

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs: Eleanor Robinson (Chair), Chris Garbett, Mike Sharpe, Wendy Thompson, Jason Billin, David Davis, Donna Griggs, Mel Roper, Kevin Shaw, Will Birch, Martha Longdon, Greg Blakeman, and Chris Jennison.

Also present: Sue Lewis (Clerk) and Ally Moore (Assistant Clerk).

24/102 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: Liz Taylor, Lynn Forsyth, Carys Thomas (RBC), Lesley Way (RBC), and Matt Barney (NCC) – reasons given and accepted.

24/103 Chair's Announcements

Chair asked members to submit any articles for the next Parish Council newsletter to the Assistant Clerk.

24/104 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

There were none.

24/105 To Receive Presentation on CCTV for the village

Chair reported that this item will be deferred until the next agenda as the representative was unable to make the meeting.

24/106 To Receive Reports from Outside Bodies including County and Borough Councils

Cllr Lesley Way (report submitted to the council in absence):

“You are probably aware of the ongoing issues with MTVH properties on the Rushcliffe Estate. The situation is getting worse in terms of problems with the works. We continue to be involved with this providing support for vulnerable residents. We are liaising with MTVH decarbonisation team, RBC, Sustainable Building Services UK and James Naish MP. If you would like more information concerning this, or would like to offer support to the residents, please contact us. Rushcliffe Borough Council has published for consultation the draft Rushcliffe Design Code Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The draft Rushcliffe Design Code SPD and accompanying documents, which includes a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment Screening Opinion and a Consultation Statement, are available to view at: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planning-growth/planning-policy/rushcliffe-design-code

Comments on the draft Rushcliffe Design Code SPD can be made:

By email to localdevelopment@rushcliffe.gov.uk or

By post to: Planning Policy, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7YG.

The consultation finishes at 5pm on Monday 10 March 2025.

The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) will be reviewed this year. This may be an opportunity to review the issues around dog fouling, dogs on leads and the number of dogs permitted to be walked by one individual.

This Wednesday the Growth and Development Scrutiny Group will be meeting at 7pm at the Arena. The meeting is open to the public and will be streamed on the RBC YouTube channel. This is the link to the agenda. The main topic is The Health of Our Town and Village Centres. All the key settlements are mentioned, and you will see the report about East Leake. If you have anything you wish to be raised at the meeting, please contact me by midday on Wednesday.

<https://democracy.rushcliffe.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=269&MIId=1295&Ver=4>

You are probably aware that Kath Marriot, former Chief Executive of RBC, has moved on to pastures new. The new CE, Adam Hill, will take up his post on 3rd February.

We, particularly Jason, were out and about advising residents caught up in the recent flooding. Jason met with people from ST, RBC and James Naish MP. Jason will be meeting with residents and Notts CC on Thursday to progress this further.

The work sewage treatment works project is behind schedule and STW are looking to extend the hours of working into the weekends - residents in the immediate vicinity should have had a letter about this.

Jason will be running our next surgery this Saturday at East Leake Library.”

Cllr Matt Barney (report submitted to Council in absence):

Flooding:

“I’m incredibly grateful for all the support from local communities over the last couple of weeks as we have been hit hard by flooding once again. This has been especially bad in East Leake, Sutton Bonington and Normanton on Soar, but worst of all in Zouch where a number of folks had to sadly be rescued. A number of properties have suffered internal flooding. I know that the Parish have already been made aware of the initial very small hardship grant for anyone who has experienced internal flooding. We have a meeting planned with some residents of Costock Road this week. Cllr Billin and James Naish MP have also been invited at my request. I am grateful to them both for their considerable efforts, progress and support. NCC Officers are also planning to facilitate a wider community meeting including the Parish Council to define full next steps together going forward. I will keep you posted about possible dates and times for this.”

Local Government Reorganisation:

“Government white paper on local government reorganisation. This is a very considerable topic that can’t really be covered by email. In essence the Government is seeking to establish large cluster groups of potentially, City, County, Borough and District Councils along the lines of Unitary Authorities that already exist. The potential benefits of this might be efficiencies gained through economies of scale and easier access to customer service for residents with only one major Council authority to deal with for local service provision. As Nottinghamshire Local Authorities, we now have a few weeks to put forward our suggestions around what groups of Councils we may wish to align with. The County Council Elections in Nottinghamshire are still planned to go ahead, but it is likely that there will not be any further elections at Rushcliffe Borough Council. The Government would like to see new Authorities being established in 2028.”

Airport:

“Residents may have noticed that we have two very large old 747 Jumbo Jets operated by One Air out of EMA. The Airport are not allowing take offs of these two aircraft after 11pm. The Airport are also very pleased to be one of the first airports in the UK to be operating security scanners that no longer require liquids and laptops to be removed from bags.”

Sutton Bonington Road Closure:

"In Sutton Bonington, starting this week, Marle Pit Hill will be closed to all traffic until Easter. This is to allow for the rebuilding of the stone wall that has collapsed along the roadside. This work is being undertaken by Network rail. Access to Sutton Bonington will only be possible from the Normanton, Park Lane end of the village."

Barton Quarry:

"I continue to provide support to the SAVE Campaign at Barton against the proposed Quarry. I recently provided them with the following note of support as below:

"I remain as supportive as ever towards the SAVE campaign and I am grateful to have been kept fully abreast of all progress via the campaign and the Five Parish Group.

I am so grateful for the ongoing and considerable efforts of the SAVE team. The recent responses made to NCC have remained at the same unbelievably high credibility level as all the previous submissions! This is no small feat, not least after so many years of campaigning. It is quite extraordinary that your enthusiasm remains unabated, having given so much effort, and after so many long years!

My personal objection to the proposal is not held for 'NIMBY' reasons. I believe that this southern valley on Nottingham City boundary is unparalleled in beauty this side of the Peak District. It provides welcome respite for many locals throughout the Leake Ruddington Ward, indeed residents well beyond Barton in Fabis. It also provides a safe place of tranquillity and calm, accessible and on the doorstep, to the many thousands of people who reside in Clifton. It provides the most stunning view from the South of the City across the Trent.

I remain concerned about the impacts on local wildlife, not least the great flocks of Canada Geese that feed on the grass lands of the proposed quarry site. The potential loss of biodiversity and habit to support all the species of the Trent and the Attenborough Nature reserve remains of great concern.

When it comes to decision day, I will be utilising my right to speak to the planning committee at Notts county Council as a Ward Member for our patch."

Jason Billin:

Reported that Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board have had contractors working along Kingston Brook, starting with clearing access routes.

24/107 To Approve as a True Record Minutes of the following meetings:

- **Parish Council Meeting – 26th November 2024 (pages 80-83)**

Any matters arising for information only: Clerk reported that she attempted to get a second quote for the work on the pitches, but the contractor declined to quote.

Proposed: Cllr Eleanor Robinson **Seconded:** Cllr Donna Griggs
Agreed unanimously

- **Planning Committee – 10th December 2024 (pages 84-85)**

Proposed: Cllr Chris Garbett **Seconded:** Cllr Will Birch
Agreed unanimously

- **Personnel & Finance Committee – 10th December 2024 (pages 86-87)**

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Donna Griggs

- **Planning Committee – 14th January 2025 (pages 88-89)**

Proposed: Cllr Chris Garbett
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Wendy Thompson

- **Personnel & Finance Committee – 14th January 2025 (pages 90-91)**

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Donna Griggs

- **24/P&F/60 – To agree reappointment of Internal Auditor from April 2025**

RESOLUTION: That the Internal Auditor be reappointed from April 2025 for one year.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Mel Roper

- **24/P&F/62 – To Consider an increase in the hourly rate for the cleaning of the Public Toilets**

RESOLUTION: That the hourly rate for cleaning staff should be increased to £15.50, PPE is supplied, and a daily tick sheet be placed in both the men's and women's toilets, these will be used to document completed cleaning tasks. The increase will commence from 1st February 2025.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr David Davis

- **24/P&F/59 - To Receive & Discuss the final draft Budget 2025/2026**

RESOLUTION: That £5000 be transferred from free reserves bringing the precept calculation down to £324950 to produce a Band D rate of 92.96 which equals a reduction of 0-90%.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Donna Griggs

- **Amenities Committee – 21st January 2025 (pages 92-93)**

Proposed: Cllr David Davis
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Will Birch

- **24/AME/063 - To Consider request from member of the public to site an Arbour on Oldershaw Trust Land**

RESOLUTION: That the donation of the Arbour be accepted and be placed on the Oldershaw Trust Land near to the book Library.

Proposed: Cllr David Davis
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Mel Roper

○ **24/AME/065 - Update on On-Going Projects**

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council purchase a galvanised steel storage shed at a cost of £608.53 and accept the quotation for concrete base in the sum of £1250. The contractor has requested a 50% deposit upfront.

Proposed: Cllr David Davis
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Mike Sharpe

24/108 To Approve the Proposed budget for 2025-26, amounting to a precept of £324950, equating to a Band D Council Tax of 92.96 which equals a reduction of 0-90%.

It was agreed to approve the proposed budget for 2025-26, amounting to a precept of £324,950, equating to a Band D Council Tax of £92.96 which equals a reduction of 0-90%.

Proposed: Cllr Eleanor Robinson
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Kevin Shaw

24/109 To Formulate a Parish Council Response to the Consultation on Standards in Public Life.

The consultation was considered by councillors for a Parish Council response which will be drafted by Clerk to submit.

24/110 To Discuss Arrangements for the Meet Your Village Event on 22nd February 2025

It was agreed for the Parish Council to attend the Meet Your Village Event. Will Birch, David Davis, Kevin Shaw volunteered to represent the Parish Council at the event. Assistant Clerk to create and circulate some ideas on how we would like to present on the day.

24/111 To Receive Updates on:

Health Centre:

We have been informed the cost benefit analysis is progressing, but no further details are available to the public at this time.

Severn Trent:

Nothing further to report.

Action Plan:

Nothing to report.

24/112 To Receive Verbal Reports from Sub-committees, Working Parties, Coordinators and Portfolio holders

Cllr Donna Griggs reminded that we need to review the Health and Safety Policy. Clerk confirmed it will be on the February agenda.

24/113 To Approve Bill Payments, Bank Transfers, Direct Debits, Cheques and Salaries for January 2025 & Note Payments for December 2024

The previously circulated list was approved.

Additional item since list was circulated:

BACS	£25.80	Lyreco (stationery)
BACS	£39.90	Amazon (noticeboards for toilets)
BACS	£122.65	Bunzl (toilet tissue)
BACS	£61.51	Bunzl (refuse sacks)
TRANS	£19.73	World Of Mowers (brake cable for mower)

Proposed: Cllr Eleanor Robinson
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr David Davis

24/114 To Report Correspondence Received – for information only

1. East Leake Quarry Liaison Site Meeting notes from 21st January – **Noted.**
2. Royal British Legion thanking us for our contribution to the 2024 Poppy Appeal – **Noted.**
3. East Midlands Airport – draft report on the East Leake Temporary Noise Monitor – **Noted.**

Meeting closed at 20.45pm