Park Keyworth Road. Enclose existing open porch with timber window and door. No objection

 21/00641/LBC Gardeners Cottage Old Hall Drive Enclose existing open porch with timber window and door. No objection

 **Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions**

 There were none.

1. Environment

 Flooding: The matter was still being looked at by Notts County Council. There had been a continuance of problems but not as serious as earlier in the year.

 Public session. It was agreed the council introduce a 15-minute public open session at the start of each meeting in attempt to increase interest on the activities of the council.

 Web site. The clerk said he would be happy to receive more photographs for use on the site, especially if anyone had pictures of events held in the past.

 Concerns were expressed in regard to the ongoing situation regarding the development carried out in front of Wysall View, with sympathy expressed on the overlooking of this property caused by the development by Mr and Mrs M R Cavell, The Old Rectory, Church Lane by the erection of field stables and tractor store, under planning application 16/01679.

1. Affordable Housing

 Members of the council had been provided with the suggested questionnaire to be sent out to the residents in Widmerpool, Wysall and Willoughby. Members were asked to study them so they could be discussed in detail when appropriate

1. Financial

 Accounts to pay were approved as circulated

1. Date for Next Meeting was confirmed as April 20 2021

 This will include the parish meeting and will be held on Zoom.