# Minutes of the Meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Monday 2 August 2021, at 6.30pm, at Keyworth Rugby Club, Widmerpool

Couns. Christopher Daynes (chairman) (A),

Ray Belton, Anita Gotts, Geoff Brooks, Jenny Daynes (A)  
Kevin Price, Simon Telfer-Smith

Also present clerk Mike Elliott

At the start of the meeting it was agreed that Coun. Telfer-Smith act as chairman for the evening in the absence of both the chairman and the vice chairman.

1. Apologies for Absence

Couns. C Daynes, J Daynes (self-isolating, Covid-19).

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

1. Minutes from previous meeting 30 June 2021

Approved, after it was pointed out that Coun. Belton had not attended and that Coun. Gotts had declared an interest, and were signed by the chairman.

1. Public Open Session (limited to 15 minutes)

The meeting discussed the question of use of the land at the BeeHive and agreed it be an agenda item for the next meeting. It was suggested the matter could be one for the parochial church council and not the parish council.

The question of grass maintenance work on Church Lane was discussed and where one new resident had taken a decision not to make use of the council contractor for cutting the growth on the frontage of her property. It was explained by the clerk that the frontages were owned by the County Council and if they were to carry out the maintenance work there would likely to be a single cut a year. Contact was to be made with the resident concerned to ask for her opinion.

1. Clerk’s Report

The clerk said the National Association of Local Councils, of which the parish were members, were continuing to press the government to permit meetings to be held using the Zoom system. The council accepted face to face meetings being held.

1. Report from the District and County Council members

There were no reports presented. The clerk said that Coun. Rob Inglis has given apologies for non-attendance as he was having to self-isolate because of Covid-19. Coun. Cottee was regularly in contact with the clerk to ensure he was kept up to date with village news and was aware of any specific requirements.

1. Correspondence

Notts County Council and Nottingham City Council were carrying out a consultation on the shape of the future bus services and were involving local bus operators as they encouraged people to make use of them. The consultation was open to people whether or not they made use of the bus services that were available.

The meeting was told the consultation was an opportunity for residents to have their say on what they liked about bus services, what they thought could be improved and what would make them more likely to use them.

The meeting felt there was a need to ensure the timetable of the services that are provided worked well together to allow the best cross connection between them as possible.

1. Planning

The clerk said there were no additional Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications following those involving The Old Rectory Church Lane applications 21/01636/ful 21/01630, 21/01632, and 21/01638 which had been objected to.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

21/01275/ful. Matthew Richards, The Old Barn, Hall Drive. Single storey front extension with associated landscaping works including a new brick and retaining wall. Grant

1. Environment

The meeting discussed the ongoing matter of problems and concerns involving flooding and the causes of it. The possible removal of the weir on the Fairham Brook water course was highlighted as was a need for the removal of obstructions to avoid the free flow of the water course being impeded.

The council felt there should be contact made with Notts County Council and local MP Ruth Edwards to allow a full discussion and investigation to be undertaken.

A report on the overall situation which had been produced some 20 years ago was to be traced and checks made on any action had been undertaken as a result of it.

1. Affordable Housing Survey

Midlands Rural Housing have advised that the word ‘local’ in the survey wording meant "Widmerpool, Willoughby and Wysall". The final report will be publicly available, it will not include any personal details of anyone who might respond and would therefore not involve any data protection regulations. The survey report would be available to all who required it.

1. HM Queen 70th anniversary 2022

The meeting agreed that the village should mark the important occasion during the four-day public holiday of June 2, 3, 4 and 5 next year that the Government had called to celebrate the achievement of Her Majesty who will be celebrating being the oldest and longest serving Monarch in the world. It was suggested a small committee should be formed to suggest activities that could be organised to mark the occasion. The meeting was reminded that the chairman and his wife had offered to make a facility available for the proposed VE Day event that had to be called off because of the pandemic situation and it was hoped a similar repeat offer would be made.

1. Financial

Accounts to pay were approved as circulated

1. Date for Next Meeting confirmed as Monday 4 October 2021 at 6.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.