

WIDMERPOOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held at The Rugby Club Pavilion on Wednesday July 3, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Couns. Tony Mason (Chairman)
Ray Belton Anita Gotts

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

- 1] APOLOGIES
There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Coun. Belton on planning item 10/01374
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 8, 2019, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES.
Concerns were expressed over an overgrown hedge on Wysall Road that was blocking the pavement and the clerk was asked to make contact with the owner.
A long-standing village resident raised the question of lack of community feeling and events in Widmerpool and said he was concerned that the current position was so much different to years past, when lots of events took place involving residents in the village who were keen to assist raising money to help good causes and citing several instances. He spoke of the existence of the cricket ground which had been opened in 1970 by the Duke of Rutland and used by Roths Amateur club under their president Mr Wolff of Keyworth who was responsible for raising huge amounts of cash for the Nottingham Spastics Group, amounting to £30,000 over a few years.
The meeting was told of a sponsored horse riding event in 1975 which attracted 120 horses and which saw groups of ten of them leaving at five minute intervals. On that occasion £1,500 was raised for Spina Bifida Children. Over 30 village volunteers help at that event.
The village became well known for its Boogaloo activity over a period of ten years and which raised £5,000 for Nottingham University for research into cancer. The country's top show jumpers took part in a show on the village sports field sponsored by Raleigh and watched by 2000 people.
Coun. Belton supported the view that that the village was gaining a reputation of being dead and spoke of the need for more suitable housing to attract young people, saying the parish council had supported affordable housing being provided.
- 5] CASUAL VACANCIES There are four vacancies to fill.
The chairman said Mr Richard Brooks and Mr Mark Somerfield, previous members, had agreed they would be happy to be co-opted.
- 6] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS
Rushcliffe are still looking for a tree warden from the village. Appeals so far unheeded. It was agreed to advertise the position again.
- 7] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Cllr John Cottee advised the meeting the County Council were to take delivery of a new vehicle to be used for pot-hole filling which would allow the one-man driven vehicle to complete much quicker than the work was currently taking and in addition were becoming the owners of a container that would keep tarmac hot to alleviate return visits to the depot too often when the men were working on roads.

He spoke also of a scheme the county were introducing of permits having to be purchased when contractors needed traffic lights on roads which was aimed at them removing them at times when not required, such as weekends when no work was being carried out.

8] CORRESPONDENCE

Via-Notts County Council wrote asking the parish council and the public to report to them on public paths on arable land that were blocked by overgrowth of crops etc.

It was reported that Via-Notts County Council are now entirely owned by the County, having bought the shares held originally by Cornwall County Council.

Rushcliffe Borough Council again offering free trees – two to residents and up to 10 for parish councils. The ones for parishioners are Crab Apple and Rowan. A mixed supply for parish councils.

CPRE membership confirmation was given.

9] PLANNING MATTERS

Construction of new dwelling in the grounds of the Old School House (resubmission). The Old School House Station Road No objection. Ref. No: 19/01374/FUL

Comments were made on development taking place at a property on Church Lane and the clerk was asked to check with Rushcliffe Borough Council to ask that it had the necessary planning permission.

10] FINANCE

ACCOUNTS TO PAY were approved as presented on the circulated sheet.

11] ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING VE75 MAY 2020

Flag pole for village green. Had been ordered.

It was agreed the council should look to appoint a working party / sub-committee to look at arrangements for the village in regard to VEDay 75 next May 8 – 10. The Government had declared May 8, which is 75 years to the day since Winston Churchill declared the end of the Second World War hostilities, a public holiday. The parish are asked to organise something at 3pm that day (the exact time of the radio announcement) to mark it. On the Saturday street parties and the like were suggested with a church service on the Sunday at 10:30am. The question of the scheme undertaken by the church to improve parking provision was raised by Coun. Gotts. The work had been carried out, but no final costs were yet available. The council would then look at a request for them to help towards it. The land was private, and the clerk was asked to check if in fact the council could make a financial donation to it.

12] WEBSITE

The clerk said there are new regulations coming into force for the control of local authority web sites. The council's website controller is looking to make the necessary changes, and there will be a cost to this in the region of £100.

13 MEMBERS MATTERS, NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

Coun. Belton raised the question of the road sign on Wysall Lane in need of repair and the condition of Stevens land.

It was agreed meetings in future all start at 6:30pm.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 - Standing Orders and Finance regulations.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:50pm.