

RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 May 2024 at 6.00 pm at the Talbot Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

Present: Councillors:

D. Fernley (Chair)
 B. Bates
 J. Pearce
 D. Johnson
 A. Drane
 M. Jones

In attendance:

C. Wilson (Clerk)
 S Carlton (County councillor)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
	The meeting proceeded in the Talbot Suite as that appeared to be the suite available on arrival.	
RPC/55/24	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Ball. Mrs Tift was also absent.	
RPC/36/24	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
RPC/37/24	Dispensations: No dispensations required.	
RPC/38/24	Parkwood Leisure Report: Mr Cumberpatch, the Parkwood Leisure general manager, had attended and reported at the preceding Annual Parish Meeting.	
RPC/39/24	10 minutes public speaking time: No public present..	
RPC/40/24	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12 March 2024: The minutes of the meetings on 16 January 2024 were approved.	
RPC/41/24	Matters arising – for information only: <i>RPC/30/24 – Service faults</i> – Councillors noted that the fly tipping remained on A616 Mr Carlton will investigate. There were no other matters arising.	
RPC/42/24	Reports from district and county councillors: Mr Carlton reported the following in particular: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A temporary extension of the Rufford Ford closure had been requested. There had been fewer than 200 responses to the consultation. A final decision was expected by late July 2024. b. The current start date for work on Ollerton roundabout and the traffic lights at Mickledale Lane was August/ September 2024. c. There are some plans for resurfacing certain stretches of road in the area. Others will receive patch repairs. d. Bilsthorpe tip – A cross party review of household recycling centres is underway. There are no plans to close Bilsthorpe tip. 	
RPC/43/24	Reports from Councillors: Mr Pearce reported that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. There was a hole in the road near the phone box which he had tried to report. In the meantime, he had placed a cone at the site by way of warning. b. Following concerns from a member of the public, he had visited the site to understand the issues. Councillors discussed the matter nothing that the resident had already reported the 	

	<p>matter to all the authorities which the council would be able to contact. They agreed that, regrettably, there was no further action open to the council at this time. The clerk will contact the resident.</p> <p>c. A "For Sale" sign erected on the triangle of land at Maylodge Drive junction needed to be removed. The clerk will contact the estate agents.</p> <p>d. There was an issue with motorcyclists driving down Maylodge Drive at speed. Councillors agreed that this was a private matter because the road is not adopted. Mr Carlton reminded residents that the 101 police service was available to them.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
RPC/44/24	<p>Parish environment and appearance including:</p> <p>a. Rufford Ford, Rufford – Prohibition of driving – Developments and update: See Mr Carlton's update at RPC/42/24 (Reports from district and county councillors) above.</p> <p>b. Neighbourhood issues: See Mr Pearce's update at RPC/43/24 (Reports from councillors) above.</p>	
RPC/45/24	<p>a. Financial position as at 31 March 2024: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 March 2024 (incorporating the 2023-24 budget figures).</p> <p>b. Financial position as at 30 April 2024: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 April 2024 (incorporating the 2023-24 budget figures).</p> <p>c. Accounts for payment: Councillors unanimously approved seven payments totalling £862.47 including the NJC increase in the clerk's salary with effect from 1 April 2023 and associated PAYE and pension contributions.</p> <p>d. 2024-25 insurance arrangements: Councillors noted that the Hiscox premium had increased significantly, particularly in comparison with that offered by Zurich Municipal to another similar parish council in the locality. The clerk will obtain alternative quotes. Given that the policy period expires before the next meeting, councillors authorised the clerk to obtain alternative quotes and accept a quote for equivalent cover at a lower premium if obtained.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
RPC/46/24	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. Applications:</p> <p>i. 23/02260/HOUSE Replacement roof incorporating rooms in the roof space & increased roof pitch and garage conversion Hazelnut House May Lodge Drive Rufford Newark On Trent NG22 9DE – Councillors had had no comments. Application noted.</p> <p>ii. 24/00502/FUL - Change of use from agricultural land to sui generis dog field with secure fencing - Land at Deerdale Lane, Bilsthorpe: Councillors had had no comments. Application noted.</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: 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: Approval noted.</p> <p>c. Enforcement matters:</p> <p>i. Paddock, Cremorne Cottage, Maylodge Drive: Councillors noted NSDC's reply and asked the clerk to follow up on the green shed which had been erected.</p> <p>ii. 22/00205/ENFB – Alleged change of use from B1 industrial to B8 storage & distribution – Rufford Hills Farm, Rufford, NG22 9DQ: Councillors noted NSDC's reply and that the business had now been liquidated..</p>	<p>Clerk</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/47/24	<p>Service faults: See Mr Pearce’s update regarding the hole in the road at RPC/43/24 (Reports from councillors) above.</p>	
RPC/48/24	<p>Correspondence: Item b – <i>NSDC – Planning scheme of delegation for officers and protocol for planning committee</i> – The clerk summarised the changes and explained that the time limits were fixed by reference to the weekly lists which therefore needed to be monitored and the district councillor alerted to any applications which might be controversial and need to be called in. All other items of correspondence noted.</p>	
RPC/49/24	<p>Agenda items for next meeting: As above</p>	
RPC/50/24	<p>Date of next meeting: a. Annual financial meeting: 6.00 pm on Tuesday 18 June 2024 b. Next meeting: 6.00 pm on Tuesday 16 July 2024</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm

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

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RPC/28/24	Financial matters: Insurance matters: The clerk reported that she had contacted the former ODEF trustees and received a request that the monies be donated to the Feel Good Garden, a project supported by ODEF before it had ceased to operate because of the former clerk's activities. Councillors agreed that this would be appropriate but asked that the funds be kept in a separate dedicated reserve and that they receive regular updates. The clerk will progress the matter with the insurers.	Clerk
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