

RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 6.00 pm at the Markham Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

Present: Councillors:

D. Fernley (Chair)
 B.Bates
 J.Ball
 J. Pearce
 A.Drane

In attendance:

C. Wilson (Clerk)
 C Hanrahan (Parkwood Leisure)
 Members of the public interested in becoming a councillor x1

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
RPC/79/23	Apologies for absence: Mr Carlton had sent apologies and a written report.	
RPC/80/23	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
RPC/81/23	Dispensations: No dispensations required.	
RPC/82/23	<p>Parkwood Leisure Report: Ms Hanrahan reported on planned activities at the Abbey, including the sensory trail, Halloween Trick or Treat trail, festival of light from 20 October to 5 November 2023 and Christmas events at the Mill.</p> <p>Councillors asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How Maylodge Drive residents were informed of events as Parkwood Leisure used to circulate letters. Ms Hanrahan will look into current arrangements. Some councillors offered to assist 2. About planning for parking up in inclement weather. Ms Hanrahan will make enquiries in this regard and also traffic marshalling arrangements to prevent queueing traffic 3. About the mowing of the meadow. Ms Hanrahan will check when the next cut is due. Councillors noted that Mr Ball had raised concerns regarding meadow maintenance in his personal capacity. <p>Ms Hanrahan noted that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The information boards were dirty and needed to be cleaned b. Brambles are overgrowing the smaller paths and need to be cut back c. The leaf blower was being used early in the morning and only on the same patch of land d. Work had started on the fence but had stalled <p>Councillors thanked Parkwood Leisure for cleaning the dog bin and noted that Glendale are the landscape contractors.</p> <p>Ms Hanrahan left the meeting.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p>
RPC/83/23	10 minutes public speaking time: Nothing raised.	
RPC/84/23	Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 18 July 2023:	

	The minutes of the meetings on 18 July 2023 were approved.	
RPC/85/23	Matters arising – for information only: No matters arising.	
RPC/86/23	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: The clerk read Mr Carlton’s written report which covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Via had been asked to undertake a survey of the road condition along Rufford Lane from near the golf course entrance back along towards Wellow. b. Several clogged drains along Rufford Lane had been reported to Via for clearance. c. Rose Cottage junction had been reported to NCC for gravel/dirt clean up. d. A capital request had been submitted for the junction of Deerdale Lane to be resurfaced in future works programmes. e. Jo Horton, Highways Officer, had been asked to arrange a meeting to discuss the ford. f. The guard rails proposal for the railway bridge along Rufford lane had been chased up. <p>Councillors discussed options for the public to attend the meeting with Jo Horton.</p>	
RPC/87/23	Reports from Councillors: Nothing additional to matters discussed at RPC/82/23 (Parkwood Leisure Report) raised.	
RPC/88/23	<p>Councillor vacancy- Expression of interest: Councillors welcomed Mr Jones to the meeting and invited him to share his skills, experience and reasons for wishing to become a parish councillor. Mr Jones shared his history and experience of working with voluntary and community groups.</p> <p>Councillors thanked him for interest but agreed that the vacancies should be advertised before any appointment could be made. They invited Mr Jones to attend the next meeting on 21 November 2023.</p>	Clerk
RPC/89/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial position as at 31 August 2023: Councillors considered and noted the clerk’s report showing the precise financial position at 31 August 2023 (incorporating the 2023-24 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements. b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved seven payments totalling £628.41. c. Insurance matters: Discussion confidential. Minuted separately. 	
RPC/90/23	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applications: None b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 23/00979/FULM Change of use of poultry shed to B8 storage (resubmission) Fairways Farm Rufford: Approval noted. Councillors discussed car park works taking place on site and materials being used outside for that purpose. The clerk will report the mater to NSDC enforcement team. ii. 23/01211/TELNOT - Installation of 3no Antenna's, and other equipment - Orange Mast NOT0038 Rufford Hills Rufford Lane Rufford – 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 chase the NSDC officer. d. Incinerator in Bilsthorpe – Discuss matters raised in RAGE presentation at Annual Parish Meeting 2023: Councillors 	Clerk Clerk

	noted that the matter remains on the agenda in case of any developments.	
RPC/91/23	Parish environment and appearance including Rufford Ford – See RPC/86/23 above (Reports from councillors).	
RPC/92/23	Service faults: None.	
RPC/93/23	Correspondence: Item a – NSDC – Planning notifications – The clerk will register for notifications. All other items of correspondence noted.	
RPC/94/23	Agenda items for next meeting: As above	
RPC/95/23	Date of next meeting: Next meeting: Tuesday 21 November 2023	

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm