



Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council which was held on Tuesday 28th January 2025 commencing at 19.00 in the Radcliffe Room, The Grange, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham NG12 2FB.

Members Present:

Cllr Anne McLeod	Cllr Nikki Farnsworth	Cllr Harry Curtis
Cllr Amelie Pira	Cllr Tracie Bere	Cllr Lesa Gilbert
Cllr Sue Clegg	Cllr Irene Dovey	Cllr Oliver Furniss
Cllr Annie McKenzie (Sanders)	Cllr Matt Douglas	Cllr Kirsty Hyndes

Also present:	10 members of the public and RBC Cllr Brennan and RBC Cllr Clark (arrived 19.16)
Staff present:	Hayley Gandy (Interim Clerk)

Chair's Welcome

Welcome to everyone, especially those around the room.

There's a considerable number of things going on at the moment. Firstly, the temporary removal of the bus stop on Queen's road is causing problems for our less mobile residents. Contact has been made to RBC Cllr Upton, who has contacted VIA and we await a reply.

During recent flooding of Main Road, Flood wardens tried to turn back some cars to avoid a deep puddle. Cllr Farnsworth organised a competition with the Juniors school to design posters warning against car idling and I presented the prizes.

The linear path, reports have been made that there has been further activity to the site. RBC Cllr Upton informed me that Heather Stokes from NCC has done a site visit this afternoon and the bank has not been excavated any further.

I have met with the Chair of Ruddington parish council and previous Radcliffe Chairs to discuss Ruddington's plan to replicate Grange Hall and further discussions will be discussed at item FC25-226

I was a guest at the Radcliffe Male Voice Choir at Christmas with the conjunction of the juniors school which was really enjoyable.

Some good news - The Hartwell Charity have been able to distribute to recipients in the village thanks to a change of terms to the grants, including the boys

	brigade, the advice centre, community gardens, Manor House, Radcooks, the Memory Cafe and welcome spaces having all benefitted.
	<p><u>Open Forum</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member of the public on behalf of ROTSA. £235,000 of funding has been granted from RBC to fund the expansion of the Bingham Road Playing field facility of which we have found ourselves a little short. Previous Grant was requested in Feb 2024 but was not paid until may 2024. The Grant application sent in is for disabled access and equipment. If you have any questions please ask. A member of the public asked about car parking at Bingham Road - ROTSA looking into the car park facility. 2. Reported that there is a need for infill planting of the hedges around Valley Road - it was requested this be sent to Amenities Committee
	<p><u>To receive and note RBC and NCC reports</u></p> <p>RBC Cllr Brennan reported the following: Cllr Upton gives his apologies. Reminder - that there will be a full road closure on Shelford Road on 1-2 March and 22-23 March, further investigation on buses needed. The embankment the Chair mentioned - it is right that council office have visited the site this afternoon and it is their assessment that although a digger has been moved alongside the embankments there has been no further excavation. Flooding - new attenuation pond on William Davis site worked but it did become close. William Davis at their cost will remove the concrete blockage now that they have permission, it is hoped this will help the situation. A statement is due to be made about the change of local government structures and the possibility of a unity authority. There are concerns with regard to the boundary of Rushcliffe and the City - a case to submit to the government and plan to consult with the public.</p>
FC25-215	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Cllr Phil Thomas, Cllr Alice Tomlinson and Cllr Oli Bere</p>
FC25-216	<p><u>Declaration of members interests and dispensation from non-participation</u></p> <p>Cllr Douglas declared an interest in item FC25-234</p>
FC25-217	<p><u>To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2)</u></p> <p>Item FC25-234 - Council resolved to move this item to the end of the meeting.</p>
FC25-218	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2024</u></p> <p>The Council resolved unanimously to approve the minutes subject to an amendments <i>Action - Clerk to publish to website</i></p>
FC25-219	<p>To note the following committee meetings minutes:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Planning apps meeting on 11th December 2024 - Noted by all b) Planning and Environment committee meeting 14th January 2025 - noted by all c) Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 21st January 2025 (if

	available) - not available in time for meeting.
FC25-220	<p><u>To receive a verbal report from the Clerk</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the precept request has been sent in. Council should note that there were some changes to the budget in order for it to balance. There was £37,000 out on the budget which made it difficult to do the precept request. Therefore some changes were made. The precept request is now for £351,800 in line with a 5% increase and number of properties within the village. Whilst looking at this it was noted that the income and expenditure in the budget did not match, this has now been amended and the grant plan to request amount has gone down to £354,000 instead of £395,000 this has balanced the budget.</p> <p>Swing repairs - emailed received today with parts to be dispatched on 30th January works to reinstate to start on 11th February.</p> <p>We have had some spates of vandalism, the new skatepark sign was graffitied but is now cleaned. The wall at the cemetery has been vandalised.</p> <p>Facias have been completed at the pavilion.</p> <p>Painting has started at the Grange</p> <p>2nd blister pack box filled in a week.</p> <p>Line painting at the Grange car park now completed</p> <p>Hedges and trees trimmed in the cemetery</p> <p>Defibrillator installed at Woodside stores</p>
FC25-221	<p><u>To approve the new Councillor appointment to committee memberships</u></p> <p>Cllr Gilbert wished to join the Amenities Committee and the Planning and Environment Committee - Council unanimously resolved to approve these appointments.</p> <p>Cllr Furniss and Cllr Sanders requested to join the Grange and Grange Hall Committee - Council resolved to approve these appointments.</p>
FC25-222	<p><u>To approve the continuation of Radcliffe on Trent day Nursery using the Grange Hall as a secondary place of safety in the event of an emergency</u></p> <p>The Council resolved unanimously to approve the continuation of Radcliffe on Trent Day Nursery using the Grange Hall as a secondary place of safety.</p>
FC25-223	<p><u>To note a grant application received from ROTSA, and receive an update on the progress at Bingham Road in respect to play equipment and consider if there are alternative options to support ROTSA with their project.</u></p> <p>Cllr Farnsworth reported that due to an environmental report looking at works starting at the end of March. There is a plan to hold an opening event. RBC has funded the project and ROTSA is using financial reserves. VAT has made it more expensive. Cllr Farnsworth strongly advocates for ROTSA to improve leisure facilities. Bingham Road playing equipment requires temporary removal for access, this would include 4 pieces of equipment, fence and a bench to be stored. The pirate ship is not salvageable. There are plans to recite the playarea.</p> <p>A grant application was received by the parish Council, however based on our grant policy we are unable to grant the application as ROTSA had received a grant</p>

	<p>in May 2024.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about the traffic situation on match days as cars are parked on the street and blockage through traffic including buses. ROTSA expressed that they are looking into a solution for this.</p> <p>It was proposed that ROTSA withdraw their grant application and to defer to F & GP after April.</p>
FC25-224	<p><u>To approve a monthly Community Engagement morning in respect of Street Gardening</u></p> <p>The Council resolved unanimously to approve monthly community engagement mornings in respect of street gardening</p>
FC25-225	<p><u>To consider and approve a meeting schedule for 2025-2026</u></p> <p>Defer to next full council meeting</p>
FC25-226	<p><u>To consider a proposal to work more closely with similar sized Parish Councils in Rushcliffe.</u></p> <p>The Council resolved that Cllr McLeod investigate further how working closely with similar sized councils may benefit each other.</p>
FC25-227	<p><u>To discuss the possibility of resurfacing of The Recreation Ground Car Park - additional information obtained.</u></p> <p>After long discussions on potential for flooding and planning permission requirements for extension and change of material used. Council resolved to resurface the Wharf Lane car park with like for like surfacing for £40,113.89 - carried</p>
FC25-228	<p><u>To discuss continued membership of Nottinghamshire ALC for the 2025/26 financial year.</u></p> <p>After discussions regarding the advice provided by NALC, it was proposed and agreed to continue membership of Nottinghamshire ALC for 2025/26 - carried (7 for, 1 against and 4 abstentions).</p>
FC25-229	<p><u>To consider actions to be taken regarding the Queen Seat at Valley Road Playground</u></p> <p>Queen swing was vandalised over the Christmas period with one of the posts being broken. It was proposed and unanimously approved to go ahead with an inspection of the equipment and agree to partial repair. If not reparable to take to Amenities committee to discuss options</p>
FC25-230	<p><u>To consider and approve the installation of replacement steps at The Recreation Ground / Skatepark from General Reserves</u></p> <p>The Council resolved unanimously to approve the installation of replacement steps at the recreation ground with composite steps.</p>

FC25-231	<p><u>To consider signing the Young Carers Covenant</u></p> <p>The Council resolved unanimously to sign the Young Carers Covenant and appoint Cllr Farnsworth as the Young Carers champion.</p>
FC25-232	<p><u>To consider and approve the adoption of an unpaid carers policy</u></p> <p>The Council resolved unanimously to approve the adoption of an unpaid carers policy.</p>
FC25-233	<p><u>To consider the future of the office in the Grange</u></p> <p>Council discussed the possibility of changing the office into a hireable space. It was noted that a fire risk assessment would be required before hiring the room out is possible. There are commitments for storage in the room for history society as well as the Parish Council documentation and technical equipment including the CCTV, Server and large printer. The Council did resolve unanimously to rename the office in the Grange to the Butler Room.</p> <p>The Council deferred the proposal to repurpose the office to a hireable room subject to a review of office space and fire inspection.</p>
FC25-234	<p><u>To receive an update on recruitment from the HR Committee (Confidential)</u></p> <p>The Council received an update on the recruitment process from the HR Committee. Thank you to the HR committee for the hard work put into this.</p>
FC25-235	<p><u>To note correspondence circulated by email if any</u></p> <p>Council noted the following correspondence circulated:</p> <p>Lengthsman Local - Winter edition Rushcliffe South Village Community Safety Group - next meeting NALC - Chief Executive Bulletin NALC - Newsletter NALC Consultation on standards of public life Notts police - priority setting minutes Town and Parish Forum RCAN - Charity defib scheme RBC Rushcliffe design RCAN - Nottinghamshire Community Energy Fund</p>
FC25-236	<p><u>To receive and note reports from members</u></p> <p>Cllr Clegg reported that tomorrow will be the last afternoon cinema for a considerable time, no February date due to staff, March/April/May due to bookings. Thank you to Sue and Harry for volunteering for this event.</p>
FC25-237	<p>To receive any items for notification to be included on a future agenda – for information only</p>

FC25-238	To note the date and time of the next Full Council meeting on 18th February 2025 commencing at 19:00 in the Radcliffe Room, The Grange, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham, NG12 2FB.
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The meeting closed at 21.18

Signed as a true record of the Meeting: _____

Dated_____

Presiding chair of approving meeting