# Minutes of the Meeting of Widmerpool Parish Council held on Monday 4 July 2022, at 6.30pm, at Keyworth Rugby Club, Widmerpool

Couns. Christopher Daynes (chairman) (A),

Ray Belton, Geoff Brooks, Jenny Daynes (A),  
Sharon Belton, Kevin Price, Simon Telfer-Smith (in the chair)

Also present clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Coun. John Cottee, Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Andy Edyvean and one member of the public.

The clerk reported the council had received a nomination for membership from Mrs Sharon Belton, wife of existing member Coun. Ray Belton. A proposal was put forward for Mrs Belton to be co-opted and agreed unanimously. She signed the necessary acceptance form and was welcomed as a member and took part in the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Couns. Christopher Daynes, Jenny Daynes.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

1. Minutes from previous meeting 9 May 2022

Approved as circulated and signed by the chairman.

1. Report from the District and County Council members

Coun. Edyvean updated the council on proposals suggested for changes in the ward arrangements currently being put forward.

He also spoke along with Coun. Cottee on the question of an exception site which could be proposed in connection with the provision of an affordable housing scheme for the village. A possible site had been considered.

Comments were voiced on this matter by members of the council, with Coun. Ray Belton saying he would support a small development for such a scheme. Coun. Brooks said there was a confirmed need for such development, particularly because local employment needs could not currently be met, citing the fact that would-be employees could not afford the price range for properties that might from time to time exist in the parish. He spoke of the village being in need of new residents as a way to bring life back to the parish which he said was currently none existent. He spoke of past years when there had been a regular social calendar of events which had been held and raised amounts of as much as £50,000 for good causes. He said compared to those times the parish was now devoid of such activities because of a need to introduce new residents.

The meeting chairman said he would wish the matter of affordable housing development in the parish being discussed in detail at the next council meeting.

Coun. Cottee advised the County Council had moved to a Cabinet system of operating for their meetings.

Coun. Edyvean spoke on the matter of the retirement of the clerk and the appointment of a successor at Wysall. The suggestion was that the new clerk in the nearby parish would also take on the position of clerk for Widmerpool and Willoughby.

1. Clerk’s Report

Events to mark the platinum celebration of Her Majesty the Queen had been well supported and thanks were given to those who made them the success they were.

1. Open session for members of the public (time limit 15 minutes)

No further matters were raised.

1. Correspondence

Rushcliffe Borough and Notts County Councils urged villages to support the Tour of Britain being held in various parishes in Nottinghamshire, including Rushcliffe, on September 8.

A paper circulated by Notts County Council on the importance of its Voluntary Sector Development team supporting young people was to be circulated.

Police Inspector Rob Lawton circulated his Stakeholder Update report in which he particularly reminded residents of the need to ensure that their garden sheds needed to be safe and secure, citing the number of thefts that do occur from them.

Streetwise Environmental Ltd had been taken back under the wing of Rushcliffe Borough Council and was no longer a separate entity.

Karam Radwan wrote to make a waste bin request for siting near the Belvoir Care Home and this was agreed, with the clerk being asked to purchase one from Rushcliffe Borough Council and for it to be placed on the emptying route of Streetwise.

Coun. Mrs Daynes highlighted the success of events for the Queen’s Platinum celebrations earlier in the month.

1. Affordable housing

The matter had been dealt with in detail earlier in the meeting and would now be the subject of new discussions at the next meeting.

1. Planning

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

22/00625/FUL. Network Rail. Demolition of the former Pullman public house/restaurant. Approve.

21/01638/ful. Travis Cavell The Old Rectory, Church Street. Access road for user by the Cut Flower company. Approve

21/02962 Mr and Woodhouse, Willow Wood, Station Road. New double garage adjacent to barn conversion home, with landscaping works and extension of domestic curtilage. Approve.

22/00587/ful Peter Pipondes, 4 Widmerpool Park, Install 2 gazebos and one greenhouse. Approve.

1. HM Queen 70th anniversary 2022

Coun. Mrs Daynes in a letter to the meeting highlighted the success of events held for the Queen’s Platinum celebrations earlier in the month.

1. Environment matters

Coun. Ray Belton suggested the need to purchase 25 new lamp post poppies for Remembrance Day and this was agreed.

1. Retirement of Clerk and Appointment of new clerk

The clerk said council need to have two/three people who act as account signatories but currently there was only two and with my departure in September they would be down to one. The new clerk will need to organise the details for future accounting. The council bank with NatWest and if new signatories do also that eases the change over, but if not the new signatories have to visit a bank to make the new arrangements. The council approved the removal from the list of signatories of Mrs Anita Gotts. The chairman or vice chairman would be asked to be a signatory.

1. Date for Next Meeting confirmed as Monday 5 September 2022