RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 6.00 pm at the Markham Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

Present: Councillors: D. Fernley (Chair) B.Bates J. Ball A. Drane

In attendance:

C. Wilson (Clerk) C Hanrahan (Parkwood Leisure) Members of the public (x3)

| | DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS | ACTION |
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| RPC/74/22 | Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Pearce. | |
| RPC/75/22 | Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda. | |
| RPC/76/22 | Dispensations: No dispensations required. | |
| RPC/77/22 | Parkwood Leisure Report: The following were raised and discussed: a. The Spectacle of Light is taking place 3 to 20 November 2022. Rufford residents are being offered tickets which should be prebooked using the dedicated contact number. b. There is to be a Halloween lunch and dinner c. The Lord Saville restaurant has re-opened d. Various Christmas events are being planned e. Rufford Ford – The Park has a contact number for the police for use to report aggressive driving through the Ford which Parkwood officers have used. f. Parking for weddings – This has been noted by the police when in the area. Ms Hanrahan noted that this was proving an issue and will raise it with the police again. Ideally, Parkwood would like to see the installation of something to restrict parking. g. Dog bins – Ms Hanrahan noted reports that these are overflowing and will let Parkwood operatives know. h. 4x4s continue to churn up Broad Drive – Ms Hanrahan will raise this with Parkwood staff. Councillors thanked Ms Hanrahan for attending. Ms Hanrahan left the meeting. | СН СН СН |
| RPC/78/22 | 10 minutes public speaking time: The public present raised the issue of low flying microlights which were causing a noise disturbance and interfering with their privacy when in their gardens. The problem is particularly acute in hot weather. Councillors noted that the microlights appear to be taking off from Bilsthorpe. The clerk advised that the matter could be reported to NSDC and the BMAA but evidence would be required. After discussion, councillors agreed that they would support the residents by also raising the reports with NSDC and BMAA but emphasised that there was little they could do as they had no power. The residents will share their evidence with the clerk and report the matter themselves to NSDC and Bilsthorpe Parish Council. The members of the public left the meeting. | Clerk |

| RPC/79/22 | Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12 July 2022: The minutes of the meeting on 12 July 2022 were approved. | |
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| RPC/80/22 | Matters arising – for information only: No matters arising. | |
| RPC/81/22 | Reports from district and county councillors: None present. | |
| RPC/82/22 | Reports from Councillors: No reports. | |
| RPC/83/22 | a. Financial position as at 31 August 2022: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 August 2022 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements. The clerk updated councillors regarding the amended solar panel agreement. b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved six payments totalling £2211.43. | |
| RPC/84/22 | Planning matters: Applications: Electronic Consultation for Rainworth Energy Ltd, Stud Farm Biogas Plant, Rufford, Newark, NG22 9HB F/4469 - Councillors considered the application and had no comments to make on the proposal. b.To note planning decisions by NSDC: 22/00705/FUL - Refurbishment of Existing Restaurant and Single Storey Extension – Starbucks, Sherwood Forest Holiday Village, Old Rufford Road, Rufford, NG22 9DN – Approval noted. 22/01048/FUL Change of use of poultry shed to B8 storage Fairways Farm Rufford – Refusal noted. 22/00603/HOUSE - Change of use of a double detached garage with a flat roof to be converted into a 'Granny Annex' with a 30 degree pitch roof Pine View Rufford Lane Rufford Nottinghamshire NG22 9DG – Approval noted. 22/00158/FUL - Succession agricultural workers dwelling - Rufford Forest Farm Kirklington Road Rufford NG22 8JF - Approval noted. C. Enforcement matters - 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 from NSDC. | Clerk |
| RPC/85/22 | Parish environment and appearance including: a. Location of new noticeboard: Councillors discussed and approved the location next to the post box as proposed by Mr Pearce and shown in his photographs. The clerk will make enquiries of NCC regarding any necessary permissions. b. Lengthsman scheme: The clerk will make further contact with Ollerton Town Council c. Use of microlights in parish: see above. | Clerk Clerk |
| RPC/86/22 | Service faults: The clerk will report the following: a. Condition of the perimeter fence around the Park. b. The gap in the fence at the railway bridge on Rufford Lane near Wellow Stables c. Debris at Amen Corner roundabout | |
| RPC/87/22 | Correspondence: The clerk will place an order for the winter salt. All other items of correspondence noted. | |
| RPC/88/22 | Agenda items for next meeting: As above | |

| RPC/89/22 | Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15 November 2022 | |
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The meeting closed at 6.55 pm