

WIDMERPOOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at The Rugby Club Pavilion
on Monday January 14, 2019 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 members Rob Inglis and Andy Edyvean.

- 1] APOLOGIES There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, LIMITED TO 20 MINUTES
No matters were raised.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
The clerk said there was still a need for photographs for the website. Coun. Inglis had provided a good selection from the WW1 event and had during the meeting given a disc to the clerk with some more general pictures on.
The chairman gave a warm vote of thanks to everyone who had assisted in making the WW1 event so successful. The event had been a great success thanks to the enthusiasm of those involved in staging it, he said.
- 6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Edyvean spoke on the decision by Notts County Council to at least suspend a suggestion for a unitary authority to be established. He said the feeling of the Borough Council would be support any action that was to the benefit of the residents. He also reminded the meeting that there would be parish elections in May. The Borough member spoke of the continuing problems of flooding from the Willoughby Brook despite Severn Trent having carried out some work.
Proposed work on both the Edwalton and Nottingham Knight roundabouts was to be undertaken by Highways England.
Coun. Inglis said he had some money left in his community funding pot and would be happy to assist in any project for the village. He also urged support for the revamped Police Priority Setting group now named Rushcliffe Safety Village Group of which he was chairman. The next meeting would be in February and was likely to be held at Gotham.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE
The chairman reported in the revamped email system to be used for residents and others interested to convey news items and said they were seeking support for more to sign up to it.
The clerk presented a report on the responsibility of the council to be involved in the instance of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. He said all councils were being asked to support Operation London Bridge, the code name for the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.
 - Following the official announcement of her passing, there will be ten days of state mourning, between the day of the death and the funeral in Westminster Abbey. All councils are being asked to prepare themselves and be mindful that any meeting organised during the State Mourning would need to be cancelled. Flags

should be flown at half-mast through ten days of mourning except for Day 2, when the new King will be Proclaimed. All flags to be returned to normal by 9am the day after the funeral.

- Suitable words for displaying on all websites should be prepared before-hand by the chairman and the clerk. It is suggested the home page of the website should have a picture of the Queen with a black border around it. If pictures of The Queen are displayed in any council property, they should have black ribbon placed diagonally across one corner. Such photographs should be removed to another suitable site after one month and a picture of the King displayed in its place.
- The council should organise a Remembrance Book and as well as placing this in a suitable place such as a parish church it should be taken by the council to any local schools or care homes.
- The council should consider an area in which to lay flowers, taking into account the current trend to carry out such an action when any notable death or tragic accident occurs. All flowers should be removed on the morning after the State Funeral.
- Parish churches supported by local councils will be encouraged to hold a special service on the eve of the funeral day and local councils are advised to contact their local churches to begin arrangements in advance.
- The day of the funeral will be a public holiday unless it falls on a Saturday.
- A similar process will be followed for the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. If both the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh pass away together it is highly likely that a full State Funeral of The Queen will proceed and a private service be held at St Georges at Windsor the same day for the Duke of Edinburgh.

The council agreed to seek financial support from Cllrs Edyvean and Inglis towards purchase of a flagpole. It was suggested it would be erected on the Triangle adjacent to the village notice board. The clerk was to seek comments from people living adjacent to the area.

The council agreed to the purchase of a Memorial Book and to seek agreement from the church for it to be placed there for residents and visitors to sign.

8] PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

There were no applications to report.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

18/01689 Tony Benrick, Smithy Farm, Main Street. Proposed new 3 bedroomed detached eco dwelling with off street parking, resubmission Grant.

18/02179/ful/ Sharon Cheetham, Flat 5 Widmerpool Hall. Landscape walled garden area. Grant.

18/02581 /TPO Jeffrey Rook, The Rookery, Old Hall Drive. Lift canopies of seven trees. Grant.

The chairman commented on the untidy state of the land around Smithy Farm and asked the clerk to report the matter to the planners at Rushcliffe.

9] FINANCE

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, were approved as per the circulated list.

Members considered a report from the clerk in regard to suggested expenditure for the coming year and after discussion unanimously agreed to issue precept on Rushcliffe Borough Council in the sum of £6036 for 2019-2020.

10] ENVIRONMENT

Coun. Belton was to check if work agreed for Keith Wadkin to undertake the removal of branches from the ash tree near to the parish church had been completed.

The condition of the phone box was discussed, and it was agreed the clerk organise the repainting of it. Coun. Broadberry would check on its condition and organise any necessary cleaning work.

Coun. Belton raised the question of general security in the village, commenting on instances of thefts or damage at farms.

- 11] WEBSITE
The clerk again asked for pictures for use on the site. Coun. Inglis would provide the clerk with some.
- 12] MEMBERS MATTERS, NOT REQUIRING A DECISION
The clerk was to advise Notts County Council that the street light number 1 at the junction of Station Road and Old Hall Drive was still not working.
Comment was made on the possibility by Western Power of some power lines in the village being removed underground.
The question of a CPR training session being held in the village was to be investigated by the chairman.
- 13] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MARCH 6, 2019.
Nothing was put forward

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.