

RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 6.00 pm at the Markham Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

Present: Councillors:

D. Fernley (Chair)

J. Pearce

B. Bates

A. Drane

J. Ball

In attendance:

C. Wilson (Clerk)

S Carlton (County councillor)

S. Murphy and colleague (Parkwood Leisure)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
RPC/01/25	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Jones and Mr Johnson.	
RPC/02/25	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
RPC/03/25	Dispensations: No dispensations required.	
RPC/04/25	Parkwood Leisure Report: Councillors noted the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The meadows had been cutb. The red row had been cut backc. A new grounds manager had been appointedd. A new head chef had been appointede. Use of the Talbot Suite was currently restricted to non-dynamic activitiesf. The Savile restaurant roof was nearly completeg. The works to the Abbey had been completed and steps are being taken towards reopening the building to the publich. Santa's grotto was opening in the next few daysi. There would be mini Christmas markets and carols on the weekends before Christmas.	
RPC/05/25	10 minutes public speaking time: No public present.	
RPC/06/25	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17 September 2024: The minutes of the meeting on 17 September 2024 were approved.	
RPC/07/25	Matters arising – for information only: <i>RPC/84/24 – Service faults</i> – The clerk reported that she had again contacted councillor Tift regarding the debris and Amen Corner but had not yet received a update. There were no matters arising.	
RPC/08/25	Reports from district and county councillors: Mr Carlton reported on the following in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. NCC had held a budgetary meeting following the recent national budget from which NCC had benefitted from gains and lossesb. He understands that the improvements to A614/A6097 had been reviewed by the government but the outcome was not yet knownc. He is working to secure the reopening of the Abbeyd. Developments in relation to a new doctor's surgery for local residents	

	e. A consultation in relation to pharmacies. The chair will raise the matter with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee	
RPC/09/25	Reports from Councillors: No reports.	
RPC/10/25	2025 meeting schedule: Councillors approved the 2025 meeting dates.	
RPC/11/25	<p>Parish environment and appearance including:</p> <p>a. Rufford Ford, Rufford – Prohibition of driving – Developments and update: The clerk reported that she had contacted the NCC portfolio holder for an update but, apart from a response that developments were expected before the end of the year, she had heard nothing further although she had sent a reminder requesting an update.</p> <p>b. Flooding support: Councillors noted that the aquasacs offer at £3.68 per sac had been received after the flood funding application had been submitted. They agreed that the funding application could be amended but deferred further discussion to item 12 c (Insurance matters).</p>	
RPC/12/25	<p>Financial matters:</p> <p>a. Financial position as at 31 October 2024: Councillors considered and noted the clerk’s report showing the precise financial position at 31 October 2024 (incorporating the 2024-25 budget figures). The chair checked and verified the bank statement balances. Councillors noted the level of reserves and, subject to matters to be discussed at item 12, the implications of purchasing the aquasacs if the amendment to the funding application was not approved</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved four payments totalling £432.18.</p> <p>c. Insurance matters - Update: Discussion confidential. Minuted separately.</p>	
RPC/13/25	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. Applications: None</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: 24/01701/AGR Agricultural Notification - Application to determine if prior approval required for a proposed agricultural – Rufford Forest Farm, Kirklington Road, Farnsfield, NG22 8JF – Noted that prior approval not required.</p> <p>c. Great North Road Solar Park – Developments and correspondence: Councillors noted that second stage of the consultation had been postponed for a month.</p> <p>d. Enforcement matters: Paddock, Cremorne Cottage, Maylodge Drive: The clerk reported that the NSDC enforcement officer had confirmed that, having visited the site, there were no grounds for any action.</p>	
RPC/14/25	Service faults: Nothing raised. Mr Carlton will ask the NCC digital team for an update on the move to fibre in the locality.	SC
RPC/15/5	Correspondence: All items of correspondence noted including the 2024-25 NJC payscales.	
RPC/16/25	Agenda items for next meeting: As above	
RPC/17/25	Date of next meeting: 6.00 pm on Tuesday 21 January 2025	

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm

