

RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2022 at 6.00 pm at the Talbot Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

Present: Councillors:

D. Fernley (Chair)

B.Bates

J. Pearce

J Ball

A Drane

In attendance:

C. Wilson (Clerk)

R Dolan (Parkwood Leisure)

M Colley (Parkwood Leisure)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
RPC/17/22	Apologies for absence: There were no absences.	
RPC/18/22	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
RPC/19/22	Dispensations: No dispensations required.	
RPC/04/22	<p>Parkwood Leisure Report: Councillors welcomed Ms Dolan and MsColley (Parkwood Leisure) to the meeting. Councillors were updated as to developments and forthcoming events including</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Peter Rabbit immersive theatre2. The full re-opening of all attractions on 2 April 20223. Catering issues4. Vintage fair in April/May 20225. The immersive Abbey Trail based in the Old Gallery which will be an immersive experience guiding visitors through the history of Rufford Abbey. This should open before the end of the month6. Parkwood is working with Highways and NCC with regard to the Ford and there is to be an increased police presence. Parkwood is also concerned about the risks to its visitors – one vehicle was even seen driving up the weir. Parkwood is looking at increased signage for its visitors to manage the risks. Councillor reports of an individual filming vehicles driving through the Ford were noted. Councillors offered their support for any action taken by Parkwood.7. The boathouse has been refurbished with seating facing the lake and is selling icecreams and snacks8. Little is planned for the Jubilee – There will be a Where is Mrs Queen rail from 28 May 2022 and White Post Farm will be bringing its pet road show from Easter onwards. <p>Councillors reported that the fence along Rufford lane, from the Ford to the cottage is damaged and the gate into the park broken. They expressed concerns at the risk to the safety and security of children visiting the park. This will be reported.</p> <p>Ms Colley will raise the following concerns:</p>	MC

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The small 4x4s in use in the Park are churning up the ground at Broad Ride 2. The concrete blocks left in the wood after Santa's visit are posing a tripping hazard. <p>She will keep the clerk updated as to events.</p> <p>Councillors thanked Ms Colley for attending and she left the meeting.</p>	
RPC/05/22	10 minutes public speaking time: No public present.	
RPC/06/22	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 16 November 2021: The minutes of the meeting on 16 November 2021 were approved subject to the alteration of "Ransom" to "Rainworth" in item RPC/87/21 and "Carlson" to "Carlton" at item RPC/91/21.	
RPC/07/22	Matters arising – for information only: No matters arising.	
RPC/08/22	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Mr Carlton updated councillors as to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The demands on adult social care and associated implications for funding 2. The guard rail at the ford is being fixed with some additional work to be carried out. 3. The ford petition will go to full council on 20 January 2022 and will then work through to committee 4. Four to five year funding forecasting indicates that that any council tax rise will yield a surplus which has been earmarked for highways work. The ford is included on his schedule of works. In addition, there is provision for the 30 mph speed limit to be extended at the Ompton end of Wellow and for Wellow to be resurfaced. Funding has also been allocated for an additional classroom at Edwinstowe school. 5. Thoresby will benefit from a new free school and £700,000 for improved medical facilities for Ollerton and Edwinstowe although agreement has yet to be reached as to how those facilities are to be provided. 6. Thoresby Estate has put in a planning application for a development in Edwinstowe 7. The improvements to Ollerton roundabout are progressing through the statutory process. <p>Mr Carlton:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will chase up the A614 cleaning b. Noted a report of 4x4 s congregating by the ford at weekends and will take this up with Sergeant Hurley. Mr Ball will send photos to the clerk to be passed on to Mr Carlton. 	<p>SC SC</p>
RPC/09/22	Reports from Councillors: Councillors were pleased to note reports that there were otters in the river at Ransom water. The clerk will inform the conservation officer and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.	Clerk
RPC/10/22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial position as at 31 December 2021: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 December 2021 (incorporating the 2021-22 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements. b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved five payments totalling £579.97. c. To consider the financial information provided by the Clerk and NSDC's letter regarding 2022/23 precept estimates and to agree the precept for the year ending 31 March 	

	<p>2023: Councillors considered the financial information provided by the clerk. They noted the level of reserves, recognising that these were at a level which provided scope for investment on the parish environment. Councillors unanimously decided to retain the precept at £4000.</p> <p>d. Use of reserves – New noticeboard: Councillors considered the quotes obtained by Mr Pearce. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Harry Stebbings – Two legged oak at £1620 plus VAT b. Greenbarns - £1706 plus VAT c. Harry Stebbings – One legged oak at £1532 plus VAT. <p>and, after discussion, decided to approve the one legged oak noticeboard at £1532 plus VAT. Mr Pearce will place the order, obtain an estimate for installation.</p> <p>Mr Carlton offered a donation in the sum of £500 for which the councillors thanked him.</p>	JP
RPC/11/22	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications: 3/21/01307/CMA - Variation of condition 11 of Planning Permission 3/17/01084/CMA to permit the delivery of chicken waste to the anaerobic digestion facility from sites other than that which is located adjacent to the anaerobic digestion plant - Rainworth Energy Ltd, Stud Farm Biogas Plant, Taylor Way, Rufford: Councillors noted the contents and were disappointed that the wording of condition 5 was so narrow, limiting its effect to HGVs rather than vehicles. They hoped that in the future consideration will be given to applying less specific wording to similar conditions. In the circumstances, they agreed that they had no comments but agreed that they should ask to be kept up to date with developments.</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 21/02276/FUL Proposed 6no. single storey housekeeping stores located over three areas within Sherwood Forest Holiday Village plus a HVK Substation building within the car park area Center Parcs Ltd Sherwood Forest Holiday Village Ollerton – Approval noted ii. 21/02032/HOUSE - Erection of a timber orangery - Abbey Hideaway May Lodge Drive Rufford NG22 9DE - Approval noted <p>c. Enforcement matters: The clerk had chased NSDC regarding reports that Hunger Hills was being used for residential purposes in breach of planning decision 20/00444/AGR.</p>	
RPC/12/22	<p>Parish environment and appearance including Rufford Lane petition: See RPC/08/22 (reports from district and county councillors) above.</p>	
RPC/13/22	<p>Service faults: None</p>	
RPC/14/22	<p>Correspondence: Noted.</p>	
RPC/15/22	<p>Agenda items for next meeting: As above</p>	
RPC/16/22	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15 March 2022</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

