

WIDMERPOOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at The Rugby Club Pavilion on Wednesday November 6, 2019 at 6-30pm.

Cons. Tony Mason (Chairman)(A)
Ray Belton Anita Gotts
Geoff Brooks Andy Edyvean

The meeting acknowledged the appointment by Rushcliffe Borough Council of Coun. Andy Edyvean as a member to the parish council, such appointment to remain in force until November 30, 2019. His appointment had been necessary because of the inability of the council to provide the necessary three members to allow a meeting to proceed. The clerk said this was the first time since Rushcliffe Borough Council came into being in 1974 this has had to be done anywhere in the Borough. The Secretary of State had had to confirm the move.

Also present: Clerk Mike Elliott

- 1] ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING
It was agreed to elect Coun. Edyvean to the position for one meeting.
- 2] CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
The meeting was told that Mr Geoff Brooks of Manor Farm had agreed to be co-opted to the council. His appointment was proposed by Coun. Belton and seconded by Coun. Gotts and approved unanimously. Coun. Brooks signed the necessary papers of Acceptance of Office and took part in the rest of the meeting.
- 3] APOLOGIES
Coun. Tony Mason (unwell) The meeting agreed the clerk to send a get-well letter to him, giving best wishes of all members.
- 4] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were none
- 5] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 3, 2019, were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman
- 6] PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES.
There were no members of the public present.
- 7] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS
The clerk said the flagpole had been erected on the Green and members agreed it gave a good impression of the village.
- 8] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Edyvean said there was little to report from the Borough. He mentioned the comments that had been made in respect of the development at the Old Rectory. The planning department at the Borough had been made aware of concerns that had been raised by some residents.
The clerk was asked to contact the Borough and ask if the green house that had been included in the overall development of the site had planning permission and also comment on the action that had been carried out to provide a hardcore route on part of the site.

- 9] CORRESPONDENCE
Nottingham County Council /VIA wrote again seeking be told of any public footpaths obstructed by overgrown crops.
Mr M Cavell, The Old Rectory, has said he will cut back the hedge on Wysall Road.
Website visitor analysis report. Average 67 visitors a month who have looked at a total of 398 pages
- 10] PLANNING MATTERS
Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions
19/00270/FUL. Richard Jones, Cedarbrook, Old Hall Drive. Construct two storey house following demolition of bungalow. Permit.
- 11] FINANCE
a] ACCOUNTS TO PAY were accepted as presented and approved.
b] PRECEPT FOR 2020-2021
Members discussed a report presented to the meeting by the clerk giving suggestions for expenditure in the coming 12-months period. This was discussed by the members and it was agreed that the precept for 2020/2021 be £6,395.
- 12] ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING VE75 MAY 2020
Strong concerns were expressed by the meeting that the village lacked a community feeling and residents seemed hesitant to be part of any events if their help was needed in the organisation of them.
Couns. Brooks and Belton were concerned at the current position and said it seemed there was a need for starter homes to be provided in order to attract younger people. The chairman said if land could be found to be available for a Rural Exception site such development might be possible, explaining such a site could be outside of the normal area felt to be acceptable for housing.
The need to organise an event to mark the VE75 Day in May was agreed and the clerk was asked to prepare an item for the website and notice board seeking residents to come forward and volunteer to be involved. There would also be a request made for the village email scheme to circulate the message to all recipients. The council discussed the matter of the car parking triangle and the improvement work that had been carried out on it. After discussion the meeting agreed to make a £500 donation towards the cost that had been incurred by the church for improvement works to the car park.
- 13] WEBSITE
It was agreed to include an item on the web site marking the 50 years residence in the village of Helen Pike.
- 14] MEMBERS MATTERS, NOT REQUIRING A DECISION
No matters were raised.
- 15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JANUARY 14, 2020.
VE 75 Day

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-05pm.