

## RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at 5.30 pm in the Markham Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

**Present:** Councillors:

D. Fernley (Chair)

B.Bates

A.Drane

**In attendance:**

C. Millward (Clerk)

J.Peck (County councillor) (until 6.20 pm)

R.Dolan (Events and marketing manager, Rufford Country Park) (until 5.55 pm)

Member of the public (x1)

	<b>DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>RPC/1/19</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Franks, Mr Pearce and Mr Bower. Councillors offered Mr Bower their best wishes.	
<b>RPC/2/19</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any item of business on the agenda.	
<b>RPC/3/19</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> No dispensations required.	
<b>RPC/4/19</b>	<b>10 minutes public speaking time:</b> No public present.	
<b>RPC/5/19</b>	<p><b>Parkwood Leisure report (if any):</b> Ms Dolan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reported that the community space would be moving downstairs during the week beginning 21 January 2019</li> <li>2. Reported that stage 2 of the play area development had been approved but no start date had been scheduled.</li> <li>3. Reported that NCC approval is still awaited for the car parking scheme</li> <li>4. Confirmed her understanding that the trees recently removed had been taken down as part of NCC's woodland management scheme. She will enquire regarding the removal of trees near the western gate.</li> <li>5. Confirmed that annual car parking tickets are always available to purchase</li> <li>6. Will report the poor condition and appearance of the park boundary fence bordering A614 which had been raised at the meeting on 20 November 2018 (RPC/191/18)</li> <li>7. Advised that the cinema would be operating one weekend every month</li> <li>8. Will write to residents with offers in relation to events during May to August 2019.</li> <li>9. Noted reports of traffic and noise. These will be monitored.</li> <li>10. Explained that TMS traffic management is being taken into account in forward planning in respect of which Parkwood Leisure is liaising with NCC Highways and health and safety.</li> </ol> <p>Ms Dolan left the meeting at 6.00 pm</p>	<p><b>RD</b></p> <p><b>RD</b></p> <p><b>RD</b></p> <p><b>RD</b></p>
<b>RPC/6/19</b>	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 November 2018:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2018 were agreed, subject to the amendment of RPC/199/18 a iv (Planning matters – Applications) to record Mr Pearce's withdrawal and Mr	

	Fernley's assumption of the chair.	
<b>RPC/7/19</b>	<b>Matters arising – for information only:</b> There were no matters arising.	
<b>RPC/8/19</b>	<p><b>Reports from district and county councillors:</b> Councillor Peck:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirmed that Mr Keeling of NCC has requested traffic enforcement in relation to the single yellow line. The clerk will again request that the verge is cleaned to ensure that the line is clearly visible.</li> <li>2. Reported the unitary proposal had been withdrawn from the December 2018 NCC full council agenda</li> <li>3. Reported that NCC had decided to express a formal interest in the purchase of the Laxton Estate.</li> </ol> <p>Councillor Peck left the meeting at 6.25 pm.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>RPC/9/19</b>	<b>Reports from Councillors:</b> None	
<b>RPC/10/19</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b> A member of the public arrived at the beginning of this item.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Financial position as at 31 December 2018:</b> Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 December 2018. This was noted with particular reference to the budget. The chair verified the stated balances against the reserve bank statement.</li> <li>b. <b>Accounts for payment:</b> The council unanimously <b>approved</b> five payments totalling £459.97. Councillors noted that it would now be necessary to purchase a laser printer. They <b>authorised</b> the clerk to purchase a printer jointly with Laxton &amp; Moorhouse Parish Council subject to a maximum cost of £200 plus VAT to be split equally between the two councils.</li> <li>c. <b>To consider the financial information provided by the Clerk and NSDC's letter regarding 2019/20 precept estimates and to agree the precept for the year ending 31 March 2020:</b> Councillors considered the financial information provided by the clerk. Councillors unanimously <b>decided</b> to retain the precept at £4000.</li> </ol>	
<b>RPC/11/19</b>	<p><b>Planning matters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Applications:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>18/02287/FUL   Householder application for two storey side extension, single story rear extension and new garden wall.   Garden Cottage May Lodge Drive Rufford:</b> Councillors discussed the application <b>and</b> unanimously <b>decided</b> to object to the proposal on the grounds that the design brings the building line of the property forward beyond those of the surrounding properties. They also expressed concern that the boundary wall is listed in which event any works to the wall will require listed buildings consent.</li> <li>ii. <b>18/02289/FUL   Householder application for two storey rear extension   Garden Cottage May Lodge Drive Rufford:</b> Councillors considered the application and unanimously <b>decided</b> that they had no objection to the proposal.</li> <li>iii. <b>18/02374/RMA - Application for reserved matters for Erection of one four bedroom house. Approval sought for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Approved reference 16/01997/OUT - Parkside May Lodge Drive Rufford NG22 9DE:</b> Standing orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to address the meeting. Councillors considered the application and unanimously <b>decided</b> that they</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

	<p>had no objection to the proposal subject to a condition that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All construction traffic parks on the land to be developed and not on Maylodge Drive</li> <li>2. No construction traffic should arrive or works be undertaken before 8 am or on weekends.</li> </ol> <p><b>iv. 18/02364/FUL - Retention of stable building and change of use of land from a mix of residential and agriculture (former poultry units) to a mix of residential and ancillary (domestic) equestrian use (Retrospective) - Land At Sawmills Farm Rufford Lane Rufford Nottinghamshire:</b> Mrs Bates declared a disclosable pecuniary interest at this stage. The meeting no longer being quorate for the purposes of this decision, this item was deferred to a separate planning meeting.</p> <p><b>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC:</b></p> <p><b>i. 18/01919/FUL - Householder application for erection of timber structure in place of existing greenhouse on the existing concrete area against the west boundary edge of the plot - Rufford Park Lodge Rufford Abbey Rufford –</b> Approval noted</p> <p><b>ii. 18/02103/FUL   - Variation to condition 2 attached to planning permission 17/02184/FUL to revise the drawings listed to accommodate minor changes in the play equipment to be installed and consequential minor amends to the landscaping - Nottinghamshire County Council Rufford Abbey Old Rufford Road Rufford –</b> Approval noted</p> <p><b>iii. 18/01929/FUL and 18/01930/LBC - Change of use of part of The Stables (Ground Floor/South-West Corner) from Exhibition Space/Retail to Retail with Associated Works - Nottinghamshire County Council Rufford Abbey Old Rufford Road –</b> Approval noted</p> <p><b>iv. 18/01214/ADV   4 No banner signs on timber posts (content of signs to change over time)   Nottinghamshire County Council Rufford Abbey Old Rufford Road -</b> Approval noted.</p> <p><b>c. Enforcement matters including possible commercial activity on land adjoining Old Rufford Road:</b> Councillors noted that there had been an appeal against the enforcement notice in relation to the commercial activity on land adjoining Old Rufford Road. They also noted that the activity appeared to have ceased nonetheless. NSDC's response that the static caravan installed on land in the parish was not a breach of planning restrictions was noted.</p>	
<b>RPC/12/19</b>	<p><b>Parish environment and appearance including:</b></p> <p><b>a. Speed sign:</b> No developments</p> <p><b>d. Rufford Lane – Parking on pavement:</b> Correspondence from PCSO Crowhurst and Mr Keeling of NCC Highways noted.</p>	
<b>RPC/13/19</b>	<p><b>Service faults:</b> The clerk will request that the pavement from Rufford Ford to the cottages be swept.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>RPC/14/19</b>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> Item a – Sherwood Forest –War memorial project – Councillors thanked all who had donated to this year's carol singing which had raised £350 towards the war memorial costs. Mr Fernley reported that he had spoken with L Hardy of Sherwood Forest Trust. Councillors were grateful to Parkwood Leisure for its offer of a site for the memorial. The clerk will write to Parkwood Leisure to let it know that the necessary funding is available and the project able to proceed to the next stage. Councillors agreed to apply for NCC funding for a commemorative event in November 2019, ideally in the park and with appropriate publicity, to mark the installation of the memorial. The clerk will seek Parkwood Leisure's support in this regard.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

	Remaining items noted.	
<b>RPC/15/19</b>	<b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> As above	
<b>RPC/16/19</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Next regular meeting to be on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 5.30 pm  Date for planning meeting (RPC/11/19 a iv above)	

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm