

## RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 6.00 pm at the Markham Suite, Rufford Mill, Rufford

**Present:** Councillors:

D. Fernley (Chair)

B. Bates

J. Pearce

J. Ball

A. Drane

**In attendance:**

C. Wilson (Clerk)

Councillor S Carlton

s. Murphy (Parkwood Leisure)

	<b>DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>RPC/58/22</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> There were no absences.	
<b>RPC/59/22</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
<b>RPC/60/22</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> No dispensations required.	
<b>RPC/61/22</b>	<p><b>Parkwood Leisure Report:</b> Councillors noted that Parkwood was working with NCC in relation to the Ford to improve the situation.</p> <p>The following were raised and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The condition of the dog bins. Parkwood will clean these.</li><li>b. Brambles overgrowing the paths and other areas. Parkwood will cut these back.</li><li>c. Noise from the park at night. Councillors noted that the park closes at 5 pm so there should be no-one on the site except those staying in the holiday flat.</li><li>d. The public footpath from the Rose Cottage entrance is blocked. Parkwood will clear the obstruction.</li></ul>	
<b>RPC/62/22</b>	<b>10 minutes public speaking time:</b> No public present.	
<b>RPC/63/22</b>	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12 July 2022:</b> The minutes of the meeting on 12 July 2022 were approved.	
<b>RPC/64/22</b>	<b>Matters arising – for information only:</b> No matters arising.	
<b>RPC/65/22</b>	<p><b>Reports from district and county councillors:</b> Mr Carlton reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Via, the police, NCC and Parkwood Leisure are all working together to address the issues at the Ford. The police presence has been raised the previous weekend with a number of vehicles being pulled over.</li><li>2. The sluice gate opening had revealed communication issues with Parkwood and NCC flood planning, NCC being the landowner of the park.</li><li>3. Since the sluice gate issue, NCC had been taking a more proactive approach to the park and anti-social activities.</li><li>4. Mr Carlton had requested the installation of bollards on the green verge to prevent people parking to record film footage to be posted online.</li></ul>	

	<p>5. NSDC is looking at legal options to impose a community protection order.</p> <p>6. The asset management team has been tasked with repairing the perimeter fence around the park to improve the security of the site.</p> <p>7. Consideration is being given to installing bollards to prevent access to the sluice gate.</p> <p>8. A safety assessment is underway in relation to a proposal to install rubber bumps on the approach to the Ford to slow traffic. These would initially be temporary but could be made permanent if they proved effective.</p> <p>9. English Heritage also potentially have an interest in the issue.</p> <p>10. There is a concern that if the viewing platform is removed sightseers will just relocate to an more dangerous position. However, warning signage is being increased for visitors.</p> <p>11. A614 improvements are on course although there are inflationary concerns. Geology testing is currently underway.</p> <p>12. Mr Carlton noted councillors' concerns that Rufford Lane will become a rat run once the works begin.</p>	
<b>RPC/66/22</b>	<b>Reports from Councillors:</b> No reports.	
<b>RPC/67/22</b>	<p><b>a. Financial position as at 30 June 2022:</b> Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 June 2022 (incorporating the 2022-23 budget figures). The chair verified the stated balances against bank statements.</p> <p><b>b. Accounts for payment:</b> The council unanimously approved six payments totalling £589.47.</p> <p><b>c. Use of reserves – New noticeboard:</b> Delivery is awaited.</p> <p><b>d. Insurance matters:</b> Deferred to the end of the meeting when it would be closed to the public. Discussion confidential. Minuted separately.</p>	
<b>RPC/68/22</b>	<p><b>Planning matters:</b></p> <p><b>a. Applications: 22/00603/HOUSE - Change of use of a double detached garage with a flat roof to be converted into a 'Granny Annex' with a 30 degree pitch roof   Pine View Rufford Lane Rufford Nottinghamshire NG22 9DG -</b> Mrs Bates declare a disclosable pecuniary interest and withdrew from the meeting. Councillors considered the application and <b>decided</b> that they had no objection to the proposal.</p> <p><b>b.To note planning decisions by NSDC:</b></p> <p><b>i. 22/00117/HOUSE - Single storey side and rear extension with raised patio and canopy. Part cladding - Linden House May Lodge Drive Rufford NG22 9DE–</b> Approval noted</p> <p><b>ii. 22/00674/HOUSE   Proposed single storey side extension and garage conversion   Woodland Lodge Rufford NG22 9HA –</b> Approval noted</p> <p><b>iii. 22/00682/HOUSE -   Proposed single storey front extension.   The Orchards May Lodge Drive Rufford Nottingham –</b> Approval noted</p> <p><b>iv. 22/00746/FUL - Proposed 10no. Patio Extensions for Hot Tubs with Plant Room buildings and associated works to existing lodges. Center Parcs Ltd, Sherwood Forest Holiday Village, Old Rufford Road, Rufford, NG22 9DN –</b> Approval noted</p> <p><b>c. Enforcement matters - 22/00205/ENFB - Alleged change of use from B1 industrial to B8 storage &amp; distribution - Rufford Hills Farm, Rufford Lane, Rufford, NG22 9DQ –</b> Councillors noted that the matter is under investigation by NSDC,</p>	
<b>RPC/69/22</b>	<b>Parish environment and appearance including Rufford Lane</b>	

	<b>petition:</b> See RPC/65/22 (Reports from district and county councillors) above. The gullies need to be cleaned out. Councillors noted that the bollards on A614 are in poor condition. Mr Carlton will address this. He also reported that the A614 sidings are to be cut back to clear the pavement.	
<b>RPC/70/22</b>	<b>Service faults:</b> Nothing raised.	
<b>RPC/71/22</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> Items of correspondence noted.	
<b>RPC/72/22</b>	<b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> As above	
<b>RPC/73/22</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Tuesday 20 September 2022	

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm