

Barton in Fabis Parish Council



Minute Book 2007

**Minutes of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Monday 22nd January 2007 at 8:00 pm**

- Councillors Present:** Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr Bill Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Coles & Cllr Sue Davies
- In attendance** R J Hawkins, Clerk, and Cllr T Vennett-Smith.
- 306 Apologies** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Newcombe. Cllr. Lynn Sykes also sent apologies
- 307 Declarations of Interest** None were given
- 308 Minutes of the previous meeting** Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- The clerk reported that there had been no further progress on agreeing a revised schedule of grass cutting with the County, discussions were on-going.
- The Chairman reported on an informal meeting with David Armiger from Rushcliffe BC when the growth point bid was discussed. Rushcliffe will be entering discussions with a number of interested parties on the Clifton South but it was emphasised that this in no way implied support for the proposal. The panel has catalogued approximately 770 responses to the Draft Regional Plan, 670 have been analysed representing over 2000 comments. It is expected the reports will be available for public inspection in February. The Examination in Public would be held in three centres, Northampton, Lincoln and Leicester.
- 309 District Report** Cllr. T Vennett-Smith reported that Nottinghamshire CC had recently voted to take the option of developing closer working relationships with the district councils rather than applying to the government to become the unitary authority for the County. Rushcliffe BC was working closely with other district councils especially Gedling BC.
- Cllr. T Vennett-Smith thanked the Parish Council and especially the Chairman for running an excellent campaign to save the greenbelt and fight the proposal to build several thousand houses in the parish. It was also noted how well the three parishes of Barton, Gotham and Thrumpton had worked together and thanked all the clerks
- 310 Clerk's Report & Announcements** Government White Paper, this was noted.
- Elections 3rd May 2007**, the clerk explained that legally all members would have to stand down just prior to the election, nomination papers to stand in the election had to be returned by 4th April, they would be available in March.

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It was agreed that a Newsletter should include a request for residents to put themselves forward for election. Cllr. Julian Coles stated he was unlikely to stand for re-election. A meeting of the Parish Council must take place within 14 days of the election and the clerk was asked to book a suitable date.

Complaints had been received from residents about the junction of Barton Lane with the A453. Essentially there is a request to improve the junction so that it is easier to see at night, perhaps by adding some cats-eyes or other reflective signs. AMScott had been asked to investigate.

The clerk also reported that the Highways Authority had held discussions with the City Council about providing a junction off the A453 on Mill Hill to access the NET park & Ride.

It was noted that the County had pruned all the trees in the village and on the approach roads.

Drainage problems Rectory Close; the clerk explained that he had had site visits with contractors and one specialist company, Aquajet, appeared to offer the best possible solution but at a cost. To blast the drains and run a camera survey would cost £695 for the jetvac and £595 for the CCTV. It was agreed this was essential work that as none of the other authorities had accepted responsibility the Parish Council should proceed. It was unanimously agreed that as this was a specialist company that Financial Regulations be suspended and no other quotes were necessary.

The football team was going well with a strong attendance on Wednesday evenings. A match had been held at Sutton Bonnington over the holiday, score 4-4. There was a possibility of joining a league and it was agreed the Parish Council would provide financial support to purchase equipment. Cllr. T Vennett-Smith also offered support.

311 Finance – Financial Statement

The clerk explained that the new account with the Co Op bank had been approved but the chequebook had not been received. The financial statement was approved and it was agreed the cheques could be raised and signed as soon as the new book arrived. .

The clerk tabled a draft budget that showed a 5% increase on 2006-07. However, in view of the decision to investigate drainage problem it was agreed to increase the budget by £1000.

After a discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would when appropriate apply to the Nottingham EMA community fund for financial support. Three projects were possibilities; renovation of the old manor wall, help with the

drains and the football team.

Cllr. Sue Davies said the PCC were also looking for help in fitting a new outside door for the church.

312 Planning

The planning application for Rose Cottage, Chestnut Lane was approved, including the over large garage.

Application reference 0/01659/FUL by Dean Saunders to demolish outbuildings adjacent to the Old Coach House, rebuild and convert the remaining building to create a new dwelling was considered. The Parish Council supports development of the site in principle but it was agreed this proposal is not in keeping with the environment and it was agreed to object to the application.

313 Correspondence & Web

A programme of training events organised by Nottinghamshire RCC was noted.

A letter from the National Association for Voluntary & Community Action outlining the threat to lottery funding was noted, no action required.

The clerk reported a significant increase in users accessing the web site during November & December

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Cllr. Bill Harrison reported that he had had discussions with Jane Baines from the Rights of Way department and various improvements had been made including a new style on the Thrumpton footpath. However, the footpath through Hudson's farm was a matter of concern. It was agreed a request should be made to have the path rerouted to the original line, especially now that pigs were not kept on the farm (this being one of the main factors leading to the diversion).

The next meeting confirmed as 19th March 2007.

The meeting finished at 9:30 pm

**Minutes of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Monday 19th March 2007 at 8:00 pm**

- Councillors Present:** Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr Bill Harrison (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Coles & Cllr Sue Davies
- In attendance** R J Hawkins, Clerk,
- 315 **Apologies** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Newcombe. Cllr. Lynn Sykes also sent apologies.
- 316 **Declarations of Interest** None were given
- 317 **Minutes of the previous meeting** Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 318 **Clerk's Report & Announcements**
- Cllr. Julian Coles arrived
- The clerk reported that there was a national campaign to get Parish Councils and other local organisations to celebrate St George's with special events. It was agreed it was more appropriate for the Village Hall Committee to arrange such events and the clerk was asked to forward correspondence.
- The government had issued a draft revision of the Code of Conduct; one of the significant changes appeared to be the proposal to allow members who declared a prejudicial interest to speak and answer questions, but not vote, provided the council passed a resolution to this effect.
- The Government White Paper & NALC's Chief Executive response were noted. The Parish Council looked forward to implementation of reforms to improve the way authorities dealt with Parish Councils and greater transparency in what they were doing.
- The clerk reminded members that the Local Elections would be held on Thursday 3rd May 2007. All members confirmed they would be seeking re election but all members were asked to encourage residents to stand.
- The clerk suggested that the recent workload in responding to planning matters, especially EMRA's draft Regional Report, suggested that an Environmental Committee should be created. It was agreed to create such a committee and invite non-members to join. Cllr. Bill Harrison agreed join and it was agreed to invite Angela Plowright to join.
- Request for improvements to road junctions with A453; the clerk explained he had approached the Highway Agency

with a view to asking them to make improvements to the road junction of Barton Lane with the A453. The Agency had completely misunderstood the request and the clerk would go back to them and explain further.

Drainage, latest quote £595 CCTV and £695 jetvac by Aquajet Ltd; the clerk asked for clarification after which it was agreed to go ahead as originally planned.

319 Finance

The financial summary was approved and 8 cheques signed to a total value of £599.97.

The clerk reported that he had been informed that Hacker Young's contract as external auditors had been extended by the government.

In the absence of Cllr. Rob Newcombe it was agreed to defer a decision on financial support for the football initiative.

It was agreed to make a £25 donation to the Rushcliffe Barn Owl Project.

320 Planning

Draft east Midlands Regional Plan; confirmation had been received that the Parish Council would have a seat at the Examination in Public (EiP) starting on 22nd May. It was agreed the Chairman should make a submission on behalf of the Parish Council.

An application to build a Parkway Railway Station at Ratcliffe on Soar was considered and it was agreed to object on the grounds that the design and proposed construction materials were inappropriate in a rural environment.

An application to construct a two-storey chalet at Trentside was considered and it was agreed to object to the application on the grounds that there were no other two-storey buildings in the area. The clerk and Cllr. Bill Harrison were asked to visit the site and confirm this before responding to Rushcliffe BC.

Clifton Retirement Village; the clerk reported that he was still trying to arrange a meeting with the project manager for the development

Footbridge over the Trent; the clerk was asked to make further enquiries of Nottingham City Council and in particular establish when a formal consultation period would start. It was believed that the residents of Beeston and Beeston Rylands opposed the scheme.

NET 2; Cllr. Bill Harrison reported that with the clerk he had attended a cabinet meeting of Nottinghamshire CC when NET Phase 2 had been discussed. It seemed likely that a TWAO would be made jointly by the City and County. the Chairman reported that the Business Case would have to be tested but that he was also investigating

what other means there may be to stop the project. Cllr. Bill Harrison informed the meeting that he supported the tram in principle but did accept the scheme was land-greedy.

321 Rights of Way

The clerk reported that Nottinghamshire CC had issued a major consultation on a Rights Of Way Improvement Plan. Cllr. Bill Harrison agreed to study the report and report back to a later meeting.

Cllr. Bill Harrison had not yet had a meeting with Jill Hudson to discuss realignment of the footpath as she apparently no longer lived at the farm.

322 Correspondence & Web

Cllr. Bill Harrison outlined a proposal to install information boards in the parish at strategic locations on the footpaths describing landscape features and areas historical importance. The idea was agreed in principle and Cllr. Bill Harrison agreed to report back at a later meeting with detailed proposals.

It was agreed a future Newsletter should carry the Nottinghamshire CC telephone number for reporting potholes.

The clerk reported that he had heard Hudson's farm was soon to be put on the market and this could have an impact on the village, as some land owned by the farm was adjacent to the village. However, it appeared that it was only the house and bungalow for sale.

323 Next Meeting

The next meeting, which would be the Annual Meeting, would be on Thursday 10th May to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Davies gave her apologies, as she would not be able to attend.

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 10th May at 7:00 pm at
The Village Hall, Barton in Fabis, Nottinghamshire.**

PRESENT

Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. CW Harrison, Cllr. J Coles.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Roger J Hawkins (Clerk), Cllr. Lynn Sykes (Nottinghamshire CC).

325. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Paul Kaczmarczuk was unanimously elected Chairman for the year.

Cllr. Bill Harrison was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman for the year

326. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sue Davies.

Cllr. T Vennett-Smith also sent apologies.

327. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th March 2007 were approved with minor amendments.

328. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that the proposed foot and cycle bridge over the River Trent had not made it through to the next round of fund bidding and the project was now closed.

A meeting was scheduled for Friday 18th May at 4.00 pm with the Highways Agency to discuss the latest proposals for the dualling of the A453.

The clerk reported that Aquajet should have been on site during the week to investigate the drainage problems on rectory place but it now looked as if it would be the following week.

Cllr. Bill Harrison and the clerk had visited Trentside and confirmed there were no two-storey houses and the objection to the proposed development had been sent to Rushcliffe BC.

The consultation process for the NET Phase 2 project had started and the clerk had received a complete set of documents. The response deadline is Thursday 7th June and it was agreed the Chairman should draft a response objecting to the proposals.

Cllr. Bill Harrison reported that he had not yet responded to the Improvement Plan consultation. The footpath through Hudson's Farm was in a poor condition and the best course of action may be to revert to the original route now that pigs are no longer being kept at the farm. Cllr. Bill Harrison would be contacting Jane Baines to discuss.

329. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CODE OF PRACTICE

The clerk reported that Declarations of Acceptance had been received from all members except Cllr. Sue Davies who was on holiday; it was agreed to extend the response date until Cllr. Sue Davies returned.

The clerk reminded everyone that the Declaration of Interests had to be completed and returned by 31st May

The Parish Council had six months in which to adopt the revised Code of Conduct and this would be a future agenda item.

330. REGISTRATIONS OF INTEREST

None given.

331. REGIONAL REPORT - EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had been awarded a seat at the EiP and that he would be representing the Parish Council on three matters at meetings on 11th, and 26/27th June. It was believed that there were in the order of 1300 responses to the Draft Regional Report and 700 of these related to local matters.

Cllr. Lynn Sykes explained that the City and County's submission had been in part based on the finding contained in a consultant's report on Strategic Housing Land Availability, one of the main findings of which was that there was greater capacity within the City than had been previously thought.

332. PLANNING

The revised application to develop the Coach House was considered and it was agreed not to object.

333. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. Lynn Sykes reported that the government was forcing the County to commit to increased spending without increasing funding and the budget for the year would be very difficult. While in opposition it was difficult to get information and NET costs were often treated as confidential. It was believed that the Robin Hood line had suffered reduced passenger numbers and perhaps as many as 400 homes affected.

The Home Care Service had also suffered a reduction in budget and now only helped the severely disabled.

The Electoral Division Initiative (EDI) had been maintained and Cllr. Lynn Sykes explained she had £5,000 to allocate to local groups and would welcome suggestions.

334. FINANCE

Accounts for Payment

The Financial Statement was approved and six cheques were authorised for payment totalling £435.80.

The clerk reported that the Precept had been received from Rushcliffe BC

335. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 21st May at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. Cllr. Julian Coles and Cllr. Lynn Sykes offered their apologies.

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm and was immediately followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 21st May 2007 at 7:30 pm at
The Village Hall, Barton in Fabis, Nottinghamshire.**

PRESENT

Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. CW Harrison, Cllr Sue Davies,

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Roger J Hawkins (Clerk)

336. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. J Coles and Cllr R Newcombe.

Cllr. Lynn Sykes (Nottinghamshire CC) & Cllr. T Vennett-Smith (Rushcliffe BC) also sent apologies.

337. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th May 2007 were agreed with no amendment and signed by the Chairman

338. REGISTRATIONS OF INTEREST & CODE OF PRACTICE

The clerk reminded members that the Declarations of Interest should be returned by 31st May.

The revised Code of Conduct was discussed and it was agreed to adopt clause 12 in its entirety. It was RESOLVED to adopt the Code of Practice.

339. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The meeting had been a success with around 30 members of the public attending. Important matters raised included; Local Policing; a call for mains drainage; ongoing problems of safety at the junction of New Road and the A453; HGVs using Barton Lane and rat running through the village.

It was noted that there had been some minor crime in the village and some drug dealing. The clerk produced a letter from the Police Authority introducing the Policing for You initiative with an offer to attend a meeting in the village. It was agreed the clerk should accept with suggested dates of 3rd or 10th July. This meeting could be combined with that to be arranged with the Environment Agency. The call for mains drainage in the village was noted but past experience suggests this would not be economically viable and it was unclear what support there would be in the village. The Parish Council had written to the AMScott about the A453 junction but it was clear they were unwilling to make any further changes. HGVs using Barton Lane was also a problem that had been reported previously but neither the police nor the County had shown an interest in helping.

340. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

The clerk reported that the project to clear the drain in Rectory Place using Aquajet had not been successful. The drain could only be cleared for 13 metres from rectory Place and 25 metres from the dyke. The drain was blocked with compacted silt and the only remedy appeared to be a new drain. It was agreed the findings should be used to put pressure on Severn Trent, Rushcliffe BC and Nottinghamshire CC to accept some responsibility.

It was agreed to invite the Environment Agency to an open meeting with the police on either 3rd or 10th July.

Tree Planting Scheme. The clerk informed members that the Highways department and the woodland Trust both had tree-planting programmes running at present with

funding. It was agreed to include information in the next newsletter. The Chairman confirmed that he had spent some considerable time removing pink paint which had been painted on the trunks of numerous trees in the woods. The Chairman reported that there was a scheme to plant Black Poplars in the county and he had planted one sapling in the parish.

341. PLANNING

EiP. THE Chairman confirmed he would be attending the EiP in June. The Environment Agency had recently circulated a briefing paper but it was of no relevance to our area.

Retirement Village. It was noted that the major concern was the four-storey building planned and its impact on the visual environment.

NET Phase 2. The clerk and Chairman had both received an invitation to a meeting to discuss NET Phase 2 and suggested dates would be forwarded to the NET team. An invitation from Cllr. Martin Suthers (Nottinghamshire CC) to visit the parish and explain his opposition to the plans was noted. The Chairman confirmed that several hundred leaflets had been delivered in surrounding areas in addition to the village's newsletter.

342. FINANCE

Three cheques were authorised for payment totalling £ including £ VAT.

The clerk confirmed that the Skipton Account balance was a little over £28,000. In line with minute 78 it was agreed to ring fence the Community Fund for a further year as it was by no means clear that a fighting fund would not be required in view of proposals for major housing in the area and the NET.

It was agreed to maintain the clerks reimbursement for expenses at £100.00 (minute 258)

It was agreed to increase the Chairman's Allowance to £250.00 in recognition of both past expenditure and future in attending the EiP and related meetings.

343. RIGHTS OF WAY

Nothing to Report

344. CLERK'S BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk confirmed he had received a letter from Wendy Honeyman Smith on an initiative to promote tourism in the county and he would be discussing with her some ideas.

A letter from the Highways Agency inviting members to attend a presentation on the latest proposals for the A453 widening at Kegworth on 6th June was noted.

It was agreed to maintain membership of AARPC

Countywise; with details of new councillor training

A letter and posters from Nottinghamshire CC on the Transport Voucher Scheme was discussed and Cllr. Sue Davies agreed to bring this to the attention of elderly residents in the village who could benefit. The clerk was asked to include this item in the next newsletter.

345. CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters were noted; CPRE Best Kept Village Competition; Derbyshire CC SCI & Waste Strategy; Nottingham City SCI; Nottinghamshire CC SCI; Nottinghamshire Police Authority, policing for You; Nottinghamshire RCC AGM;

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Rushcliffe CVS News; Rushcliffe BC Charity Golf Day and Wildlife Trust What's On

346. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk proposed meeting dates for 2008, these were agreed.

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 16th July.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th June 2007
at 7:30 pm at
The Village Hall, Barton in Fabis, Nottinghamshire.**

PRESENT

Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. CW Harrison, Cllr Sue Davies and Cllr. J Coles.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Roger J Hawkins (Clerk) and three local residents

347. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Newcombe

Cllr. Lynn Sykes (Nottinghamshire CC) and Cllr. T Vennett-Smith (Rushcliffe BC) also sent apologies.

348. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th May 2007 were agreed with no amendment and signed by the Chairman

349. REGISTRATIONS OF INTEREST

None given.

350. PLANNING

The planning application submitted by Cllr. Rob Newcombe (Parish Council reference 05/2007) for the construction of a double garage at Red Tiles, Manor Road was considered. It was noted that Cllr. Rob Newcombe had had a meeting with neighbours to discuss the proposals and as a result intended to submit revised drawings with modifications to the footprint and height of the garage. It was agreed that provided the revised drawings were in line with the discussions then the Parish Council would not object in principle to the development but would comment that the pitch of the roof should be aligned with the adjacent property and not with red tiles.

351. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 16th July

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 16th July at 8:00 pm at
The Village Hall, Barton in Fabis, Nottinghamshire.**

PRESENT

Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. CW Harrison and Cllr. J Coles.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Roger J Hawkins (Clerk), Cllr. Lynn Sykes (Nottinghamshire CC), Cllr. T Vennett-Smith (Rushcliffe BC) and one resident.

352. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sue Davies and Cllr R Newcombe.

353. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2007 were agreed with no amendment and signed by the Chairman.

354. REGISTRATIONS OF INTEREST

None given.

355. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

Road Drainage. The clerk reported on a very useful meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss drainage problems in the village. It is now clear that Nottinghamshire CC are responsible and the clerk has spoken to the Highways Department and reported a number of problems. Photographs of various flood events since 2004 to highlight the problems have also been sent to the County, including some taken by Richard Osbourn. The clerk thanked Cllr. Lynn Sykes for her assistance. The clerk also reported that a team from Rushcliffe BC had been in the village to empty the roadside gulleys and had identified a blocked drain near Red Tiles but with their equipment it was not possible to clear.

Flood Defences. It was generally agreed that the recent open meeting when the Environment Agency described their plans for increasing the height of the flood banks had been very successful. A road closure notification had been received from the County suggesting the work would commence on 23rd July.

Tree Planting. The clerk reported on a number of schemes whereby it may be possible to obtain funding for tree planting in the village; these included, Nottinghamshire CC Highways, the Woodland Trust, Rushcliffe BC Small Environmental Scheme and the County's Building Better Communities (BBC).

It was agreed to submit a proposal to Rushcliffe BC to plant more hedging on New Road and to the County to improve the pavement between Rectory Place and Little Lunnon where Tony Austin had suggested removing the narrow verge where only weeds grow with tarmac and the clerk further suggested a bus shelter could be sited.

356. PLANNING

The Chairman reported briefly on the EiP held in Leicester; the main achievement is that it now seems unlikely that Clifton South will be included in the final report. The panel will not report until next year. It was agreed a letter of thanks should be written by the clerk to Mr Logan who had financially supported the Save Our Green Belt campaign.

Cllr. Julian Coles proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for all his work before the EiP and in attending some of the sessions, this was unanimously supported.

It was noted that Rushcliffe BC has announced it will shortly start a consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. However, the Chairman stated

that he believed a planning application would be submitted by Wilson Bowden Homes before the Core Strategy was published.

The clerk reported that he had written to Mr Hudson expressing an interest in purchasing land in the village should he ever decide to sell but a reply had not been received.

The clerk reported that the application to build a double garage at Red Tiles had been approved. Cllr. Julian Coles said he understood there had been some confusion over the revised drawings and the council's submission and it was agreed the clerk should write to Rushcliffe BC asking for confirmation that the council's response was received and asking for confirmation of the procedure to distribute revised drawings.

357. A453 WIDENING SCHEME

It was noted that the response deadline was Monday 23rd July. The Chairman expressed the view that as the Highway Agency leaflet describing the scheme had only asked for comments it was not necessary at this time to respond with detailed comments. It was also his view that the village was divided over the scheme and he had some sympathy with those who objected to the closure of Barton Lane, the need for the link road and the off-line construction.

Cllr. Julian Coles agreed that a detailed response was not required and expressed concerns over the nature of the proposed underpass and whether farm vehicles would have access, the Mill Hill roundabout and possible congestion and landscaping to minimise the visual impact of the road in the greenbelt.

Cllr. Bill Harrison expressed the strong view that he believed 90% of the village supported the scheme and that the Parish Council should be prepared to show more of a lead as we had done with other recent campaigns. Cllr. Harrison was of the opinion that the scheme should be judged solely as a road scheme ignoring the unknowns of housing development and the NET and he described the ten major benefits of the scheme as:

The off-line route which will present fewer problems during construction

The provision of a roundabout at Mill Hill and the retention of the old A453 will afford safe access to and from the village

The quality of life for residents will be improved with the route of the road being further away from the village and the resultant decrease in noise pollution

The scheme is in some aspects more environmentally friendly than previous schemes, eg no longer necessary to consider a crawler lane as in the case of the on-line route

The eventual downgrading of the existing A453 to a "village road" will offer obvious advantages to both villagers and farmers

Closing Barton Lane will stop rat-running

Barton Lodge and Keepers Cottage will be safeguarded together with the "gateway to the village" and there will be benefits for Top Farm

The scheme represents the most advantageous cost benefit

The Mill Hill roundabout will slow traffic

The proposal represents the best option to date for the major stakeholders, the road users and local traffic alike

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Cllr. Harrison also noted some disadvantages, the main one being the re-routing to Gotham will make for a longer journey. It was noted that Gotham PC had not responded favourably but he believed the Parish Council should support the scheme.

The Chairman recognised some legitimate concerns of Gotham PC but reiterated that he did not believe a detailed response was necessary and a neutral response should be made, the time for a detailed response would be when the draft orders are published later in the year. Cllr. Julian Coles believed a majority of the village would support the scheme.

The Chairman invited Cllr. T Vennett-Smith and Cllr. Lynn Sykes to comment.

Cllr. Vennett-Smith reported that the major concern of Gotham Parish Council was the link road and the impact this could have on future planning but accepted the scheme did address the previous concerns of Barton residents. Cllr. Vennett-Smith asked if the village is against the scheme because of the off-line route, what is the alternative.

Cllr. Lynn Sykes said she believed this was the best scheme the village was likely to get and believed it addressed all the major concerns. Like Cllr. T Vennett-Smith she believed the NET would be built and that had to be accepted and the scheme should be supported.

The Chairman recognised the advantages of preserving the “Gateway to the Village” but also a number of disadvantages including the provision of access to the NET, potentially opening up land for development especially between the two roads.

Cllr. Lynn Sykes left the meeting at 9.25 pm.

NET Phase 2. The clerk reported that the Parish Council’s response had been submitted objecting to the proposals.

358. FINANCE

The clerk reported that four cheques had been signed since the last meeting; three for Barton Village Hall to cover the costs of open meetings and one for CC Ltd, a supplementary cost of insurance, totalling £40.37. The financial summary was approved and six cheques signed totalling £669.79.

The clerk reported that expenditure was ahead of budget, entirely due to the expense incurred employing Aquajet to investigate the drainage problems on Rectory Place.

The clerk reported that the signatories on the Skipton BS account were Cllr. Julian Coles and A Kerr and that it would be appropriate to remove Mr Kerr’s name. It was agreed the clerk should draft the necessary letter and add the Chairman’s name.

359. RIGHTS OF WAY

The clerk reported that he considered it unnecessary to respond to the County’s Improvement Plan

360. CLERK’S BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Policing 2007. it was agreed to delay inviting the police to an open meeting until after the summer.

Tourism. The clerk reported that Mrs Honeyman-Smith had been on holiday and there was no progress.

The clerk reported that he thought the uptake on the County’s travel voucher scheme had been poor.

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361. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following were noted; CPRE Annual Raffle, Transport 2000 asking for financial support, Erewash BC on various planning matters, Rushcliffe BC's policy on gambling

362. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman reported that the barn owls had had a good breeding season and four chicks had survived.

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 17th September.

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm

**Minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held
on Thursday 16th August 2007 at 7:00 in St Georges Church.**

PRESENT

Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. CW Harrison, Cllr. J Coles, Cllr Sue Davies,
Cllr R Newcombe

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Roger J Hawkins (Clerk), Cllr. T Vennett-Smith and 7 residents

363. PLANNING

Application Reference 06/07, a revised planning application by Mr Wu & Miss Lam to construct a two-storey chalet at Trent Side was considered. It was agreed to object on the grounds that the proposal, being a two-storey development, is not in keeping with the adjacent properties or the riverside in general.

Application Reference 07/07, an application by Mr D Holah of 15 Brown Lane to construct two 4-bedroom dwellings in the grounds was considered. It was agreed to object on the following; significant adverse impact on the adjoining properties especially the church, adverse visual impact from several directions within the village and the church would be hidden from some views, and water run off in the general direction of the church could be significant and detrimental to the structure of the church. In addition it was agreed that Rushcliffe BC should consult with English Heritage and the Environment Agency.

364. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed as Monday 17th September 2007

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 17th September 2007 at 8:00 pm in
The Village Hall, Barton in Fabis, Nottinghamshire.**

PRESENT

Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. CW Harrison, Cllr. J Coles, Cllr Sue Davies,

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Roger J Hawkins (Clerk)

365. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Newcombe.

Cllrs. Lynn Sykes (Nottinghamshire CC) and T Vennett-Smith (Rushcliffe BC) also sent apologies.

366. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meetings held on Monday 16th July and an extraordinary meeting held on 16th August were approved and signed by the Chairman.

367. MATTERS ARISING

The EiP had now closed and the report was awaited, perhaps later this year.

The clerk reported that he had spoken to the owners of the paddock at the end of little Lunnon but they were not inclined to sell at present. It was agreed further contact should be made with a request to lease the field.

The clerk confirmed that Rushcliffe BC had received the correspondence from the clerk relating to the Red Tiles Planning Application and any misunderstanding was due to an unfortunate sequence of timing. However, it was noted that Rushcliffe BC's procedure does not automatically see copies of revised applications being sent to the Parish Council and the clerk was asked to write suggesting the procedure was amended.

The Chairman asked if an invitation had been sent to the police to attend Parish Council. The clerk explained that Nick Lowe was leaving and it was sensible to invite his successor.

The clerk had spoken to Wendy Honeyman Smith about the tourism project and it was hoped to arrange a meeting. Items of interest could include the dovecote, roman villa, footpaths and the flood marker.

368. REGISTRATIONS OF INTEREST

None given.

369. DISTRICT REPORT.

The clerk reported that he had spoken to Cllr. Vennett-Smith who had told him that Dave Armiger was leaving Rushcliffe BC and this would leave the planning department under strength at a time when applications were rumoured to be made for 1000 homes at Kingston and a revised scheme at Sharp Hill and a large development at Tollerton.

370. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

Drainage. Ian Parker had failed to respond to correspondence from the Clerk explaining the recent road floods in the village. It was agreed to ask Cllr. Lynn Sykes to help progress.

Environment Agency. The agency had informed the clerk that it had not been possible to get an agreement with the landowner to take clay from a borrow pit and consequently material would have to be imported. The project was likely to over run and there would be more traffic movements than originally planned.

The Chairman reminded everyone that the 2000 floods occurred in November and asked if the flood protection banks were safe following the Severn Trent works.

The clerk tabled a letter from Black & Veatch, a firm of consultants who had been commissioned by the Environment Agency and Nottinghamshire Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Partnership to appraise the risk of flooding in the area and who were asking for local information. The clerk was asked to respond and in addition to the usual village problems to include Mill Hill and the Clifton-Gotham road where run off from the land could be significant.

Cllr. Julian Coles asked if there was an agreement to make good any damage to the roads that may be caused by heavy traffic and the clerk suggested taking photographs as evidence of the current condition.

Rushcliffe BC, Small Environmental Scheme. Cllr. Julian Coles told the meeting he had been pruning the trees adjacent to the flood bank on Manor Road and 5 cherry and 5 chestnut were required to replace dead or damaged trees. Two hundred whips were needed for the hedge improvement on new Road.

Nottinghamshire CC. The clerk informed the meeting that Cllr. Lynn Sykes had approved our application to Nottinghamshire CC BBC for improvements to the pavement between Rectory Place and Little Lunnon.

371. **NET**

The Chairman reported on a pre-enquiry meeting he had attended, the main item arising was that our Proof of Evidence would be required by the 6th November approximately four weeks before we would be required to give evidence.

372. **A453**

The Chairman expressed his concern that the Parish Council's response to the Highways Agency had not been balanced. The clerk explained the procedure adopted in agreeing the response and confirmed that he had not received an e mail from the Chairman with a draft letter.

Cllr. Sue Davies reported that a number of residents had said they were unhappy at the open meeting and were unable to express their views. A letter signed by 46 residents objecting to the council's response was noted.

The clerk reported that he had received eight responses from residents split 50:50 for and against. Those against saw landscape blight as the major factor.

The council was split on what action to take but it was decided that this letter should be circulated to all members and forwarded to the Highways Agency taking into account any comments received. Cllr. Bill Harrison objected to the proposed action and Cllr. Julian Coles was not in favour.

373. **PLANNING**

The clerk reported that planning permission had been granted for the construction of a two-storey chalet at Trent Side.

The application to construct two houses in the grounds of The Croft, Brown Lane was still pending.

374. FINANCE

The clerk reported that the internal auditor had completed the audit and reported that everything was in order but highlighted the apparent lack of a formal risk assessment. It was agreed that as the Parish Council had no assets only a financial risk assessment was required and that risks were managed comprehensively on a monthly basis when the clerk presented the monthly statement and assessment of expenditure against budget. The internal auditors report was accepted.

The Annual Statement of Accounts 2006-07 was approved and signed by the Chairman and responsible Financial Officer together with the Annual Financial report.

The accounts for payment statement was approved and two cheques were signed totalling £216.84.

375. ANNUAL RETURN

The Annual Return was approved and signed together with the Statement of Assurance.

376. CORRESPONDENCE

The following were noted; notice of the NALC Conference, Bournemouth 5th to 7th October; Derbyshire CC Minerals Site Allocation; a request for financial support from Vitalise; Transport 200 membership application; Annual Policing plan; Nottinghamshire CC The Casualty report 2006; an acknowledgement from the Barn Owl Project for the donation; Rushcliffe BC LDF Sustainability Appraisal Scoping report; Erewash BC Conservation Area Sustainability Appraisal.

377. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to produce a newsletter later this month or early October to include an update on the A453, concerns over WPL and the possibility of charges being introduced for school travel.

378. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Bill Harrison asked if the Welcome Pack was still in print as new residents had moved into the village. Cllr. Sue Davies reported that it was currently being updated.

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 19th November 2007.

The meeting ended at 10:00 pm

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th November
2007 at 8:00 pm in
The Village Hall, Barton in Fabis, Nottinghamshire.**

PRESENT

Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. CW Harrison, Cllr. J Coles, Cllr Sue Davies,
Cllr R Newcombe

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Roger J Hawkins (Clerk), Cllr. Lynn Sykes

379. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th September 2007 were agreed with
minor amendments and signed by the Chairman

380. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk confirmed he had spoken to Rushcliffe BC concerning their planning
procedures and the notification to parish councils of revisions to applications.
Holme Pierrepont & Gamston had experienced similar problems to those of Barton
as it was not normal procedure to advertise revised applications as if they were new
and the clerk planned to have discussions with Rushcliffe BC.

The clerk reported that he and Cllr. Bill Harrison had had a meeting with PC Nick
Lowe who was leaving his current post in a matter of weeks, his replacement has not
been announced but it seemed sensible to delay inviting the police to a Parish
Council meeting until a new officer was in post.

The clerk had spoken to Mrs Honeyman-Smith but there had been no progress on
the tourism project.

There had been no progress on the village Welcome Pack.

The Chairman and clerk had attended the reception at the Civic Centre.

381. REGISTRATIONS OF INTEREST

None given.

382. COUNTY REPORT.

Cllr. Lynn Sykes reported that the EDI had been increased from £5000 per member
to £7500 and that she would welcome a request from the Parish Council to fund or
part fund a project within the parish.

It was noted that lead from the roof of the church at Kingston had been stolen and all
parishes were being asked to be vigilant.

383. DISTRICT REPORT

The clerk reported that Cllr. T Vennett-Smith had mentioned the rumoured eco
village proposal at Kingston. Cllr. Lynn Sykes reported that a CD was available
describing the proposal and offered to get contact details of the company involved
for the clerk to obtain copies. The Chairman believed that the proposed village
would be too small to qualify as an eco development.

384. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

Road Drainage; the County Highways department had not yet surveyed the drains
but they had inspected the roads and identified a potential problem at the end of
Chestnut Lane where the outflow is onto private land.

The Chairman commented that Whites Environmental vehicles were again active in the parish and verges were being damaged where cars were forced to pass the tankers. The clerk was asked to write to Whites asking them to instruct their drivers to park sensibly.

Severn Trent; work appeared to have ended on the new water main; the ground had not been reinstated but Cllr. Bill Harrison explained that this would only be completed after commissioning.

Environment Agency; the Parish Council had been thanked for displaying notices on the flood banks asking users to stay off newly seeded areas. A request for more notices was agreed.

385. NET

The enquiry had started and the Chairman would be presenting evidence on 18th December jointly with Gotham & Thrumpton. The main arguments would be on topics including; noise and vibration, inappropriate development in the green belt; economic considerations especially the unproven regeneration claims and finally the fact that alternatives to a tram have not been considered.

386. A453

There was a discussion on how to proceed once the draft orders have been published, scheduled for early 2008. It was agreed the Parish Council would produce a newsletter for everyone in the parish outlining the pros and cons of the scheme, organise a public meeting and hold a secret poll for everyone on the electoral register to establish the majority view which the Parish Council would take into account when responding to the Highways Agency.

Cllr. Lynn Sykes left at 9.05 pm.

387. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial summary, which was accepted, and five cheques were approved for signing totalling £317.59.

The clerk informed the meeting that the external audit was complete.

It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary by 2.475% in accordance with recently negotiated national rates.

The clerk presented a draft budget for 2008-09 based on current expenditure. This was approved and it was agreed to maintain the precept at £3500, the same as 2007-08.

388. CLERK'S BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reported that Rushcliffe BC had awarded the Parish Council a maximum of £350 for tree planting and landscaping in the parish. There were some conditions attached and further consultation was required.

The clerk reported on a letter from Nottinghamshire CC and the leader of the council informing parishes that members had voted unanimously to explore ways of working more effectively with Parish Councils.

Code of Conduct Training had been organised by Rushcliffe BC and the Chairman and clerk hoped to attend.

389. CORRESPONDENCE & NEWSLETTER

The Environmental & Community Report from EMA was noted.

A letter from Nottinghamshire CC on Older People in Nottinghamshire and the proposed changes to care in the County was noted.

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A cabinet paper from Nottingham City on the work Place Parking Levy was noted.

The Chairman agreed to study Rushcliffe BC's housing policy and report back if appropriate.

390. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 21st January 2008.

The meeting ended at 9:20 pm.