

Minutes of a meeting of Wysall and Thorpe in the Glebe Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Wysall, Tuesday February 7, 2017 at 7.30pm

Couns. Simon Stephens (Chairman),
David Grenz (vice chairman), Mrs Carolyn Birch,
Helen Lewin, Vicki Plant,
Lindsay Redfern

Present: The clerk Mike Elliott and Notts County Council member Coun. Reg Adair

1] APOLOGIES There were none

2] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2017 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

4] PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

Coun. Adair said he was able to offer a financial grant to the council and members agreed to seek £100 from his community fund, to be used in connection with the ongoing scheme to refurbish the finger posts in the village. Coun. Adair said he understood there could be council tax increases of up to five per cent for the coming 2017-18 year.

5] CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk reported that the contractor called in to deal with the problem of moles has begun work on the play area at the back of the village hall.

6] CORRESPONDENCE

Charlotte James, wrote and gave thanks for the grant for the Christmas meal for village hall Luncheon club..

Keep Britain Tidy Group advised of a Spring Clean national event to tidy up Britain being held from March 3-5. It was felt a litter pick should be arranged but later in the year.

7] FINANCE

a] ACCOUNTS TO PAY were approved as per the circulated list.

The clerk reported on a second bank account held by the council, saying that prior to June 2015 the council held a bank account under the name Wysall Parish Council Burton Charity Account. In July of 2015 the statements from NatWest became, for whatever reason he had no record, as purely Wysall Parish Council Charity Account. It has an income in the region of £100 a year paid in by, according to the bank statement, as an automated credit from COIF Charity Investment.

The oldest paperwork held on the subject is 2003 when records show the Wysall Pools Land charity which later was changed to the Burton Charity when Fred Howarth and David Bryans were signatures. Mr Howarth stood down as a trustee in 2009. In that year Couns. Stephens and Roberts were appointed signatories to what was still the Wysall Pools Charity.

In 2014 the clerk wrote to the Charity Commissioners to ask for details of the charity, saying it appeared they were not held by the council. Despite 4 letters asking for a response nothing was ever received. In September 2014 we were advised the charity was removed from the register as it did not meet the criteria of having more than £5000 income per annum.

The clerk was to continue looking into the position in regard to the accounts and Coun. Plant would also assist. A check would be made on the contents of a safety box held in the first floor room in the village hall. It was agreed that £800 of the funds held in the Charity account be transferred to the main council account and be used in future for funding the Luncheon Club Christmas lunch.

8] PLANNING MATTERS

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/00005/ful. Mr Mrs Presad, Rectory Cottage, Widmerpool Road, Wysall. Annexe in place of existing car port, single storey rear extension, convert existing store into new garage, first floor side extension, resubmission. No objection.

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

16/02361/VAR. P R Carr, The Paddock, Bradmore Road, Wysall. Removal of condition three planning permission 15/02790/VAR (Occupancy restrictions). Refuse.

9] VILLAGE HALL AND PLAY AREA.

Coun. Redfern reported on the various fund raising events held and said the Christmas Fayre had made £757. The sale of the Christmas card had brought in another £300. A Wine Tasting event for February 25 was sold out. There would be a Quiz night on March 25 and a Wine and Beer festival on May 20. The chairman said contact was being made with Mr Bob Muston in respect of the drain situation.

The proposed refurbishment of the finger posts signs was progressing as was the matter of the licensing arrangements for the village hall. An advertisement was being arranged for insertion in the Nottingham Post and copies of it would be circulated to adjacent residents.

The chairman spoke of the need to have more volunteers for the VETS scheme in connection with the defibrillator and who volunteer to be involved should there be use of the machine.

Coun. Lewin said she hoped for a site meeting in regard for the positioning of the additional play equipment item at the rear of the hall.

10] ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The clerk reminded members that the last time they had chosen a Volunteer of the Year from within the village was in 2013/14 year. Various names were suggested and an approach was to be made to Mrs Pat Roberts to ask if she would agree to a posthumous award to her late husband and chairman of the council David. Mrs Roberts would also be asked if her family could produce an article for use in the Three W's churches magazine.

11] WEBSITE

The chairman said he had met with the site hosts and discussed various matters that are in hand for a restyling of the whole site. There was now a link between the site and the Facebook page.

12] CASUAL VACANCY

Members discussed possible names for the two vacancies and approaches were to be made to the people concerned.

13] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Nothing was raised.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MARCH 7 2017

No further items were put forward.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.03pm.

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