

WIDMERPOOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at The Rugby Club Pavilion on Wednesday May 8, 2019 at 7.15pm

Couns. Tony Mason (Chairman)
Ray Belton Anita Gotts

Also present: Clerk Mike Elliott and Rushcliffe Borough Council members Rob Inglis and Andy Edyvean.

- 1] ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Coun. Tony Mason was elected.
- 2) ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN The matter was deferred
- 3] APOLOGIES There were none
- 4] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 5] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MARCH 6 2019, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 6] PUBLIC PARTICIPATION There were no members of the public present.
- 7] PARISH ELECTIONS AND CASUAL VACANCIES
The council clerk said following the election of May 2 the council were four members short of the seven it could have, and providing new members can be co-opted within 35 days of the election, it did not have to go through the usual procedure of advertising the vacancies.
The meeting agreed to co-opt former member Mr Richard Brooks and to actively look for new members from all sections of the community.
Coun. Belton said the lack of willingness of residents to take part in village events was worrying. He said there was a need to organise activities in an attempt to rejuvenate interest in the well-being of the village, otherwise it was a dying parish.
The vacancies for three more members would be highlighted on the website, the village email system and notice boards.
- 6] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS
The item concerning the flag would be discussed under Environment.
- 7] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
The visiting District council members were congratulated on their success in the May 2 elections when they had been re-elected. They said there was as yet nothing to report as there had been no meetings held. There were some new opposition members now in place at the Borough including three independents at East Leake.
- 8] CORRESPONDENCE
Rushcliffe Borough Council needing are asking again for a village tree warden. A meeting will be held on June 22. It was agreed to advertise the fact on the village email system.
75 VE Day events. Information was received on planned events to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day over the weekend of May 8 to 10 next year. Members were happy to be involved and would look to organise events to take part in. Mr Bruno Peek was to be the national contact and

was suggesting an event at 3pm on May 8 to coincide with the time that Winston Churchill officially announced the ending of WW2 from the Cabinet Office at 10 Downing Street. Pipers from around the world will open the VE Day 75 event by playing Battle O'er and VE 75 Years at 3pm local time in the country they are in, paying tribute to the millions who gave so much to earn our freedom of today.

- 9] PLANNING MATTERS
Rushcliffe Borough Council are no longer sending paper plans to parish councils, members need to go on-line to view them.
- 10] FINANCE
ACCOUNTS TO PAY were approved as per the circulated list
The council agreed to authorise and approve the accounts for 2019-2020
The council approved the appointment of David Dixon as Internal Auditor
- 11] ENVIRONMENT
Members agreed to proceed with the purchase and the erection of a flagpole on the green triangle of land adjacent to the seat and notice board. The chairman said the overall cost would be in the region of £1000 including the erection of the pole and a new flag. Coun. Belton agreed to be the flagmaster and the clerk would provide him with details of the arrangements for the flying of the flag on the occasion of a death of The Queen.
- 12] WEBSITE
The clerk said all seemed well with the site. There was still a need for more information to be placed on it.
- 13] MEMBERS MATTERS, NOT REQUIRING A DECISION
No matters were raised.
- 14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JULY 3 2019
Nothing was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.