

WIDMERPOOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at The Rugby Club Pavilion, on Wednesday January 4, 2017, at 7.30pm

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

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

- 1] APOLOGIES Couns. Clare Bhabra and Rachel Holt and the reasons accepted.
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Gotts in respect of planning application 16/03074/ful.
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8 2016, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] PUBLIC PARTICIPATION,
Nothing was raised.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
The clerk attended the annual meeting of NALC at Epperstone. There had been nothing of major importance to Widmerpool although there was discussion on the new auditing system which will affect the parish.
The clerk would be attending a meeting of NALC officers from London being held at Southwell later this month in regard to Government funding in connection with the auditing / advertising arrangements and will report back.
Website notices have been put on the boards.
- 6] CORRESPONDENCE
Rushcliffe Borough Council were currently carrying out a playing fields survey but the questions they were placing to the parish council did not directly affect the parish. The council did feel happy with the recreational facilities provided within the borough itself.
Bruno Peek, Queen's Master of Arms Pageant Officer, was seeking comment on parishes organising events on November 11, 2018 to mark the centenary of the ending of the First World War, with bonfires or beacons. The first 1000 to be registered will be entered into a souvenir book which will be presented to The Queen. So far 334 entered in four weeks. The council agreed it would take part and would look to organise a bonfire event.
- 7] PLANNING MATTERS
Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications
16/02545/ful. Jayne Martine Hoare, Land north-west of Willoughby Road, proposal to form 3 new bungalow dwellings. Object. The council are concerned the vehicle access will increase traffic dangers that exist already. The development would result in the loss of valuable open land which the council feels is unacceptable.

16/02831/VAR. Peter Ellis, Railway Test Track, Station Road, Upper Broughton, Variations of condition 3 on planning permission 08/01324/ful relating to mitigation measures for badgers. Do not object

16/03074/ful. Mr Mrs M R Cavell, The Old Rectory, Church Lane. Construct indoor swimming pool (detached) on tennis court. Do not object.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

16/02656/ful. Steve Whiteley 21 Widmerpool Park, Keyworth Road. Conversion of existing roof space and installation of Velux roof lights to form habitable loft. Permit.

16/01679/ful. Mr Mrs M R Cavell, The Old Rectory, Church Lane. Erection of field stables and tractor store. Permit

8] FINANCE

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

B] BUDGET 2017-8

The council considered a budget report prepared by the clerk in which he had outlined the suggested income and expenditure likely for the coming 2017-18 year. After consideration of the figures presented the council agreed to seek a precept of £5,400 for the coming year, compared to the figure for the current year of £4,090. The clerk said it was expected the Band D property figure would be £31 87p, compared to the figure of £24 14p for the current year.

9] ENVIRONMENT

The clerk was to organise a visit from a local contractor to look at work needed on the village notice boards and the public seat on the Green. The reflector sign on the bridge near to Hall Drive needed repairing.

A discussion took place in regard to recent break-ins at properties in the village and the need for action to make sure residents were aware of the need to keep their properties secure. Borough councillor Inglis was to provide a list of actions resident could undertake and these would be the base for a leaflet to be sent round door to door. A suggestion was made that signs saying 'You are being watched' be purchased and erected at various points in the village. The clerk was to seek the supply of them. Members considered the question of the weirs on the village brook having been damaged and the need for the water course to be cleaned out because of the amount of rubble in it. Coun. Holland was to talk to two residents who it was felt needed to organise clearing work from the water course alongside their property.

10] WEBSITE

The clerk said it had been pointed out to him that councillor contact details were not shown on the website. It was agreed email addresses should be shown. The clerk was asked to check on a scheme to instigate a web site hosting system involving ways to contact members.

11] WIDMERPOOL TRUST FUND

Members were reminded the council had been given £2600 from the now wound-up village Trust Fund and were asked to look to come up with possible schemes to provide the village with something of note.

12] MEMBERS MATTERS, NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

Nothing was put forward.

13] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MARCH 1 2017

Items to be included were the questions of emails/web hosting, and question of the condition of the brook.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.