

Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Wysall, Tuesday February 5, 2013, at 7.45pm

Couns. David Roberts (Chairman)
Simon Stephens (Vice-chairman) Helen Lewin
Mary Elston Carolyn Birch
Charlotte James David Grenz

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

1] **Apologies** There were none.

2] **Declarations of Interest** There were none.

3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on January 3, 2013**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4] **Clerk's report**

The new play equipment had been added to the council insurance policy at a price of £30.74 for the remainder of the run of the policy.

The next Playground Inspection Training event by Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire would be held on Monday March 18 at 2pm to 5.45pm at Gunthorpe Village Hall, and the charge to attend was £40 per delegate. The clerk said small parish councils often appoint a member to undertake the checking work and for them to produce a monthly sheet for members to receive. The chairman would contact Peter James to ascertain if he would be interested in attending and then taking on the checking work.

Notts County Council had conducted another check on trees on Bradmore Road and confirmed its opinion that no hazards were created by the over-the-road tree growth. It said none of the trees had branches which appeared to be dangerous.

Nottinghamshire Archives Office had contacted the clerk in respect of minute books of the council. The clerk said he held books from the commencement of the council in 1952 through to 2007. It was agreed the bound books be deposited with the Archives Office.

5] **Casual Vacancy**

The council was able to proceed and co-opt a new member as soon as it wished, no one having asked the Borough Council for an election. Members agreed to consider names for putting forward.

6] **Play Area Equipment**

The chairman and Coun. Mrs Helen Lewin updated the council in regard to the current position. Coun. Mrs Lewin was to contact Mike Elliott of the County Council to explain the contents of an email he had sent.

7] **Correspondence**

Notts County Council wrote again in respect of the Lengthsman Scheme. The council confirmed that it could not become part of the scheme. Notts County Council confirmed that the request for a new finger post sign for the Willoughby Road / Widmerpool Road junction had been put on the list of possibles for the LIS scheme for 2013 / 2014.

Information from the IGAS Energy Community Fund in respect of the Rempstone Oil Field was put into the circulation file.

Vista360 Ltd provided Wysall web figures, saying there had been 737 hits in December by 488 unique visitors. The figures for January were slightly lower.

8] **Planning matters**

Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Applications

There are none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Decisions

There are none.

9] **Village Hall**

Coun. Mrs Elston reported income from bookings for use of the hall in the period May 2012 to April 2013 had been just over £3,000. It was agreed the council pay £100 from funds towards the Luncheon Club.

Discussion took place in regard to the charge for use of the hall by the church and it was agreed that that should be at a figure of £5 an hour. The use of the hall for the annual Strawberry Fair would continue to be free.

10] Environment

The clerk was asked to again contact Notts County Council's Highways Department in regard to dangers experienced by drivers on the sharp bend on the road leading to Keyworth near Wembley Farm. The meeting was told that the previous week the school bus operator had refused to return children from school via that road because of the slippery surface. The clerk was asked to stress that the requirement was for a non-skid surface on the bend.

Comment was made on a footpath diversion currently in place for the path to Costock, brought about, it was understood, because of the poor condition of a footbridge on the original route. Concern was expressed that the diversion route took walkers alongside the highway.

It was agreed that Coun. Stephens should produce an A3 sign to put on display in the telephone kiosk, showing all properties in the village as a means to assist strangers to find their destination.

11] Finance

a] Cheques for payment were agreed for payment as per the circulated list.

b] Power of dispensation

The council agreed to grant the Power of Dispensation to the clerk in order members can discuss items concerning the setting of a precept for 2013 / 2014.

c] Budget / precept 2013-14

In the current year the parish council precept was for a sum of £8,100 which resulted in a Band D Tax rate of £42.19. With new council tax transitional grant arrangements in place by the Government and the Borough Council, the parish was to receive a one-off grant. After a discussion it was agreed to seek a precept of £8,250, including the Borough Council grant, for 2013 / 2014.

The chairman raised the matter of the salary of the clerk and members agreed that the number of hours per month be increased to 20 and that his pay was increased to Spinal Column Point 20 as from April 1, 2013.

12] Chairman's Matters

The clerk was asked to seek the current position in regard to planning for Kingston Book Farm.

13] Agenda Items for Next meeting

Members did not suggest any further items for discussion at the next parish council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.