

Barton in Fabis Parish Council



Minute Book 2006

Minutes of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Monday 23rd January at 7:30 pm

- Councillors Present:** Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk, Cllr J Coles and Cllr. Susan Davies
In Attendance: R J Hawkins (Clerk)
- 242 **Apologies** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. B Harrison (Vice Chairman) who would be arriving late and Cllr R Newcombe
- Apologies were also received from Cllrs Lynn Sykes and T Vennett-Smith
- 243 **Declarations of Interest** None were given
- 244 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Minutes of the meetings held Tuesday 19th September 2005 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- The clerk confirmed that the roadside dyke on New Road had been cleared and road drainage had improved.
- 245 **County & District Reports** No reports
- 246 **Clerk's Report & Announcements** The A453 would be closed at weekends from 4th February for up to eight weeks for further work in strengthening the railway bridge. Cllr Davies asked that AMScott be reminded of the Flower Festival dates so as not to repeat the disaster last year when the road was closed with inadequate signage and management.
- The clerk reported that a Five-A-Side football competition was being organised in the area but that we were too late to participate this time. It was agreed to discuss this as part of the Village Plan with a view to being prepared next time the competition was run.
- A green belt Conference organised by CPRE was to be held at Shire Hall on 7th March, the Chairman indicated he might be attending.
- The clerk suggested approaching Nottinghamshire RCC for help in designing a logo for the Parish Council. This was agreed and images suggested to represent the village included the oak tree, the river, church, farms and agriculture in general and the village hall.

The clerk agreed to contact the A453 project team with a view to arranging a briefing.

Trevor Vennett-Smith had informed the clerk that Rushcliffe BC was awaiting retrospective plans and a planning application for waste disposal in the parish and Cllr Sykes had also offered to investigate.

247 Parish Plan Project

The clerk suggested the Village Plan should be the theme for this year's Annual Meeting of the Parish and it was agreed to discuss this at the next Village Plan Committee meeting on 9th February. The clerk agreed to circulate an electronic version of the plan before the next meeting.

248 Finance

The Financial Statement was approved and cheques signed as follows

Accounts

Co Op (21st December 2005)	£2500.00
Co Op (5th January 2006)	£2537.12
Skipton BS (31st March 2005)	£26929.03
Total	£31,033.90

Five cheques were signed to a total value of £525.88

The draft budget prepared by the clerk was approved with minor changes and the Precept set at £2405 as in 2005-06 and the clerk authorised to complete and submit the precept demand to Rushcliffe BC.

The clerk explained that it was no longer necessary to maintain a deposit account of £2500 with the Co Op bank in order to secure low cost banking and recommended changing the account. It was agreed the clerk should initiate this change.

It was agreed that a request should be made to Cllr Lynn Sykes for a financial contribution to a project to remedy the flooding problems in Rectory Place.

The clerk reported that the Co Op bank had introduced changes to the accounts and it may be possible to dispense with the deposit account where previously £2500 had to be deposited to obtain free banking. It was agreed the clerk could amend the accounts if appropriate and obtain signatures before the next meeting.

- 249 Planning** The Chairman tabled an article from the Evening Post in December indicating outline-planning consent had been given in June for the Old People's Home at Clifton and the land sold to the developers. The serious impact of this would be even more pressure for the Park & Ride to be situated within the parish boundary.
- 250 Correspondence** Cllr Harrison arrived at 8:30 pm.
- The clerk agreed to circulate other correspondence.
- 251 Exchange of Information** Cllr Harrison described the chaos that followed a road traffic accident on the A453 when traffic was diverted through the village in both directions. The clerk was asked to write to the police and ask for a copy of their strategy for dealing with such situations.
- Cllr Harrison also reported on a serious incident at the village hall on Saturday when a doorkeeper was attacked and had to go to hospital.
- The clerk reported that he believed that either Severn Trent or the Environment Agency had pruned some of the trees adjacent to the flood bank on Manor Road.
- The next meeting confirmed as Monday 20th March 2006 at 8:00pm
- It was agreed to agree to a request by other users of the village hall to start meetings at 8:00pm in future.
- The meeting finished at 9:00 pm

Minutes of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Monday 20th March at 7:30 pm

Councillors Present: Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr Bill Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Coles and Cllr. Susan Davies

In Attendance: R J Hawkins (Clerk), Mrs Carola Jones (Nottinghamshire RCC & Cllr T Vennet-Smith (Rushcliffe BC)

252 **Apologies** None were received

253 **Declarations of Interest** None were given

254 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Approval of the minutes of the meetings held 23rd January 2006 was deferred until the next meeting.

255 **District Report** Cllr. Vennet-Smith reported that the Borough had received a retrospective planning application for Top Farm but details were unknown.

Waste disposal by burning was a problem in the parish and various councillors had received complaints from local residents. It was agreed the Chairman should make enquiries in the first instance before reporting to the Borough.

Cllr. Vennet-Smith thanked the council for the copy of the letter to Alistair Darling on the NET, no response had been received.

An emergency meeting of Rushcliffe BC had been held the previous week to consider the report of the Inspector into the Local Plan. One significant item is that the Borough still considered Sharp Hill to be the preferred site for housing development despite the Inspector's objections.

Cllr. Vennet-Smith gave the view that local government would be reorganised as the government wanted to see a minimum council area population of 250,000 to 400,000 and that the elections next year may be postponed. The future of Rushcliffe BC was uncertain.

There was a possibility that the vexed question of grass cutting would be resolved and some areas would see 9 cuts per annum. The issue in Barton was not frequency

but timing in order to protect wildlife.

It was confirmed that Mr Beaumont, the chief executive, had announced his retirement.

- 256 Clerk's Report & Announcements** The clerk tabled a copy of the Inspector's report into the Local Plan.
- A number of Statements of Community Involvement had been received from Rushcliffe BC and adjacent authorities, these were noted..
- 257 Parish Plan Project** The comments of Carola Jones were noted and the clerk asked to circulate the draft plan to the Community Partnership.
- 258 Finance** The financial statement was; DirectPlus account as of 31st January £2500.00, current account £2537.12 and the Skipton account unchanged at £26929.03.
- Cllr. Harrison proposed an allowance be made to the clerk to cover office and telephone expenses, a sum of £100.00 was agreed, to be reviewed annually.
- Seven cheques were signed for a total of £484.09
- The clerk's salary was reviewed and it was agreed to increase in line with the nationally agreed pay rates for SPC15.
- 259 Annual Meeting** It was agreed to make the Parish Plan the theme of the Annual Meeting to be held on 22nd May and run a similar event to the Open Night held last October with displays and a video and photographs. Cllr Davies apologised in advance for not being able to attend, as she would be on her charity walk, best wishes were extended to Sue and all those involved.
- Refreshments would again be provided.
- 260 A453** The clerk confirmed that Laing O'Rourke Infrastructure had been appointed as contractors. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the Highways Agency. Old road diversion signs and sandbags still littered the area and the road had not been closed over the weekends proposed and the clerk was asked to write to AMScott and ask for their removal.
- 261 Planning** The clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to the City Council asking why the Parish Council had not been consulted over the planning application for a retirement village at Clifton. The clerk had a copy of the decision notice.
- 262 Exchange of Information, Correspondence,** The clerk confirmed the web site was up and running and being accessed. The history of Barton section had not been uploaded, as it was possible an updated version

**Newsletter and
Web**

would soon be available.

Cllr Harrison said he believed that after a considerable period of adjustment the new junction with the A453 represented an improvement.

Cllr. Davies asked about the waste bins some of which had been installed, others not and one damaged and removed. The clerk was asked to investigate.

Cllr. Harrison expressed satisfaction at the success of the recent work to clear the dyke and the flooding problem near the Old Forge now appeared to be resolved. Cllr Harrison further suggested that the flooding problem on Rectory Place should be addressed and outlined a possible solution and agreed to obtain quotes. The clerk confirmed that he had written to Cllr Sykes requesting a contribution of £250.

The meeting finished at 9:30 pm

Minutes of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Tuesday 4th April at 8:00 pm

Councillors Present: Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk Chairman, Cllr. B Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr. J Coles, Cllr. Susan Davies and Cllr R Newcombe

In Attendance: R J Hawkins (Clerk) and two local residents

- 263 **Declarations of Interest** None were given
- 264 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Minutes of the meetings held Monday 23rd January and Monday 20th March 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 265 **Clerk's Report & Announcements** The clerk informed the meeting that he had made an application to UK Villages for a grant of £400 to assist with the cost of the floral display in the church for the Flower Festival
- 266 **Annual Meeting** The agenda and invitation list for the Annual Meeting were approved
- 267 **Finance** One cheque was signed for £5.20 for the hire of the village hall.
- 268 **Planning** The application for change of use at Top Farm to B1, B2 and B8 uses was considered. The application was welcomed and supported as an attempt to tidy up the site and improve the visual amenity. It was confirmed that the site was within the Green Belt. However, it was agreed that there was insufficient information in the application to determine the likely environmental impact due to the proposed activities and the clerk was asked to write to Rushcliffe BC requesting further information, namely
 the nature, character and quantity of material to be stored in the various areas,
 a re assessment of the likely vehicle movements and the storage of rough-cut rock on the verge.
 Concern was expressed about the state of Barton Lane and its inability to cope with increased traffic movements in the light of Nottinghamshire CC unwillingness to improve the road.
 It was agreed to call a special meeting if further information was provided.
 The meeting finished at 9:10pm

**Minutes of Annual Meeting
of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Monday 15th May at 8:00 pm**

Councillors Present: Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr Bill Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Coles and Cllr. Susan Davies

- 269 **Apologies** None were received
- 270 **Declarations of Interest** None were given
- 271 **Election of Chairman** Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk was unanimously elected Chairman for the coming year
- 272 **Election of Vice Chairman** Cllr Bill Harrison was unanimously elected Chairman for the coming year
- 273 **Planning** Additional information on the planning application at **Top Farm, Barton**, was considered and a response to Nottingham City Council agreed.

An application to reopen the **Speedway Stadium at Long Eaton** had been submitted and Erewash BC had been asked to keep the Parish Council informed. A letter had been received from Nottingham City Council explaining that it was not their practice to consult parish councils over planning applications in the City. However in view of our letter they would keep us informed of developments concerning the **Retirement Home at Clifton**

The meeting finished at 9:00 pm

**Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of
Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Wednesday 21st June at 7:00 pm**

Councillors Present:	Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr Bill Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Coles and Cllr. Susan Davies
In attendance	R J Hawkins, Clerk
274 Apologies	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Newcombe
275 Declarations of Interest	None were given
276 Minutes of the previous meeting	This item was deferred until the next meeting
277 Annual Meeting 2006	It was agreed that in view of the poor attendance at this meeting, an Open Meeting should be held in September to consider matters that would have been raised and the Parish Plan
278 Clerk's Report & Announcements	<p>The SCI's from Nottinghamshire CC, Derbyshire CC, Rushcliffe, Broxtowe, Erewash, and Gedling BCs were noted</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had spoken to Cllr. Sykes who had agreed to apply on our behalf for funding for the Rectory Place Drainage Project.</p> <p>A schedule of road works for Nottinghamshire S had been received from the Highways department detailing numerous top dressing projects with no mention of Barton in Fabis. The clerk was asked to write asking when Barton may be included.</p> <p>A Police Consultation had been received on the proposed merger of police forces. It was agreed that the current situation where the local station for the area was Bingham was unsatisfactory and that if a merger delivered more local policing, perhaps based on Loughborough or Kegworth, then this could be beneficial. The clerk was asked to respond accordingly. It was agreed to ask PC Nick Lowe to make a low key visit to the village.</p> <p>Rushcliffe BC's Small Environmental Scheme & the Tree Planting scheme had been combined with a total</p>

grant to each parish of £500 maximum. Applications to be submitted by 1st September. It was agreed the Parish Council should sponsor the rebuilding of the historically important wall opposite the Old Forge and a possible hedging project and if necessary provide extra funds from PC reserves.

Cllr Sue Davies arrived at 7:20pm

**279 Finance –
Financial
Statement &
Parish Council
Accounts 2005-06**

The Accounts and Financial Report for 2005-06 prepared by the RFO were approved and signed by the Chairman and RFO.

The clerk informed the council that in line with a previous decision of the council the insurance was now arranged through the Community Council of Lincolnshire with a saving of nearly £100.

It was agreed the Community DirectPlus account with the Co-op Bank should be closed and the balance transferred to the Business Account. The Chairman and Cllr. Coles signed the bank mandate.

**280 Finance – Annual
Return**

The clerk informed the council that Richard Holmes, as internal auditor, had audited the accounts. The Annual Return and the Statement of Assurance were both approved.

281 Planning

An application to reopen the **Speedway Stadium at Long Eaton** had been submitted and Erewash BC had confirmed that they would keep the Parish Council informed.

The Chairman reported on his research into the application to build a **Retirement Village** at Clifton with over 300 accommodation units. The visual impact of the proposed development had been underestimated and it was agreed to take some photographs and submit these with our objections to the application. It was very likely that Bradmore and Bunny would be able to see the development. Although some tree screening was proposed this was thought inadequate and mention had been made of the Park & Ride which was also thought inappropriate. Clerks of adjacent parishes had been notified of the application and it was agreed to write to Ken Clarke MP with our concerns.

The Chairman agreed to find out more about the CPRE initiative and Landscape Character Statements.

An application for a mobile snack bar on the A453 was considered and it was agreed to object on the grounds that this was a dangerous road and likely to represent a hazard, litter was also a problem.

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**Correspondence,
Newsletter & Web**

It was agreed a Newsletter was required to include plans for Rectory Place, rebuilding of the wall, the Parish Plan, the Clifton retirement Home, proposed meeting with Highways Agency, crime and rowdyism and congratulations to Cllr Sue Davies for her successful charity walk in aid of Breast Cancer Research at the City Hospital and raising £1200.

Cllr Coles asked if there were likely to be implications for the area now that it appeared the Sharp Hill development had been scrapped. The Chairman reported on what he believed to be the current position and thought it unlikely there would be any impact on the immediate area.

The meeting finished at 8:00 pm

Minutes of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Monday 17th July at 8:00 pm

Councillors Present:	Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr Bill Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Coles and R Newcombe
In attendance	R J Hawkins, Clerk
283 Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllrs L Sykes and Cllr T Vennett-Smith
284 Declarations of Interest	None were given
285 Minutes of the previous meeting	The minutes of the meetings held on 4 th April, 15 th May and 21 st June were approved and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk reported that he had held a site meeting with Capital Stone to discuss the renovation of the wall opposite the Old Forge; the estimate was £3,000. The clerk also reported that Capital One have a volunteer programme and help would probably be available to clear the site and remove ivy etc.
286 Village Plan & Open Meeting	The clerk was asked to book the hall for an appropriate evening after the next scheduled Parish Council meeting.
287 Clerk's Report & Announcements	Drainage Project Rectory Place; the clerk reported that he and the Vice Chairman had walked the village inspecting roadside gullies and other drainage features and Cllr. Bill Harrison outlined the problem in Rectory Place and suggested some possible solutions. Cllr. Sykes had provided funds to help tackle the problem but it was agreed to organise a working party for Saturday 29 th July to attempt to locate the existing drain as a starting point for the project. The clerk also reported that Central Networks had recently set up a fund to which non-profit groups could apply for grants up to a maximum of £2,500 for community projects. Rushcliffe BC had undertaken an Open space Audit for each parish and a copy of the report had been received; there were no open spaces in the village other than the church. A complaint had been received about over hanging trees in the village and the clerk had asked the County forestry

officer to investigate.

- 288 **Finance –
Financial
Statement** The clerk reported that as agreed previously, the Community DirectPlus account with the Co-op Bank had been closed and the balance transferred to the Business Account. This would simplify book keeping in future but more importantly allow funds to be better placed with the possibility of increased interest rates.
- There had been no expenditure since the previous meeting and no cheques for signature.
- 289 **Finance – Annual
Return** The Annual Return and the Statement of Assurance had both been forwarded to the Auditors.
- 290 **Planning** An application to reopen the **Speedway Stadium at Long Eaton** had been submitted and Erewash BC had confirmed that they would keep the Parish Council informed.
- There was a general discussion on the application to build a **Retirement Village** at Clifton with over 300 accommodation units and the likely environmental impact, especially the visual intrusion.
- The Chairman made a brief statement on the CPRE’s Landscape Character Statement initiative and it was agreed no further action was required at this time but that this may be an appropriate follow up to the parish plan.
- The clerk reported that new regulations governing the disposal of agricultural waste had now come into force and essentially material could not be imported into a site for burning without a licence.
- The Parish Council had recently considered an application for a mobile snack bar on the A453 and objected to the proposal; Rushcliffe BC had recently approved the application.
- Severn Trent Water had plans to lay a new pipeline through the village. The clerk had spoken to them about this and the lack of consultation, it is apparently not their usual practice to consult with councils only with landowners.
- 291 **Correspondence,
Newsletter & Web** Concern was expressed about recent drug activity in the village and the clerk was asked to make a report to the local police. The clerk had tried to get information packs for distribution around the village but these seemed impossible to obtain.
- There was a general discussion on the lack of any youth

activities in the village and Cllr R Newcombe offered to run a football team if sufficient interest was shown, this idea would be featured in the next newsletter.

The draft Newsletter was discussed and amendments made. It is proposed to distribute to coincide with the announcement of the Open Meeting.

Cllr R Newcombe left the meeting at 9:25 pm

The meeting finished at 9:35 pm

Minutes of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Monday 18th September at 8:00 pm

Councillors Present: Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr Bill Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr Sue Davies and R Newcombe

In attendance R J Hawkins, Clerk, Cllr Lynn Sykes and Cllr T Vennett-Smith

292 Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Coles

293 Declarations of Interest None were given

294 Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meetings held on 17th July were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Lynn Sykes, Nottinghamshire CC and Cllr T Vennett-Smith Rushcliffe BC.

It was agreed the project to renovate the wall opposite the Old Forge should be delayed, resolving the drainage problems on Rectory Place was more important. It was agreed Cllr R Newcombe should approach Mr Baxter and ask him to dismantle part of his rockery to allow access for a camera. Cllr. Bill Harrison confirmed the drain was less than 9” and this was ideal for a camera survey, the clerk was authorised to instigate a camera survey of the drain at a cost of £60/hour

The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Nottingham City planners to discuss the Retirement Village.

Cllr Lynn Sykes reported that Nottinghamshire CC was now working in a new way, the scrutiny committees had been disbanded and the council meetings were very much shorter.

Cllr T Vennett-Smith reported that Mr Beaumont was stepping down as Chief Executive this month. The council had abandoned the Sharp Hill project following the adverse inspector’s report. It was likely that Rushcliffe BC could meet its housing quota without a major development and by infill alone. The white paper on local government had not been published and it was now likely that full elections would be held in May. The conditional planning approval for Top Farm was reported and the clerk reported that a letter from

Nottinghamshire CC implied no action was to be taken over the waste dumped at Raddle Barn.

295 Clerk's Report & Announcements

The clerk reported that he had heard a major report with plans for the next 20 years from the East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) was to be published later this month followed by a twelve week consultation period and this would be proposing a review of the green belt and identifying Clifton South as a site for major development. The report would highlight the potential of the area and note the infrastructure of the area including, the A453, the Tram, the Parkway station and NEMA. It was agreed that in view of the importance of this report other agenda items would be deferred to allow an extensive discussion.

There was an extensive discussion on this report and it was agreed that a public meeting should be called in the village to discuss the implications. The clerk was asked to write to adjacent parishes inviting them to attend.

The clerk was asked to get confirmation that parish councils would be consulted and the likely date the report would be released. Cllr T Vennett-Smith agreed to ask Rushcliffe BC how they would deal with this report and report back to the clerk.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Parish Council has always opposed plans for developing the area and hoped this policy would continue. Housing, similar to the 1990's proposal, and industrial development were all contained in the report and should be opposed.

It was agreed the open meeting to discuss the parish plan, booked for Tuesday 26th should be postponed.

296 Finance – Financial Statement

The financial statement was approved and three cheques signed for a total of £341.99. The clerk reported that expenditure to date was a little over £800 after six months and the budget for the year was £2,000.

297 Correspondence, Newsletter & Web

The clerk reported that the SCI's for Erewash and Nottingham City had been received.

The clerk reported that the Newsletter would have to be amended as the parish plan meeting was now postponed but a newsletter would be possible to advertise the public meeting.

Cllr. Bill Harrison expressed concern that he believed waste was being burnt in the village against the latest regulations and asked that everyone noted any possible

breaches.

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The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 20th November. The clerk reminded the meeting that a draft budget for 2007-08 would have to be agreed at this meeting.

The meeting finished at 9:35 pm

Minutes of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Monday 20th November at 8:00 pm

Councillors Present: Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr Bill Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr Sue Davies and R Newcombe

In attendance R J Hawkins, Clerk

299 Declarations of Interest None were given

300 Minutes of the previous meeting Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September were approved and signed by the Chairman

301 Clerk's Report & Announcements The clerk reported that the Government White Paper on Local Government had been published and details would be available for the next meeting.

Drainage problems Rectory Place, it was still the intention to organise a camera survey.

The clerk reminded the meeting that local government elections, including those for parish councillors, would be held in May 2007

A report had been received of dead cygnets found near Trentside. A discussion followed on whether the police should be informed but Cllr. Bill Harrison explained that the description of the attacks suggested a fox and no further action was proposed.

A request had been made for the Parish Council to approach the Highways Agency and ask for improvements to be made to the junction of Barton Lane with the A453 to make it more visible at night. It was agreed the clerk should contact the Highways Agency. The clerk reported that he had spoken to Shireef Hussain of the Highways Agency about a meeting to discuss the proposed junction of New Road with the A453 but that it would not be appropriate to meet until 2007. In view of the complexity of the problem it was agreed to find a civil engineer who could advise the Parish Council on the options available and the impact of both an underpass and a bridge over the A453.

There was a discussion on grass cutting in the parish and it was agreed an approach should be made to the County Council with a view to negotiating a more sympathetic

schedule for the village verges and the Gotham-Clifton road.

The clerk confirmed that he was in negotiations with the County Council to prune some of the trees in the village.

**302 Finance –
Financial
Statement**

The clerk explained that previous advice from the Co Op bank to close the Direct Plus account had been wrong and a new account now had to be opened. It was agreed the Chairman and clerk and whoever else as appropriate could sign the appropriate documents when received from the bank. Consequently there would be a delay in raising cheques.

It was agreed the clerk should produce a draft budget for the next meeting based on a maximum increase of 5% compared to the current year.

Cllr. Rob Newcombe reported on the continuing success of the Barton Football team and it was agreed the Parish Council would financially support the club to approximately £40 to cover the purchase of basic equipment. The hire of the pitch would remain the responsibility of the players.

303 Planning

East Midlands Regional Assembly Draft Regional Plan. Cllr. Paul Kaczmarczuk declared an interest confirming his wife's family had an interest in the land potentially under threat from destruction of the Green Belt and proposals to build new housing. He confirmed his total opposition to the plan and withdrew from the discussion. The meeting discussed this situation and agreed that Cllr. Paul Kaczmarczuk was the ideal person, given his commitment and knowledge, to lead the campaign against the plans. It was unanimously resolved to invite Cllr. Paul Kaczmarczuk to return to the meeting and lead the campaign.

The clerk confirmed that a copy of the East Midlands Regional Assembly's Draft Regional Plan had been received. The Chairman explained the main issues raised in the report, namely the proposal to build several thousand homes in an area described as Clifton South, the destruction of the Green Belt and updated the meeting on progress to date and outlined the campaigns objectives. It was agreed to publish a newsletter to be distributed to all households in the village outlining the campaign and main issues and including an official consultation response form asking everyone to respond individually objecting to any revision of the green belt and the proposal to build houses. Leaflets would also be sent to the adjacent parishes that would be encouraged to produce their own where possible. A copy to be sent

to Ken Clarke MP.

It was also agreed to publish a Newsletter for Clifton which would be circulated through the shops, library, medical centre and leisure centre.

It was unanimously agreed to use Parish Council funds to support the campaign for printing costs and other incidental expenditure. It was agreed another open meeting was not required but that a display should be mounted in the village hall on the evening of the Christmas social night. Residents would be encouraged to attend open meetings wherever possible and meetings of the County & City councils.

Caravans on the Trent, it would appear that more caravans have appeared and officers from Rushcliffe BC have visited the site but nothing else to report.

An application by Mr & Mrs Whalley of Rose Cottage, Chestnut Lane, reference 06/01816/FUL was considered and it was agreed not to object to the application in principle but to comment that the proposed garage was inappropriate as being over large and would make an adverse visual impact.

Cllr. Rob Newcombe asked if there was anything that could be done to get the sign removed from the A453 advertising "Pick Your Own". This causes an obstruction and hinders the line of site. Cllr. Bill Harrison agreed to talk to Mr Hudson.

**304 Correspondence,
Newsletter & Web**

The clerk was asked to make a copy of the response form for East Midlands Regional Assembly available for download on the web site.

The clerk reported on letters from Pick Everard advising on a new water main that would be constructed through the parish and from Jane Baines at Nottinghamshire CC Rights of Way advising of the closure of Bridleway number 3 for 6 months to enable the construction to take place. The clerk was asked to query the timescale.

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The next meeting confirmed as 22nd January 2007.
The meeting finished at 9:35 pm