

WIDMERPOOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on the ZOOM online system on Thursday June 25, 2020 at 6-30pm.

Couns. Ray Belton, Anita Gotts, Geoff Brooks, Jenny Daynes and Christopher Daynes

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

- 1] ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN
Coun. Christopher Daynes was elected chairman and Coun. Jenny Daynes was elected vice chairman. Both the appointments were unanimous and were proposed by Coun. Ray Belton and seconded by Coun. Geoff Brooks.
The clerk was asked to host the remainder of the meeting.
- 2] APOLOGIES
There were none.
- 3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were none
- 4] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11TH were accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman at the appropriate time.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT
The Government introduced new laws earlier this year to allow parish council meeting to be held online by ZOOM and allowed this to the end of August. NALC have asked for the date to be extended to the end of May next year, 2021.
Rushcliffe Borough Council have announced they will be willing to make interest free loans to parish councils who may be in difficulty towards the end of this financial year for their in-year activities. There would be an interest charge of 2.5per cent after April 1 2021. The clerk said there would be no need for the council to have to consider this.
Former chairman Tony Mason wrote in March to formally resign as both chairman and a member. He asked for his apologies to be sent to members for any difficulties his resignation caused and to thank them and the clerk for all the work they had undertaken during his term of office. Members expressed sadness for the reason - health problems - for Coun. Mason's resignation.
- 6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Inglis reported on his attendance at a crime meeting and said general crime was down in the area by 21 percent and residential burglaries by 40 percent. But other crimes were up.
He advised the council of an exercise to be undertaken by the Borough involving fighting fly tipping in the Gotham area and said the council would be using spot checks, special signs and cameras.
Coun. Edyvean reminded the council that Notts County Council still had some funding available to assist in individual cases of need during the coronavirus pandemic. He was aware that in the smaller parishes it was often the case that neighbours were assisting each other rather than making the use of an organised scheme. In respect of the Borough council loan availability he said it was available for all councils but it was assumed mainly it would be for the larger ones where finances had been affected by loss of income for such as village halls, etc.

7] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

20/00056 Mr Mrs Dolby, 1 New Inn Cottages, Old Melton Road. Two storey side and rear extension. Single storey rear extension and single storey front porch. Grant.

20/00966 Tony Bonnick, Smithy Farm, Main Street. Variation of condition of planning permission 18/01689 to allow change in house design. Grant.

20/00701/ful Mrs Jane Hahn, Home Farm, Church Lane Extension to timber garage. Grant

20/00633. Mr Mrs Buxton, 6 Widmerpool Park, Keyworth Road. New detached garage with home office over. Grant.

200/00168 Mr Mrs Hodgkinson, 15 Widmerpool Park, Keyworth Lane. Erect single storey glazed side extension. Grant.

8] FINANCIAL

a] accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list.

b] Copies of the 2019-2020 accounts had been presented to members. The clerk said they had been signed off by the internal auditor David Dixon, accountant at Keyworth. The only point he had raised was the need to ensure a secure back up was taken. No points on the accounts were raised and the meeting unanimously approved they be accepted and forwarded to the external auditors in London.

9] CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

It was agreed the July 22 date on the diary for the next meeting should be adhered to.

The question of the problem of flooding in the village was raised. Coun. Belton reported he was in contact with Mr Nick Clarke of Notts County Council on the question of the possible removal of the weir along Old Hall Drive on the water course and understood a meeting was to be held shortly to look at the matter again.

Coun. Brooks said a suggestion he understood had been made for dredging the brook; this would be a monumental task, explaining that the lack of room on the river banks would create severe difficulties for the work to take place and for any storage of outgoings from the water course.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm.