

RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 July 2023 at 6.00 pm at the Markham Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

Present: Councillors:

D. Fernley (Chair)

B.Bates

J.Ball

J. Pearce

In attendance:

C. Wilson (Clerk)

C Hanrahan (Parkwood Leisure)

S Carlton (County Councillor)

Members of the public x3

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
RPC/62/23	Apologies for absence: There were no absences.	
RPC/41/23	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
RPC/42/23	Dispensations: No dispensations required.	
RPC/43/23	<p>Parkwood Leisure Report: Ms Hanrahan reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The maintenance vehicles in the Park were using the routes least likely to be used by the public. She will again raise councillors' concerns regarding their speed b. The ramp is being removed c. A quote is awaited for the fence d. An outdoor performance of Mamma Mia is taking place in September 2023 e. A park upkeep survey is scheduled for two weeks' time. Ms Hanrahan will ask that the dig bins are included. f. The Saville Room remains available for functions <p>The clerk informed Ms Hanrahan that no invoice had been received for the filing cabinet storage. Ms Hanrahan will chase this up.</p>	<p align="center">CH</p> <p align="center">CH</p> <p align="center">CH</p>
RPC/44/23	10 minutes public speaking time: No public present. The report by the RAGE representative at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting was noted.	
RPC/45/23	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 21 March 2023: The minutes of the meeting on 21 March 2023 were approved.	
RPC/46/23	Matters arising – for information only: No matters arising.	
RPC/47/23	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Ms Tift was welcomed to the meeting. She explained that, going forward, either she or Ms Penny would attend the parish council meetings. The chair welcomed their regular attendance.</p> <p>Mr Carlton reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The next round of feasibility studies relating to solutions to the Ford issues should be completed by the end of June 2023. He confirmed that he would update Ms Tift and Ms Penny on developments in full outside the meeting. b. Work was commencing on the sluice this week. That had caused a delay to the fence repair. c. The Park bins should be being put away 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. A report on Ollerton roundabout is being submitted to cabinet. e. Currently, the Ford is marked for re-opening in June 2024. Slippage was due to a cross over with the Ollerton roundabout works. f. He is working to maintain a coordinated approach across all agencies to all matters which might affect the Ford. g. He will be objecting to the incinerator h. CenterParcs is for sale i. Significant repairs are planned for the A616 through Wellow j. He is working to ensure that there is a long term plan for the renewal of roads in the area k. He is raising awareness of the importance of attending drainage issues promptly because of the damage they cause to the road surfaces. 	
RPC/48/23	Reports from Councillors: Nothing additional to the matters raised above.	
RPC/49/23	<p>New noticeboard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sign s115 licence with Via East Midlands in relation to the location of the noticeboard – Having been authorised by councillors, the chair and Mr Pearce signed the s115 licence. Mr Pearce will obtain quotes for the installation, including from Via. b. Use of noticeboard – Councillors decided that the noticeboard should only be used for parish and community matters. 	
RPC/50/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial position as at 30 April 2023: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 April 2023 (incorporating the 2023-24 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements. b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved six payments totalling £799.82. c. 2023-24 insurance arrangements: Councillors reviewed and approved the 2023-24 insurance arrangements. 	
RPC/51/23	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applications: 23/00665/HOUSE Loft conversion with 2 dormer windows and balcony Bridge Cottage Rufford Lane Wellow NG22 0EQ: Councillors considered the application and unanimously agreed that they had no objection to the proposal. b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 23/00131/FUL Demolish Action Challenge Building, Wc and associated high rope structures, replace with single storey building. Center Parcs Ltd Sherwood Forest Holiday Village Old Rufford Road Rufford NG22 9DN – Approval noted ii. 23/00161/CPRIOR -Application to determine if prior approval required as to the impacts of the development - Change of use of part of agricultural building to B8 storage' and risks on site - Fairways Farm, Rufford, NG22 9HA – Noted approval not required iii. 22/02083/FUL Replacement of Santa's Grotto and Photo Collection with new Grotto and Retail Store/Ranger Hut and associated external works Santas Grotto And Retail Shop Sherwood Forest Holiday Village Old Rufford Road Rufford – Approval noted iv. Electronic Consultation for Rainworth Energy Ltd, Stud Farm Biogas Plant, Taylor Way, Rufford, Newark, NG22 9HB V/4501 – Approval noted c. Pre-planning consultation – Proposed base station installation upgrade – Cornerstone 10901122 Lockwell 	

	<p>Hill farm, Farnsfield, NG22 8JE: Consultation noted.</p> <p>d. Enforcement matters:</p> <p>i. 22/00205/ENFB - Alleged change of use from B1 industrial to B8 storage & distribution - Rufford Hills Farm, Rufford Lane, Rufford, NG22 9DQ: The clerk will seek an update</p> <p>ii. Sawmills Farm Rufford Lane Rufford NG22 9DG: Mr Ball will follow up with NSDC</p> <p>e. Incinerator in Bilsthorpe – Discuss matters raised in RAGE presentation at Annual Parish Meeting 2023: Councillors will liaise with RAGE representatives as matters develop.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>JB</p>
RPC/52/23	Parish environment and appearance including Rufford Ford – As discussed above and at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting.	
RPC/53/23	Service faults: As discussed above and at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting. Mr Carlton will follow up on the barrier repair at the railway bridge	
RPC/54/23	Correspondence: Noted	
RPC/55/23	Agenda items for next meeting: As above	
RPC/56/23	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>a. Annual financial matters: Monday 12 June 2023</p> <p>b. Next meeting: Tuesday 18 July 2023</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm