

Barton in Fabis Parish Council



Minute Book 2012

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Minutes of the meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council held
on **Thursday 5th January 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in Barton Village Hall

PRESENT

Julian Coles (Chairman), Susan Davies, Lynda Dransfield, and Allan Kerr.

IN ATTENDANCE

RJ Hawkins (Clerk), two parishioners and PC Kelly Warwick (Local Beat Manager) and PCSO

640. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None were given. Trevor Vennett-Smith had notified the clerk that he would be on holiday and unable to attend.

The Chairman informed the meeting the Highways Agency had at the last minute sent apologies and would not be attending the meeting to discuss interim road safety improvements to the A453. The clerk was asked to write to Ken Clarke MP explaining the situation pointing out those improvements to the A453 could take several years to complete and some safety improvements were needed now.

Standing orders were suspended for 30 minutes to allow PC Warwick to address the meeting.

641. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 22nd November and 12th December 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

642. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CODE OF PRACTICE

None were given

643. COUNTY REPORT

None

644. DISTRICT REPORT

None

645. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had written to Richard Mapletoft at Rushcliffe BC as agreed at the last Parish Council meeting and had had conversations with him and Cllr Neil Clarke.

The Chairman asked if members were still opposed to Rushcliffe BC's proposal to include Clifton South in the LDF; the vote was unanimous in favour of opposing the proposal and allocating funds from the reserves.

The Chairman outlined what he saw as a preferred strategy comprising a twin track approach of (i) opposing Rushcliffe BC's proposal to include Clifton South in the LDF and (ii) engaging with the borough council to ensure that if the proposal was confirmed we could make a positive contribution to the design of the development.

646. UPDATE ON MEMBER'S SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Best kept village competition (SD); no recent updates other than it is hoped to attend a workshop ahead of this years competition start.

(b) Nottinghamshire in Bloom (SD), no updates but a request will be made at a later date for financial assistance for the purchase of plants

(c) Bus shelter / lighting (SD), completed and it was proposed and agreed to install a notice board in the new shelter at a cost not exceeding £50

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- (d) East Midlands Airport (JC), nothing to report
- (e) Village design statement (AK), nothing to report
- (f) Localism Bill (AK), nothing to report
- (g) Drains / street furniture (BH), noted that the County had been asked to empty the roadside gulleys
- (h) Footpaths (BH), nothing to report except quotes were awaited for the removal of two stiles
- (i) A453 / Tram (JC), noted that the Inspector's Report on the A453 had still not been reported
- (j) Finance / precept (JC); it was proposed and agreed to hold the precept at the current level of £3325
- (k) Liaison (local) (JC), nothing to report
- (l) Liaison (landowner) (JC/BH/AK), nothing to report
- (m) Local Services (AK), nothing to report
- (n) Neighbourhood Watch/Crime (SD), co-ordinators had been found and a Neighbourhood Watch meeting would be held shortly. The Parish Council had been invited to send representatives to the Police Neighbourhood meeting on 18th January in East Leake Village Hall. It was noted that police priorities for the next three months would focus on burglary, auto crimes and anti social behaviour.
- (o) Planning – Housing (AK); It was agreed to hold exploratory talks with Ben Hunt, Planning Consultant to see if Ben could help the Parish Council in a professional capacity.
- (p) Planning – Model aircraft (JC)
- (q) Red phone box (Clerk)
- (r) Litter (LD), still an occasional problem in the village but Streetwise were very efficient in responding to our requests for litter picking.
- (s) Welcome Pack (SD), nothing to report
- (t) Flooding (LD), nothing to report

647. FINANCE

The Financial Statement was approved & 7 Cheques signed totalling £1099.14 including £18.00 VAT

Budget 2012-13; it was proposed and agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should prepare a draft budget to be circulated by email to all Members

Annual Return; the clerk confirmed that the audit had been completed and the comments made by the external auditors were noted.

To consider quotations for repairs to Manor Wall & Grounds Maintenance; quotations were considered. It was proposed and agreed that outside funding should be sought for the Manor Wall and architects with specialised knowledge to be asked to undertake a survey of the wall. An approach to be made to the County Council re grass cutting.

It was proposed and agreed to provide medals for the Flower & vegetable Show at a cost of £50

648. CLERK'S BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Police Crime Report the clerk reported that crime in the area was considered below average and details were available at www.police.uk.

Annual Meeting of the Parish; it was agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Village Hall Committee as in previous years.

649. CORRESPONDENCE, WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER

The correspondence register was considered, there were no questions.

The website continues to attract a small number of hits every month

A newsletter would be produced

650. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed for Thursday 8th March 2012 but it was expected there would be meetings with Thrumpton Meeting, Gotham Parish Council and Rushcliffe BC before then plus a public meeting to be called by Rushcliffe BC for the whole village.

Correspondence Register

From	Description
Rushcliffe BC Email from Chairman	Parish Small Environmental Scheme Unauthorised Steel container Core Strategy Council Agenda 1 st March 2012 Email with indicative boundary of Clifton South Council Tax Base To Cllr Bell RBC re Consultation
Chairman Co Operative Bank RCAN J Kent	To RBC Cllr Clarke & R Mapletoft Bond Interest Rates Heating Oil scheme Quotes
Clement Keys	Audit Fieldwork, Winter 2011 & Booklets Planning Explained A Guide to Neighbourhood Planning Winter 2011
CPRE Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust LCR Nottingham City NCC	Magazine Winter 2011 Net Phase 2 Managing Flood Risk

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Minutes of a meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
held on **Thursday 29th March 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** in **Gotham Memorial Hall**

PRESENT

Julian Coles (Chairman), Lynda Dransfield, Bill Harrison and Allan Kerr.

IN ATTENDANCE

RJ Hawkins (Clerk), Trevor Vennett-Smith

651. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Davies and Cllr Harrison (who expected to arrive late)

652. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman

653. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CODE OF PRACTICE

None were given

654. COUNTY REPORT

In the absence of Cllr Sykes, Nottinghamshire CC, there was none

655. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Vennett-Smith reported he had spoken to officers at Rushcliffe BC and complained about the complete lack of support he had been afforded. It was also understood that Mr Mapletoft had agreed with developers that the maximum housing at Clifton South would be 2,500.

656. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was none, all matters to be dealt with under agenda items

657. RUSHCLIFFE BC CORE STRATEGY

The Chairman summarised recent correspondence between the Parish Council and Rushcliffe BC, copies of which had been emailed to Members. A number of requests had been made under the Freedom of Information Act but Rushcliffe BC had not yet responded to all requests. It was agreed to consider making a formal complaint to Rushcliffe BC over the lack of adequate and meaningful consultation and the consultation process.

It was noted that the Core Strategy had now been published and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was available online. It was proposed and agreed to print hard copies for Members and others working on the Parish Council's response.

There was an extensive discussion on the Core Strategy and our response to it, two main issues were identified; first, the document had to be sound and legally compliant and second, housing numbers had to be justified. On both issues it was agreed there were grounds to challenge.

An estimate of the likely costs suggested around £15,000 including legal fees but initially it was proposed and agreed to allocate £3,000 from reserves to instruct Ken Mafham Associates to act on our behalf and consider especially housing numbers, sustainability and phasing.

There was a discussion on the Greater Nottingham Draft strategy which did not include any mention of overspill requirements beyond the City boundary, in contradiction to the statement in Rushcliffe BC's document.

It was also noted that infrastructure improvements etc required in existing communities in Rushcliffe BC were not insignificant and would be costly. It would seem sensible to concentrate on these rather than a new development where the infrastructure costs would be even more considerable.

Cllr Trevor Vennett-Smith arrived at 1930 hours

It was noted that the Core Strategy made reference to more recent modelling information which has not been seen.

658. REPORT ON RBC PARISH COUNCIL FORUM

A report was given on the recent parish council forum held at Rushcliffe BC. The forum had been well attended and there had been useful discussions. However, for the very first officers indicated that the Core Strategy would include provision for a permanent traveller's site comprising 7 pitches and a heated debate followed.

659. UPDATE ON MEMBER'S SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Best kept village competition (SD), the Clerk agreed to send the application fee.

(b) Nottinghamshire in Bloom (SD), Cllrs Davies and Dransfield had attended a workshop which had been very helpful.

(c) Bus shelter / lighting (SD), no progress

(d) East Midlands Airport (JC), nothing to report

(e) Neighbourhood Plan (AK), it was envisaged a survey of the village would be made this year

(f) Drains / street furniture (BH), nothing to report

(g) Footpaths (BH), nothing to report

(h) A453 / Tram (JC) (Road Bollards), the Highways Agency had not responded to requests for bollards at the Manor Road A453 junction. It was proposed and agreed the Parish Council should purchase two bollards.

Cllr Harrison arrived at 2055 hours

(i) Liaison with local land owner; there had been no recent meetings but it was suggested an approach should be made to enquire about any plans for scrambling activities.

(j) Local Services (AK), nothing to report

(k) Neighbourhood Watch/Crime (SD); a news letter from the Neighbourhood Watch committee had been circulated recently

(l) Litter (LD) (Recent fly tipping); litter had been a problem recently, especially on New Road but Streetwise had responded quickly and efficiently

(m) Welcome Pack (SD), Cllr Dransfield confirmed that she had taken over responsibility for the Welcome Pack, some updating was currently underway.

(n) Flooding (LD), Cllr Dransfield is now the official Flood Warden.

660. COUNTY COUNCIL MINERALS CONSULTATION

Attention was drawn to the recent consultation and concern expressed that possible sand and gravel reserves in the valley could be exploited. However, the report did not highlight the immediate area as a potential area for extraction.

661. **RED PHONE BOX**

This item was deferred until a later meeting but essentially a request was made to reconsider installing a

662. **PLANNING MATTERS**

Chestnut Farm – Certificate of Lawfulness; this had now been granted

Chestnut Farm – Fire. Enquiries were ongoing and the Parish Council had requested information from the Fire service.

Model aircraft

663. **FINANCE**

The Financial Statement was approved and Cheques approved and signed totalling £774.74.

664. **CLERK'S BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Monthly Police Crime Report (See www.police.uk)

Annual Meeting of the Parish, it was agreed that as in previous years the annual meeting of the parish would be held on the same evening as the Village Hall AGM, Thursday 10th May. Light refreshments would be provided.

Queen's Jubilee – how should this be marked by the PC?

665. **CORRESPONDENCE, WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER**

The correspondence register had been circulated previously.

Nothing to report on the web site

A newsletter would be produced and circulated following the meeting

666. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed early May subject to village hall availability

Barton in Fabis Parish Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
held on **Thursday 3rd May 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Village Hall

PRESENT

Julian Coles (Chairman), Bill Harrison and Allan Kerr.

IN ATTENDANCE

RJ Hawkins (Clerk), Trevor Vennett-Smith

667. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 2012-13

It was proposed and agreed to defer the election of Chairman until the next meeting when hopefully more Members would be present. Julian Coles was proposed and seconded as Chairman and elected unopposed until the next meeting only.

668. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Susan Davies and Lynda Dransfield

669. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman

670. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN AND ALLOCATION OF MEMBER'S SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

It was proposed and agreed to defer this item until the next meeting

671. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CODE OF PRACTICE

None were given

672. COUNTY REPORT

In the absence of Cllr Sykes, Nottinghamshire CC, there was none

673. DISTRICT REPORT

In the absence of Cllr Vennett-Smith, Rushcliffe BC, there was none

674. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was proposed and agreed to purchase two bollards to help improve road safety and visibility of the Manor Road junction.

It was noted that there had been a serious fire at Chestnut Farm after which a significant quantity of asbestos had been removed from the site. A report from the Nottinghamshire Fire Service was awaited.

675. RUSHCLIFFE BC CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

It was noted that Rushcliffe BC had granted an extension to June to receive the Parish Council's submission on the Core Strategy.

Further meetings with our partner parish councils and Ken Mafham were scheduled and the response was in an advanced draft. There was a discussion on further items to be included in the submission, for example, the Rushcliffe BC's own Design Guidance which did not appear to have been followed.

676. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Arrangements for the meeting to be held on Thursday 10th May 2012 jointly with the Village Hall Committee AGM were finalised.

677. FINANCE

The Financial Statement was approved & 4 Cheques (numbers 172-175) approved for signature

There was a discussion on the existing Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment and it was proposed and agreed that these did not need amending.

It was proposed and agreed to maintain the current “fighting fund” to fight against possible unsuitable development in the parish and possible expenditure due to the proposed widening of the A453.

It was proposed and agreed to appointment Richard Holmes as Internal Auditor

678. CLERK'S BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning application; submitted by Mr Austin to construct a tree house in the rear garden, no comment.

Lengthsman; we are consulting with adjacent parishes

Approval to purchase jubilee medals; it was proposed and agreed to purchase medals for the children of the village.

679. CORRESPONDENCE, WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER

The register of correspondence had been circulated previously.

680. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed as Thursday 5th July 2012 at 7.30 pm

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm

Barton in Fabis Parish Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
held on **Thursday 5th July 2012 7:30 pm.** in the Village Hall

PRESENT

Julian Coles (Chairman), Susan Davies, Lynda Dransfield, Bill Harrison and Allan Kerr.

IN ATTENDANCE

RJ Hawkins (Clerk), Trevor Vennett-Smith

681. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 2012-13

Bill Harrison was proposed by Allan Kerr, seconded by Susan Davies and unanimously elected to serve as Chairman for 2012-13.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman Julian Coles for his outstanding contribution to the Parish Council over the year, particularly with regard to the joint campaign with Gotham Parish Council and Thrumpton Parish Meeting in opposing Rushcliffe BC's proposed Core Strategy.

682. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none

683. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman

684. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN AND ALLOCATION OF MEMBER'S SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Allan Kerr was proposed by Susan Davies, seconded by Julian Coles and unanimously elected as Vice Chairman for 2012-13.

The member responsibilities were reviewed and amended (see attached)

685. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CODE OF PRACTICE

None were given

There was a wide-ranging discussion on the newly introduced Code of Practice; it was proposed and agreed to adopt the draft code published by Rushcliffe BC.

686. COUNTY REPORT

There was none

687. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Trevor Vennett-Smith (Rushcliffe BC) gave a short District Report focussing on the Borough's Core Strategy and the Localism Act.

The bus station in Gotham was to be closed down and presumably the land sold; between 40 and 70 houses could be accommodated.

688. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There were no items not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

689. RUSHCLIFFE BC CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION UPDATE

The joint approach with Gotham and Thrumpton had worked very well and with the professional assistance of Ken Mafham Associates a detailed response had been submitted to Rushcliffe BC.

It was noted that the date for the Examination in Public (EIP) was likely to be put back until Spring 2013 and there was a general opinion that it would be a joint examination with the other local authorities.

All members had a copy of the submission.

A report on the expenditure to date was tabled and it was proposed and agreed to split the costs between the Parish Council, Gotham PC and Thrumpton £1500, £1500 and £618.39 respectively

Additional expenditure to a maximum of £1000 was approved to submit a challenge to the Nottingham City housing figures. It was noted that a recent report by Edge Analytics had highlighted the fact that the original housing figures derived from the Spatial Strategy were based on a growing economy and that in the current financial climate numbers should be extrapolated down not up. There was also evidence that young people were living at home longer and this could reduce numbers by as much as 20%

Trevor Vennett-Smith congratulated everyone on the joint approach adopted and commented that he now felt more optimistic about a successful outcome than he had twelve months ago. In part this was also due to the input of Ken Mafham and he had employed Ken at his own expense to help with his personal submission to Rushcliffe BC

690. A453 - REVIEW DETAILED PLANS

The plans and compulsory purchase orders had been published and were as expected, work was likely to begin in January 2013. Land ownership was complicated and there were some access issues to be resolved and access to Barton Lane.

691. TRAM – UPDATE

It was noted that Liaison Officers had been appointed and details would be published in the next newsletter, they were available on the NET web site.

It was agreed to try and obtain some large format posters from the NET team and mount a small exhibition in the village hall.

692. GRASS CUTTING

A report was presented on the proposed trial Lengthsman scheme being suggested by Nottinghamshire CC. Adjacent parishes had shown some interest in participating including Ruddington (who would not be willing to take the lead). The clerk raised some concerns but it was agreed to organise a meeting to learn more.

693. FINANCE

The Financial Statement was approved and seven cheques approved for signature totalling £2384.71. The clerk reported that expenditure was high due to the ongoing work involved with responding to the Core Strategy and that consequently money needed to be transferred into the current account. It was proposed and agreed to transfer £5000.00 from the Skipton BS account.

There was a discussion on online banking and it was proposed and agreed to apply for online access with the Co-Operative bank to more efficiently manage the council's accounts.

694. PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The clerk tabled the Annual Accounts summary and confirmed these had been approved by the Internal Auditor without comment.

It was proposed and agreed to approve the accounts and authorised the clerk to submit to the External Auditor.

695. ANNUAL RETURN

Governance; the Annual Governance Statement was discussed in detail and items 1 to 9 confirmed positively. The council's Risk Assessment was reconfirmed but it was proposed and agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Kerr should review and report back to a later Parish Council meeting.

The Annual Return was approved and signed by the Chairman and clerk, the Internal Auditor having signed previously

696. CLERK'S BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning; Application 12/00570, planning consent had been given for tree house.

Best Kept Village Competition; a preliminary report had been received and the village through to the next round.

Solar-powered street lighting, the clerk reported that this was now available and that this could be an option for Rectory Place

697. CORRESPONDENCE, WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER

The clerk reported that an inspection of the trees had been completed on Manor Road and unfortunately up to 50% of those planted could be dead. An offer had been received of three walnut trees and this would be investigated further.

A request to cut back the hedge on Manor Road had been received but ownership was uncertain and enquiries would have to be made.

It was noted that Nottinghamshire CC had now informed the Parish Council that they could not now provide additional street lighting on Rectory Place due to the close proximity of gas and electric underground services. A refund of our £2000 contribution was now due.

698. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed Thursday 6th September 2012.

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Barton in Fabis Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
held on **Thursday 6th August 2012 7:30 pm.** in the Village Hall

PRESENT

Bill Harrison (Chairman), Susan Davies, Lynda Dransfield, and Allan Kerr. Julian Coles arrived at 8:20 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

RJ Hawkins (Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from J Coles, who would be arriving late and T Vennett-Smith

699. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were deferred

700. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CODE OF PRACTICE

None were given

701. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had assisted with a leaflet drop in Clifton advising residents there of the implications of the Rushcliffe Core Strategy for Clifton

Leaflets had also been circulated in Gotham and in shops and the Post Office.

702. RUSHCLIFFE BC CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION UPDATE

It was noted that our submission to Rushcliffe BC had been completed and approval given for £800 expenditure to Ken Maffam Associates.

703. GRASS CUTTING & LENGTHSMAN PROJECT UPDATE

A report was given on the recent meeting held with Nottinghamshire CC and representatives from Ruddington and Plumtree parish councils to consider the Lengthsman project. Serious concerns were raised and it was proposed and agreed not to participate at this time. It was understood that Gotham PC had also declined to participate.

704. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application 12/01158/FUL by Long Eaton Sea Scouts to replace their boat house on Barton Island with a Nissen type shed; no objections.

Application 12/01205/FUL by Mr & Mrs Parker for a two storey extension to the side and rear of 30 Brown Lane; no objections

705. CLERK'S BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NET; Work had started in and around the parish on various aspect of the NET, including the P&R and removal of roundabouts. A report was given on the current situation and it was agreed an approach should be made to the NET team to discuss a visit by them to a future PC meeting.

It was noted that in part a the road drain on Brown Lane had been replaced

706. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was proposed and agreed that as the clerk would be on holiday in September, the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 2nd October.

The meeting closed at 9:20 pm

