

**Minutes of a meeting of Aslockton Parish Council held in Aslockton Parish Church
on Monday 27 July 2009 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT AT THE MEETING: Cllr's B Crawford (in the Chair), D Rowe, D Sharpe, K Auckland, M Barker, D Bendall, N Broomham,

In attendance:

Mr Philip Marshall and Mr Matt Wilcock from the RBC Core Strategy Team
Nott's CC Cllr M Suthers
PCSO Sally Charles

9.102 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

9.103 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr J Marshall
Mr Keith Howard – Chair of ACA

9.104 Rushcliffe Development Framework Core Strategy (RDFCS) – Mr Philip Marshall, Principal Policy Planner, briefing regarding this strategy.

Mr Marshall was invited to the Parish Council Meeting to give a briefing on the key issues of the RDFCS. He initially explained that this core strategy was the key document for shaping the development in the Rushcliffe Borough and Greater Nottingham. The first stage in this process is to identify potential areas for planning. The Government have accepted that there is a requirement for 15,000 houses to be developed between 2006 and 2026. Two thirds of which are proposed in the Principal Urban areas and one third in the Non-principal areas (Rural).

The Parish Council and members of the public have been given the opportunity to complete questionnaires regarding these key issues:

Economy, areas for regeneration, Transport, industrial development, climate change, land availability and take into consideration how development will affect the risk of flooding.

The Parish Council were having a meeting on 29th July to collate their response for submission to Rushcliffe Borough Council. The deadline for any comments had been extended to the 14th August 09.

The Chair thanked both Mr Marshall and Mr Wilcock for attending the meeting and delivering a very clear presentation.

9.105 (8d on Agenda) – Regional Plan Partial Review: Options Consultation

Mr Marshall also spoke briefly about the above review. The Government requires that a Partial Review of the Regional Plan is to be undertaken on a limited set of issues relating to housing, transport and climate change. Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the Regional Plan that was published by the Secretary of state on the 12th March 2009. The closing date for comments is Tuesday 6th October 09.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders for the Open Session

9.106 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

PCSO Sally Charles offered to clarify how the new Policing Pledge was going to affect small villages, (Item 8J on the Agenda). It was explained that there has been a merger with Bingham and Radcliffe-on-Trent and the villages. At the last meeting the Parish Council had raised concerns that the service that smaller villages received would be diluted and not be given a high priority against the bigger villages

and towns. PSCO Charles explained that there had been an increase in staff, resulting in 2 Beat Officers and 3 PSCO's. This would enable the PCSO to spend more time in the villages, setting up beat surgeries at coffee mornings to give residents a chance to raise their concerns. Quarterly meetings will take place with Bingham and Radcliffe. Two representatives were nominated to attend these meetings, Councillor Norma Broomham and Councillor Kath Auckland along with Richard Sharpe the Neighbourhood Watch representative.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders.

9.107 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th June 2009 were Unanimously Approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. **Proposed Cllr Sharpe, Seconded Cllr Barker.**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th June 2009 were amended at 9.95 Playing Field, to read "the Playing Field Fun Day". The minutes were then signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. **Proposed Cllr Broomham, Seconded Cllr Auckland.**

9.108 Matters arising from minutes (for information only)

The Clerk was asked if all the land that the Council owned had been registered with the land registry. Clerk confirmed that it was and the appropriate response had been returned.

9.109 PLANNING

Planning Notifications received: For information only

09/00838/FUL – Lime Pasture, Chapel Lane, Aslockton

Insertion of two dormer windows to the front elevation and one to the rear.

Aslockton Parish Council – Objected

Rushcliffe Borough Council – Granted Permission

Clerk was also asked to try and obtain the outcome of an appeal regarding planning consent for Manor Farm, Aslockton.

There were no planning applications received for consideration.

9.110 CLERK'S UPDATE: including reports from ACA, Playing Field, Church Hall (See Appendix 1, 2 and 3)

ACA

There was nothing to report on from the ACA.

Playing Field

The playing submitted the Chairman's report. A copy of this was given to all Councillors.

One issue was raised from this report regarding the registration of the Trust with the Charity Commission. Clerk to liaise with Mike Elliott, Clerk to Whatton.

Thomas Cranmer Centre

Councillor Rowe gave a brief update on progress. The roof structure was progressing well and they were hoping for completion in early December 09.

9.111 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) **Rushcliffe Development Framework Core Strategy**

A meeting was arranged to discuss the information given by Mr Marshall at the start of the meeting regarding this strategy ready to submit Aslockton Parish Council's response.

b) **Grass cutting a & b**

This was discussed in the Clerk's update under re-location of Gateway.

c) **Allotments**

Clerk explained that there were two allotments free at the site on Abbey Close. It was agreed that due to the uncultivated condition they would be offered to people on the waiting list free of charge for the first year. This will enable them to prepare the ground for planting next year. **Proposed Cllr D Sharpe, Seconded Cllr D Rowe**. It was also suggested that plot one needed to be redefined and the parking area marked out. Cllr D Rowe agreed to measure and peg out these areas.

d) **Regional Plan Partial Review: Options Consultation**

A brief overview was given regarding this review by Mr Marshall from Rushcliffe Borough Council and it was agreed that it would be added to the agenda for the Parish meeting in September for a full discussion prior to submitting comments in October.

f) **CCTV Update**

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Rushcliffe Borough Council to clarify the position on the CCTV situation.

g) **Recycling Site**

An update was given regarding the suggestion of a recycling site on New Lane, to the side of Whatton Prison. Nott's County Council had refused permission stating that the entrance was too close to the bend and the junction with the A52. Discussion took place raising the point that this entrance had been previously used safely for the contractors during the extension to the prison and the alterations to the entrance. Clerk was asked to write to the Highways department conveying our objection to the reasons given. Councillor Suthers was also going to liaise with highways regarding this proposal.

h) **Clerks contracted hours**

Mrs George explained to Councillor's that the workload that had been experienced since taking over the position in April was consistently unobtainable within a realistic timescale to her contracted hours. It was unanimously agreed to increase the clerk's hours to an average of 7 per week, which kept the salary element within this year's budget and to review for next year. **Proposed Cllr D Bendall, Seconded Cllr D Sharpe**.

i) **Parish Council Forum Event on Housing**

An invitation had been received from Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN) for members of Aslockton Parish Council to attend the Parish Council Forum event on Housing taking place on Tuesday 29 September. Cllr Norma Broomham offered to attend.

j) Police Liaison Officer on Local Councils.

This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting with PCSO Sally Charles. It was agreed that Cllr Norma Broomham and Cllr Kath Auckland would take on the role to represent Aslockton Parish Council along with Mr Richard Sharpe representing Neighbourhood Watch.

9.112 FINANCE

a) Accounts Paid: *for information only*

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| Chq | 349 | Aslockton Cemetery trust |
| Chq | 350 | Clement Keys – External Auditor |
| Chq | 351 | A George Wage M4 |

b) Accounts for payment:

None

c) Financial Statement for June

The accounts for June were approved as a true and accurate record. **Proposed Cllr D Bendall, Seconded Cllr M Barker.**

Cllr Barker raised the question whether it would be viable to transfer an amount out of the Current Account into the reserve account to maximise on the interest received. It was agreed to do this, Clerk to arrange.

9.113 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

a) Update on Meadow Close Community Centre grant request

It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Cranmer Trust to ask if they would donate £125 towards the cost and Aslockton Parish Council would donate the remainder. **Proposed Cllr D Rowe, Seconded Cllr K Auckland.**

b) The Chairman asked for a letter to be written on behalf of the Parish Council to thank Mr Peter Savage for all his hard work campaigning against the proposed Eco-Town at Newton. It was agreed that it was a very positive result that the Newton Site had not been shortlisted.

c) The Chair raised that the doorframe in Meadow Close Community Centre needed replacing. Clerk was asked to contact Councillor J Marshall to see if Rushcliffe Borough Council could help with the funding.

d) The Chair had received a letter from the Archbishop Cranmer C of E School requesting help for funding towards assisting a family to send their children to kids club during the summer holidays. It was agreed that the Parish Council has not got sufficient funds to help with this request at this time.

e) The chair explained that his wife had attended the D.A.R.E event at the Archbishop Cranmer C of E Primary School which went well. Councillor Crawford and Mrs Crawford sponsored the shirts for this event.

f) The Chair expressed how popular the tickets had been for the Help the Heroes Cricket match on 23 August as it was already sold out. This was great news for this well deserving cause.

9.114 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A letter had been received from the Archbishop Cranmer C of E School from a member of staff asking if the Parish Council would be able to help fund improvements to the school grounds by either funding or practical help. This is to support the member of staff with a case study that she is completing as part of her Certificate in School Business Management. After a discussion it was agreed that Aslockton Parish Council were unable to help with this funding as the allocation for this type of request had already been committed. Councillor Suthers agreed that he would speak to the lady concerned and discuss it further.
- b) A letter had been received from the Aslockton Cemetery Trust thanking the Parish Council for funding their Grant Application.
- c) An invitation had been received from the NHS Primary Care Trust to attend the County's Annual Public Meeting at 11am on Thursday 24th September 09.

9.115 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th September 2009 7.30pm, in the Parish Church.

There being no further business to report, the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

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CLERK'S UPDATE -

9.116/A ACCOUNTS**ACTION:**

Accounts for 2008/09 had been submitted to the External Auditor

FURTHER ACTION:

The end of year accounts had been signed off by the External Auditor and the appropriate paperwork has been displayed on the Notice board.

9.116B TRAIN STATION**ACTION:**

A meeting was attended by Anna Hawkins from RBC, Richard Stephens, Spacia, PCSO Sally Charles and Cllr's to discuss the anti-social behaviour at the Station.

FURTHER ACTION

Clerk to clarify the situation with Anna Hawkins.

9.116C DOGS BINS**ACTION:**

Check with Streetwise if there is a restriction on the distance that the bins can be situated for collection purposes, if one were to be re-located.

FURTHER ACTION:

Spoke to Bob Alderton, he will liaise with Cllr Auckland regarding the re-location of the dog bin.

9.116D Glass Recycling**ACTION:**

Rushcliffe Borough Council are still investigating the possibility of a recycling site around the Whatton Prison area.

FURTHER ACTION:

Councillor Suthers and the Clerk is to contact Nott's County Council regarding their decision to oppose the site suggested.

9.116E FOR SALE – OLD GREYHOUND PUB**ACTION:**

The sale of the Old Greyhound Pub. All the sale particulars have been obtained along with details from the Administrators.

FURTHER ACTION:

Clerk to keep in contact with all relevant parties to monitor developments

9.116F Parish Planting & Landscaping Scheme 09/10**ACTION:**

Clerk distributed forms to all Councillors for ideas.

FURTHER ACTION:

1 Lime tree has been requested for the Thomas Cranmer Centre grounds.

9.116G Meadow Close Community Centre

ACTION:

Grant application received for £207 for a new Bingo Machine.

FURTHER ACTION:

Letter sent to Cranmer Trust requesting assistance with funding.

9.116H Re-location of the Gateway

ACTION:

Contractor has been requested to complete the relevant documents to permit him to complete this work

FURTHER ACTION:

Details sent to RBC requesting form for completion

9.116I Bus Shelter – Cliff Hill Lane

ACTION:

Clerk made enquiries regarding the previous request for a Bus Shelter on Cliff Hill Lane.

FURTHER ACTION:

The Bus shelter is still on the list however the new shelter installations are currently under severe budgetary constraints. NCC will keep us informed.

9.116J Building Better Communities - Village Bench

ACTION:

It was suggested at the previous meeting whether the village bench on Main Street could be refurbished and the new one could be located on the Playing Field, subject to permission.

FURTHER ACTION:

Awaiting a response from Nott's CC
