



# Widmerpool Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish  
Council meeting of  
Widmerpool Parish Council  
held on  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023,  
7.00pm, Keyworth Rugby  
club.**

**Councillors present:** Cllr Christopher Daynes (Chairman), Cllr Jenny Daynes, Cllr Kevin Price, Cllr Ray Belton, Cllr Sharon Belton, Cllr Geoff Brookes  
Rushcliffe Borough Councillor R Inglis

**Officers:** Emma Goodman Clerk & RFO to the Council

Also present: 4 members of the public

- 1) Apologies - none.
- 2) Declarations of Interest – none
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) County / Borough Councillor update

Both Cllr Wells and Cllr Cottee gave their apologies.

Cllr Inglis updated the Council on the activities of Rushcliffe Borough Council with note given to the Environment issues and green bin charges. The Rural Crime forum met with Notts PCC and Environmental Officers, reporting rural crime figures are low at the moment. 6 arrests have been made in relation to rural crime.

A scams and fraud conference is due to take place, with a focus on increasing fraud due to the development of AI. Information will be communicated to Parishes from the Borough to increase awareness.

- 5) Community Speed watch  
Council discussed the application to VIA for an interactive speed sign and a quote was still to be received. It was **NOTED** that there are still ongoing speed issues with traffic through the village, especially on the road from Keyworth in addition to flooding on the road near to the bridge. Council **RESOLVED** to investigate funding options to help support the purchase of an interactive speed sign.

- 6) Village Signs  
Council **NOTED** the updated quote for 4 signs and the grant application had been submitted to Notts CC.
- 7) Flood signage warden  
Council **NOTED** the Flood warden webinar on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November where a resident and the Clerk would attend.
- 8) Grass Cutting Contract  
Council **NOTED** that the current contractor would no longer be carrying out the work next year. Council discussed the need for a village plan so areas can be identified on a map where the grass needs to be cut. Council **RESOLVED** to contact other local Grass cutting contractors for quotes.
- 9) Christmas Tree  
Council discussed the proposal to have a village Christmas Tree. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a tree with roots so it could be planted. Lights and batteries also need to be purchased.
- 10) Finance
  - a) Council **AGREED** the schedule of Payments and Reimbursements of £427.20 incl VAT.
  - b) Budget Report – Council **NOTED** the budget report submitted, the balance at the bank £18,077.86, Income £45.31 and Expenditure £1261.57 for the period Sept-Nov
  - c) 2024 / 25 Budget – was **AGREED** by Full Council.
  - d) 2024/25 Precept – Council **AGREED** for the Precept to be £9,350
  - e) Grant request – 3W’s Magazine  
Council discussed the request from the 3W’s Magazine and **RESOLVED** to give a grant of £140.
- 11) Planning applications **NOTED**.
  - i) Reference Number: 23/02079/FUL No Objection
  - ii) Reference Number: 23/02080/LBC No Objection
- 12) Rural Housing – an update was given to Council from Cllr Wells that the walkabout had taken place and Rushcliffe Borough Council were awaiting the report.  
Cllr Brookes expressed his concern over the progress of the project.  
Cllr Inglis clarified the project was to identify potential areas for Rural Housing for the 3W’s and Thorpe in the Glebe. It was set up in 2022 with the lead from Midlands Rural Housing, as instructed by Rushcliffe

Borough Council. The walks have been completed and the report will need to go through planning and then the housing developers who would provide the housing.

- 13) Sewerage issues – Council received concerns from parishioners regarding the Tall Trees development and the drainage system. Plans for the development show the drains go into the main drains. Council **RESOLVED** to seek further information.
- 14) Commemorative bench – a request has been made from a parishioner to Council to install a commemorative bench to remember her father. Council discussed the request and **RESOLVED** that a bench would be a welcome addition and the location to be on the left side of the walkway up to the Church.
- 15) Parish Council meeting dates 2024

Meetings dates **AGREED**.

25 March, 20 May, 22 July, 23 September, 25 November

- 16) Open session for members of the public
- a) A member of the public raised the following items:
- Flood Warden Webinar and anyone is welcome to attend.
  - The glass/plastic on the Widmerpool Parish Council noticeboard on Old Melton Road needs replacing.
  - The sign at Rimmers Wood has fallen over as the post is rotten. Cllr R Belton suggested that a new sign be purchased and installed in a more prominent position in the village.
- b) A member of the public asked for an update as to whether the 30 mph speed sign could be moved to help the speeding issues. Council confirmed that this was not possible following advice from VIA.
- c) A member of the public enquired about the source of Council income. Cllr C Daynes advised that the Council receive a precept and occasional grant funding for specified projects.
- 17) i) Report from Clerk  
Council **NOTED** the correspondence from a resident regarding the clearing of debris on the left-hand side of the bridge.
- ii) Report from Councillors  
Council reported the ongoing issue with straw on the roads and consequential blocking of the drains. It was **RESOLVED** to ask Cllr Cottee for an update as to the drains being cleared.  
Cllr R Belton reported 3 streetlights were not working and had been reported to Notts CC. 1 had been repaired but the other 2 were still broken.

- 18) Date of next meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.