

WIDMERPOOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at The Rugby Club Pavilion on Wednesday January 31, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Couns. Tony Mason (Chairman)
Ray Belton Anita Gotts Mollie Broadberry
Richard Brooks Michelle Broutta Mark Somerfield

Also present: Clerk Mike Elliott, and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Rob Inglis, Notts County Council member John Cottee and one member of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Coun. Anita Gotts on planning.
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2017, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] CASUAL VACANCIES
The chairman confirmed that the three vacant seats has now been filled with the new members being Coun. Richard Brooks, Michelle Broutta, Mark Somerfield.
- 5] PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, LIMITED TO 20 MINUTES.
Nothing was raised.
- 6] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
The new Electoral register for the village shows 280 names on it, compared to the 288 at this same time last year.
Nick Clarke, Notts County Council, was to be asked again to contact Coun. Belton regarding the water course A date of April 14 was agreed for the litter pick asked for by Keep Britain Tidy. Coun. Broadberry would organise refreshments for those taking part once the work had been completed. Everyone would be asked to start from the Rugby Club at 9:30am.
The clerk said currently there are discussions ongoing with NALC and the Clerk's Society regarding the need for the council to appoint a Data Protection Officer to meet the requirements of Law by May 25. There are differing views being expressed by various bodies, but it seems the Clerk cannot be appointed to the post and neither should a councillor. It was suggested the fee for someone to take on the work would be a minimum £150.
NALC were suggesting perhaps a group of councils could join forces and the clerks go to an adjoining one and be their DPO, but not on a reciprocal basis, i.e., Widmerpool to do Bunny and Bunny to do Widmerpool. While saying that, they do also say they would doubt if the clerk would be sufficiently qualified to do the work anyway.
- 7] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Inglis said the Borough Council were staging a scheme to make funding for trees available for planting in the parishes. He also said he had some funding available in his community fund if the council had any project he could help.
Coun. Cottee said the County would be increasing their council tax requirement by 4.9 per cent. He also said they would be announcing a new recycling base somewhere off the A46 road following the closure of the facility at Langar.

8] CORRESPONDENCE

The village event for the Keep Britain Tidy litter pick annual event was confirmed for April 14.

England Pageant Master Bruno Peek was seeking to have all church bells rung at 7:05pm on November 11 this year as part of the 100-year commemoration of the ending of WW1. The chairman said he had passed on the information to the parish church.

East Leake Parish Council wrote in respect of their concerns with Rushcliffe Borough Council over ignoring details in their Neighbourhood Plan.

Adriana Fallon wrote in respect of a family connection with a serving WW1 member, saying her husband is a grandson of Ernest Fallon who served with the 257th Royal Engineers in Belgium and who survived.

Notts County Council wrote to inform they had confirmed the registering of three footpaths in the parish.

Coun. Cottee informed the meeting he understood there was an appeal being made by a local resident against the decision.

Smaller Authorities Audit advised that PKF Littlejohn Ltd are the auditors who would be called on if anyone challenged the parish council accounts.

9] PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

There were none

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

17/02850 Claire Goodier, Cliff Cottage, Main Street, Change use of garden room to Pilates studio. Permit.

10] FINANCE

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list

BUDGET / PRECEPT 2018-19 The council discussed a budget report prepared by the clerk. It included items for the payment of appointment of a Data Processing Officer and for possible expenditure for a WW1 event. The council unanimously approved a precept of £5,878 for the 2018-19 financial year.

11] ENVIRONMENT

The clerk would follow up the planned meeting between Mr Nick Clarke of Notts County Council and Coun. Belton.

Coun. Belton was to inspect the condition of an ash tree in the council wood that appeared to have an overhanging branch that needed removing. If he agreed and could not carry out the work the church would seek a price and then discuss the responsibility for meeting the account.

Coun. Belton reported the damaged light near the bridge on the road through the village had not been attended to, along with a damaged kerb.

12] WEBSITE – The clerk said still more information was required for putting on the site.

13] MEMBERS MATTERS, NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

The clerk was asked to check on the position concerning the broadband service in the village, asking when the fibre network would be up and running.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MAY 2, 2018. Nothing was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45pm.