

## RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 September 2019 at 5.30 pm in the Markham Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

**Present:** Councillors:

D. Fernley (Chair)  
 B.Bates  
 A.Drane  
 J Pearce (from 5.55 pm)

**In attendance:**

C. Millward (Clerk)  
 R. Dolan (Parkwood Leisure)  
 J Peck (County councillor)  
 Tom Smith (District councillor)

	<b>DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>RPC/80/19</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> With the councillors' unanimous agreement, this item was considered after items 4 (Parkwood Leisure report) and item 8 (Reports from district and county councillors). There were no absences.	
<b>RPC/81/19</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any item of business on the agenda.	
<b>RPC82/19</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> No dispensations required.	
<b>RPC/83/19</b>	<p><b>Parkwood Leisure Report (if any):</b> With the councillors' unanimous agreement, this item was considered at the outset of the meeting.</p> <p>Ms Dolan reported as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The overflow car parking is in use once again.</li> <li>b. Boating closes at the end of September and archery at the end of October</li> <li>c. The shops are being refurbished ready for the autumn/Christmas season</li> <li>d. The war weekend will be held over the same weekend as Southwell Ploughing Match at Thoresby. She will circulate details of then firing times to residents. She also confirmed that an event organiser would be in residence throughout the weekend in the event that there were any problems.</li> <li>e. The spectacle of light is scheduled for the period 18 -25 October 2019. The site is expected to be empty by 9.00 pm.</li> <li>f. The Christmas market will be over the weekends of 16 an 23 November 2019.</li> <li>g. Councillors confirmed that the "No public access" at the top of Maylodge Drive had been beneficial. Ms Dolan will arrange for its removal until the war weekend and half term.</li> <li>h. The Rufford Lane "No parking" sign will be displayed every weekend. Mr Pearce arrived during this discussion.</li> </ol> <p>An additional bin at the Lime Walk junction was requested.</p> <p>Ms Dolan left the meeting at 6.00 pm.</p> <p>The meeting moved next to item 8 on the agenda (Reports from district and county councillors).</p>	

<b>RPC/84/19</b>	<b>10 minutes public speaking time:</b> No public present.	
<b>RPC/85/19</b>	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 July 2019:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2019 were approved.	
<b>RPC/86/19</b>	<b>Matters arising – for information only:</b> There were no matters arising.	
<b>RPC/87/19</b>	<p><b>Reports from district and county councillors:</b> This item was considered after item 4 on the agenda (Parkwood Leisure report).</p> <p>1. Mr Peck reported that the A614 consultation had taken place. Some issues had been raised with regard to the traffic lights. Councillors expressed disappointment that they had not been consulted. Mr Peck explained that extra time to comment had been granted by the officer managing the consultation. The clerk confirmed that she had had no contact from the officer either with regard to a consultation or additional time. Mr Peck will ask the officer to contact the clerk direct to invite comments. Councillors <b>agreed</b> to hold a single issue meeting on 24 September 2019.</p> <p>2. There is all party support for reducing the carbon footprint and single use plastics across council owned property.</p> <p>Mr Peck also requested suggestions for the application of this year's allocation funds for highways improvements. Councillors suggested double yellow lines but will consider other alternatives for reducing parking issues on Rufford Lane, such as road narrowing before the ford.</p> <p>Mr Smith was welcomed to the meeting. Councillors noted that he is a member of the crematoria and planning committees.</p> <p>Mr Peck left the meeting at 6.30 pm. The meeting moved next to item 12 a on the agenda (Planning matters – Applications).</p>	
<b>RPC/88/19</b>	<b>Reports from Councillors:</b> None	
<b>RPC/89/19</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p><b>a. Financial position as at 31 August 2019:</b> Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 August 2019. This was noted with particular reference to the budget. The chair verified the stated balances against the reserve bank statement.</p> <p><b>b. Accounts for payment:</b> The council unanimously <b>approved</b> five payments totalling £459.97.</p> <p><b>c. Removal and appointment of bank account signatories:</b> Councillors unanimously <b>approved:</b></p> <p>i. The removal of Mr Keith Bower as a signatory to all the council's bank accounts</p> <p>ii. The appointment of Mr Alan Drane as a signatory to all the councils bank accounts. Mr Drane did not participate having an interest in the decision.</p> <p><b>d. Community benefit offer – Solar Farm, Inkersall Farm:</b> Councillors unanimously <b>decided</b> to accept Lightsource BP's offer of a community benefit.</p>	
<b>RPC/90/19</b>	<b>Co-option of new councillors:</b> No expressions of interest had been received. Deferred to next meeting on 19 November 2019.	
<b>RPC/91/19</b>	<p><b>Planning matters:</b> This item was considered after item 8 on the agenda (Reports from district and county councillors).</p> <p><b>a.Applications:</b></p>	

	<p><b>i. 19/01299/FULM - Solar farm and associated development -   Land At Crifton Lodge Farm Forest Lane Bilsthorpe:</b> Councillors considered the application and unanimously <b>decided</b> that they had no objection to the application.</p> <p><b>ii. 19/01567/FUL   Construction of a function suite extension on the footprint of existing marquee   Rufford Park Golf Centre Rufford Lane Rufford Nottinghamshire NG22 9DG:</b> Councillors considered the application and unanimously <b>decided</b> that they had no objection to the application, commenting that the proposed development was an improvement on the marquee in use at present. Mr Smith left the meeting at 6.40 pm. The meeting reverted to item 1 on the agenda (Apologies for absence).</p> <p><b>b.To note planning decisions by NSDC:</b></p> <p><b>i. 19/00913/FUL and 19/00914/LBC   Internal and external alterations to building   Nottinghamshire County Council Rufford Abbey –</b> Approval noted.</p> <p><b>ii. 19/00869/FULM   Change of use from woodland to educational (forest school)   Kennel Wood Woodland Lodge –</b> Approval noted.</p> <p><b>c. Enforcement matters including possible commercial activity on land adjoining Old Rufford Road:</b> No developments.</p>	
<b>RPC/92/19</b>	<p><b>Parish environment and appearance including Rufford Lane – Parking on pavement:</b> Councillors discussed possible schemes to improve Rufford Lane. They <b>agreed</b> that a teardrop road arrangement with a narrowing of the road to single file on the approach to then ford would both reduce parking problems and force vehicles to enter the ford at slower speeds. The clerk will make the request of Mr Peck.</p> <p>The clerk will also report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fly tipped tarmac at the junction of Bessecar lane and Rufford Lane</li> <li>2. An abandoned car part near the post box on Rufford Lane.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>RPC/93/19</b>	<b>A614 improvements – Consultation:</b> A single issue to discuss the proposed improvements to be held at 6.00 pm on 24 September 2019.	
<b>RPC/94/19</b>	<b>Service faults:</b> New speed sign at A616 end of Rufford Lane still not working.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>RPC/95/19</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> Noted.	
<b>RPC/96/19</b>	<b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> As above	
<b>RPC/97/19</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 19 November 2019 at 6.00 pm	

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm