

## WIDMERPOOL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at The Rugby Club Pavilion on Wednesday May 2, 2018 at 7-15pm.

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 Andy Edyvean.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN: The council unanimously re-appointed Coun. Tony Mason as chairman. The position of vice chairman was left for a future meeting.

- 1] APOLOGIES There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2018, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
There were no members of the public present.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS  
Coun. Belton updated the council in regard to the matter concerning the water course running through and in particular along Old Hall Drive. He said he had met an officer from Notts County Council and apart from a need to clear rubbish from the water course there was little else to do. The weirs, whilst not in a good condition, were not causing a problem. If they were recreated Coun. Belton suggested they could cause flooding under certain circumstances. The clerk was asked to contact Severn Trent Water to seek comment from them on if the remains of the weirs that do exist were removed. The clerk was also asked to obtain a quotation for the cleansing work on the watercourse.  
The Litter pick had been successful and a good deal of rubbish had been collected.  
Street Light No. 2 Main Street had been reported and repaired.  
At a Rushcliffe Borough Seminar earlier today the Borough Leader asked for all parish councils to look at tree planting in their villages. The Borough will make ten native trees available free. Coun. Belton was to investigate possible use of the trees being offered.
- 6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
Coun. Edyvean mentioned the tree offer by the Borough and also said they were supporting the national campaign in regard to the collection off hard plastics and to include by them a ban on use of helium balloons and Chinese Lanterns from any of their properties or land.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE  
Royal British Legion, lamp post poppies. It was agreed to order a further ten for use in connection with the WW1 commemoration event in November at £3 each.  
Fiona Carruthers, the council's website host, gave usage figures for the site and said while the number of visitors was fairly constant they were very low. Members were urged to produce photographs for the clerk to submit for the site. Coun. Brooks said he would provide the clerk with old photographs from the history book that had been produced.

A letter was received from Mr Andrew Nix in which he complained of problems caused to him by inconsiderate parking by parents dropping off or collecting their children for the school bus for Loughborough Endowed Schools and which pulls into Church Lane . He suggested use of the village bus stop near the Rugby Club ground. Members discussed the matter fully but felt it could not support the use of the alternative pick up point on road safety grounds for children on or at the side of a fairly well used road.

Coun. Anita Gotts wrote in respect of a need to advertise in the church newsletter that people could use the website to advertise their events.

A letter from Maggie Woodhouse in regard to the cutting of grass on the Beehive lawn asked if the council could be responsible for it. Coun. Mrs Gotts was to obtain a price for such work from the church grounds contractor and was given power to ask for two cuts.

Monty Haw, Senior forestry officer, Via Notts County Council wrote in regard to highway trees and in particular to an overhanging tree on Widmerpool Lane. He said any necessary work would be planned into a programme.

Notts County Council Widmerpool Footpath Nos 12 13 14 and 15. Modification order had now been made. It was decided not to enter the Notts CPR Best Kept Village competition.

8] PLANNING MATTERS

RBC planning applications

18/00425/ful. Mr Mrs Geoff Garratt, Spinney Lodge, Thurlby Lane. Single storey rear extension, double garage to side with linking storm porch. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

18/00092/ful. Mrs A Gotts, Oakland House, Church Lane. Conversion of garage to living accommodation to create an independent dwelling, change of use of existing annex to create an independent dwelling and provision of joint parking area. Grant.

9] FINANCE

A] ACCOUNTS TO PAY were approved as per the circulated list.

B] APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT was unanimously agreed by the council.

C] TO AUTHORISE AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR 2017-18 were unanimously agreed by the council after consideration of the figures put forward by the clerk and which had been approved by the Internal Auditor.

D] DATA PROTECTION CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF DATA PROTECTION OFFICER Mr Adrian Fretwell of Sibthorpe was confirmed.

E] APPOINTMENT OF DAVID DIXON AS INTERNAL AUDITOR was approved.

The council discussed the payment arrangement for the clerk and agreed that a Spinal Column Payment of 15 be made for 4 hours a week.

10] ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING WW1

The clerk was asked to contact the organisers of the Keyworth Scouts Turkey Trot event and to comment on the large amount of litter thrown down by the competitors on route through the village.

11] WEBSITE

Nothing further was raised.

12] MEMBERS MATTERS, NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

Couns. Mrs Gotts said dog fouling in the village was on the increase and the clerk was asked to include an item in the church magazine.

13] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JULY 4, 2018 Nothing was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm