

WIDMERPOOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at The Rugby Club Pavilion, on Tuesday November 8, 2016, at 7.30pm

Couns. Tony Mason (Chairman)
Jason Holland Ray Belton
Clare Bhabra Anita Gotts
Mollie Broadberry Rachel Hoult

Also present: Clerk Mike Elliott, and Rushcliffe Borough Council members Coun. Andy Edyvean and Rob Inglis and two members of the public.

- 1] APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN
Coun. Tony Mason was appointed
The council unanimously recorded a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman Cllr Mollie Broadberry, giving thanks to her for sterling work during her term of office.
- 2] APOLOGIES There were none.
- 3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 4] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2016, were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman.
- 5] PUBLIC PARTICIPATION,
Reference was made to the Housing Survey that had been carried out by Miles King of Midlands Rural Housing and which had been commissioned by a client to check on housing needs in Widmerpool with a view to carrying out some development. Comment was made on what was felt to be a low return of the survey forms which sought new dwellings.
A suggestion was made that the village needed an input of younger people to arrest the feeling it was 'dead' and the question of an affordable housing development was discussed. The parish council had previously supported such a development.
- 6] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
The event on October 9 for Rio Paralympics gold medal winner Sophie Hahn was a big success and around 100 people attended the event in the Rugby Club pavilion.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE
Notts ALC gave notice of its annual meeting on November 16 at Epperstone. The clerk said he would be attending.
Notts County Council VIA East Midlands advised of details of the road works currently in progress between the village and Willoughby. They would continue in phases until January and were being undertaken to allow the laying of a cable for the purposes of connection of the Widmerpool Biomass Plant Grid to Western Power Distribution apparatus.
The clerk reported on an offer by the Government through NALC of an offer to assist smaller councils with a turnover of less than £25,000 with funding to assist them to meet the additional requirements to allow for the fact there would be no external audit necessity from 2017-18 onwards. The clerk was asked to progress the matter to his best advantage after discussion with the other councils of which he was clerk. Finance would be available it was suggested for purchase of laptops. Under the new legislation the council will need to enter all items of expenditure about £100 on a website, the end of year accounts, the annual governance statement, the internal audit report, the list of councillor or

member responsibilities, the details of public land and building assets and minutes, agendas and meeting papers of formal meetings.

8] PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

16/02545/ful. Jayne Martine Hoard, land north west of Willoughby Road. Proposal to form 3 new dwellings. Object. The council felt the vehicular access would increase dangers on the road and would result in a loss of important open countryside land which was unacceptable.

16/02656, Steve Whiteley, 21 Widmerpool Road. Conversion of existing of space and installation of Velux roof lights to form habitable loft. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

16/02128 David Jeyes, Meadowbank, Main Street. Vehicular access. Grant

9] FINANCE

A] CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list.

10] ENVIRONMENT

Coun. Belton commented on the poor condition of the village brook, saying the water course in parts was heavily contaminated with rubbish and the weirs were in a poor condition. He also asked again for hedges on Main Street to be cut back. Coun. Bhabra would advise the property owner in question.

11] WEBSITE

The clerk said the website was operating well. It was agreed that more publicity was required for it to ensure everyone in the village knew of its existence. Notice would be erected on the village notice boards.

12] WIDMERPOOL TRUST FUND

The clerk reported receipt of a cheque in the sum of £2600 from the Trust Fund which was being wound up. Half of its balance was given to the parish council and half to the parish church. Thanks were offered to Mr Geoff Brooks, one of the two trustees, who was present at the meeting. The council would consider in due course how to make use of the money.

13] MEMBERS MATTERS, NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

Comment was made on the fact it appeared there were no poppy sales taking place in the village for the annual Remembrance Day appeal.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JANUARY 4 2017

None were put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.