

WIDMERPOOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on the ZOOM online system on
Wednesday September 23, 2020 at 6-30pm.

Present Couns. Christopher Daynes (chairman)
Ray Belton, Anita Gotts, Geoff Brooks, Jenny Daynes(A).

Also present clerk Mike Elliott and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Andy Edyvean and two members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES Jenny Daynes
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 22, 2020 were accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman at an appropriate time.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported that NALC and the Clerk's Society were still strongly advising that all meetings be held using Zoom and not face to face. Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire asked the council to consider joining them and it was agreed to do so and pay the annual subscription of £94.

The council agreed to appoint Coun. Belton as the Notts County Council snow warden for 2021.

Rushcliffe Borough Council were again organising its free trees offer, with ten for parish councils and two for residents. It was agreed that Coun. Gotts should be allocated the council supply for erection on land at Oakland Paddock where they would be visible from the Parish Church.

Nottingham County Council sought comments on a previous complaint of an overgrown hedge on Wysall Road. It was agreed some attention had been given to it, but the council would need to look at the situation after the Spring growth.

Coun. Brooks said he and Coun. Belton were preparing to carry out the necessary work in regard to dead trees at Rimmers Wood following a request from Andrew Pike for work to be looked at.

Nottingham County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council re Unitary authority. The council agreed it recognised a need for some re-organisation of the existing system but were unhappy at the way the County Council were organising the consultation process.

Local resident Mr John Fallon expressed strong concerns on the question of flooding, saying that his property at Gardener's Cottage was at greater risk of flooding than surrounding properties, although he pointed out other properties had been inundated in the past.

Coun. Belton produced a report from Notts County Council Principal Flood Risk Management officer Callum Smith which he had produced following an on-site examination of the position. Members were unhappy at the report, feeling it did not give any clear indication of what the County were proposing could be done.

The clerk was asked to contact Coun. John Cottee and ask him to investigate the position further, involving the highway authority and the County Council Flood management.

Coun. Belton reported on a site meeting he had held with Mr Smith and from which the County Officer had produced his report. Coun. Gotts said if there was a move to remove the Weir there would be some opposition to that and therefore she would hope that full consultation could be taken before such action was supported.

6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT MEMBER

Coun. Edyvean spoke to the council on various subjects, including the County Council plans for a Unitary Authority and the flooding matter.

7] PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

20/01528/ful. Mr A Calow. 2 Main Street. Erect single storey rear extension and summer house. Grant

20/01226/ful. B Nunn, Pinewood Lodge, Melton Road. Convert garage to create separate dwelling. Grant.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

20/02126/ful. Mr Mrs Buxton, 6 Widmerpool Park. Single storey side extensions, addition of covered veranda, new dormer on rear, new windows in first and second floor gables and addition of timber car port. No objection.

8] AFFORDABLE HOUSING - Coun. Brooks spoke on the need he felt existed for housing for younger people in the parish, saying that property prices, such as £500,000 for a bungalow, were out of their reach. He said that Widmerpool lacked any village life and needed new residents to introduce activities to recreate interest in a more active and interesting village.

He said there was a need for some young people to be able to obtain suitably priced accommodation and said he did not feel the question of land availability for affordable housing would be a serious problem.

The clerk said that Midlands Rural Housing were planning a door to door survey to ascertain the feeling of residents on a need for affordable housing.

The meeting agreed the council would look at the matter in detail once the results of the intended survey were known.

9] FINANCIAL --

Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list.

10] CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE NOVEMBER 16

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm