

RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 6.00 pm at the Markham Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

Present: Councillors:

D. Fernley (Chair)
 B.Bates
 J.Ball (arrived 6.05 pm)
 J. Pearce
 D. Johnson
 A. Drane
 M. Jones (arrived 6.10 pm)

In attendance:

C. Wilson (Clerk)
 C Hanrahan (Parkwood Leisure)
 2 members of the public

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
RPC/17/24	Apologies for absence: Mr Jones and Mr Ball had been delayed. There were no other absences.	
RPC/18/24	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
RPC/19/24	Dispensations: No dispensations required.	
RPC/20/24	<p>Parkwood Leisure Report: Ms Hanrahan reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Various Easter events were planned 2. From Easter 2024 the park would be open until 5 pm. 3. There would be no Spectacle of Light this year. Mr Ball arrived at the meeting at this stage. <p>Mr Pearce:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Drew Ms Hanrahan's attention to a broken and dangerous no entry sign in the car park. Ms Hanrahan will pass the information on. b. Suggested cordoning off the Broad Ride grass to allow it to recover from the numbers walking on it. <p>There was discussion of the meadow and its management. Mr Ball reported that the conservation officer had met with Parkwood and Glendale: the meadow should be cut in September not March as had happened and should be harrowed every other year. He emphasised that the meadow must be cut at the right time. Ms Hanrahan will pass this on and copy in the clerk. It was noted that encroaching saplings had been removed.</p> <p>Ms Hanrahan also noted that there</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Was a tree by the top wall parallel to Ollerton Road which needs to be cleared ii. Are two or three silver birches in a dangerous position. <p>Ms Hanrahan will enquire whether a representative from Glendale would attend the next meeting. Mr Jones arrived at 6.10 pm. Ms Hanrahan advised councillors that the £100 fee for file storage was being waived going forward. The councillors thanked Parkwood Leisure.</p>	<p align="center">CH</p> <p align="center">CH</p> <p align="center">CH</p> <p align="center">CH</p> <p align="center">CH</p>
RPC/21/24	10 minutes public speaking time: Nothing raised.	
RPC/22/24	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 16 January 2024: The minutes of the meetings on 16 January 2024 were approved subject to the amendment of RPC/01/24 to remove the	

	word "Mr Drane had been delayed in traffic".	
RPC/23/24	Matters arising – for information only: No matters arising.	
RPC/24/24	Reports from district and county councillors: None present. The clerk read Mrs Tift's report.	
RPC/25/24	Reports from Councillors: No reports	
RPC/26/24	Annual Parish Meeting 2024 – Arrangements: Councillors decided to hold the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual Parish Meeting at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 21 May 2024 b. Parish Council annual meeting at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 21 May 2024. 	
RPC/27/24	Parish environment and appearance including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rufford Ford, Rufford – Prohibition of driving – Developments and update: Councillors noted that the consultation had closed. The clerk read NCC's response to the parish council's objections dated 25 January 2024. Councillors will await the full report, noting that the decision is made by cabinet not officers. Plans for dredging were also discussed. b. Flooding matters: Mr Carlton had agreed to support the residents together with Mr Bruce Laughton. Mr Jones reported that The Flood Minister had visited the area the previous week and that Mr Jones had met him. The Folld Minister had expressed the view that the various agencies involved were not acting cohesively in a crisis and that a COBRA style system was required. The clerk will request an update from Mr Carlton. 	Clerk
RPC/28/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial position as at 29 February 2024: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 December 2023 (incorporating the 2023-24 budget figures). b. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved five payments totalling £542.11. 	
RPC/29/24	Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 24/00143/HOUSE - Demolition of existing single storey kitchen, utility area, store rooms and garage and erection of new single storey extension to include dormer bedroom and ensuite above. Proposed new detached garage & workshop to the rear garden, new driveway including the removal of 1 tree, internal works and replacement of all existing windows - 7 Deerdale Lane Bilsthorpe NG22 8SY: Councillors considered the application and agreed that they had no objections ii. 23/01265/FUL - Change of use of existing stable building to amenity block in association with existing certified caravan site - Sawmills Farm Rufford Lane Rufford NG22 9DG: Councillors noted the application. b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: 23/02238/FULM - Single storey extension to annex - Broad Oak Old Rufford Road Rufford NG22 9DD - Approval noted. c. Enforcement matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Paddock, Cremorne Cottage, Maylodge Drive: The clerk had chased NSDC and will do so again. ii. 22/00205/ENFB – Alleged change of use from B1 industrial to B8 storage & distribution – Rufford Hills Farm, 	Clerk

	<p>Rufford, NG22 9DQ: The clerk will chase NSDC.</p> <p>d.Incinerator in Bilsthorpe – Developments and action: Councillors noted that the matter continued to remain on the agenda in case of any developments.</p>	
RPC/30/24	<p>Service faults: Mr Jones will send the clerk a photo of fly tipping on A616.</p>	MJ
RPC/31/24	<p>Correspondence: Item b Great North Road Solar Park Stage One Community Consultation was discussed. All other items of correspondence noted together with the NCC waste local plan and hedgehog highway project. Councillors also expressed their sorrow at the passing of Sheila Bower, wife of retired councillor Keith Bower.</p>	
RPC/32/24	<p>Agenda items for next meeting: As above</p>	
RPC/33/24	<p>Date of next meeting: Next meeting: 6.00 pm on Tuesday 21 May 2024</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm