



## Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council

The Grange, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham NG12 2FB

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Full Council** which was held on **Tuesday 3rd March** commencing at **7.00pm** in the **Radcliffe Room, The Grange, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham NG12 2FB.**

Cllr Anne McLeod	Cllr Matt Douglas	Cllr Nikki Farnsworth
Cllr Amelie Pira	Cllr Ewan Lythgoe	Cllr Kirsty Hyndes
Cllr Shaun Moroney	Cllr Harry Curtis	
Cllr Troy Jenkinson	Cllr Lewis Mills	

Also present:	4 members of the public and RBC & NCC Cllr R Upton
Staff present:	Joe Pope (Executive Officer) and Hayley Gandy (Deputy Ex Officer)

	<p><b><u>Chairs Welcome</u></b> Cllr McLeod reported the following: A quieter two weeks with less meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tree Wardens meeting (Feb 19) with Cllr Farnsworth and Joe</li><li>• Neighborhood plan meeting (Feb 20) with Cllrs M Douglas, S Clegg and officers</li><li>• Website Project group meeting (Feb 24) - thank you to Cllr Pira for the huge amount of work on this.</li><li>• Attended the drama group play, "The Unfriended", which was brilliant</li></ul> <p>Cllr McLeod reported that she has received multiple resident contact regarding various village issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rec. flooding complaints from 2-3 residents</li><li>• Traveler site digging reports (referred to NCC Cllr Upton - likely fence being dismantled)</li><li>• Cliff erosion at end of cliff walk worsened by recent rain</li><li>• Union flag in walker's yard caught in tree</li></ul>
	<p><b><u>Open Forum</u></b> 2 Members of the public wished to speak: 1 - requested that the letter which was agreed to write to EMR regarding the car park demarcation, included a reference to the textured pavement. 2 - requested an update on the flooding on the Wharf Lane Recreation ground.</p> <p>EO responded to the queries - The letter to EMR has been sent, however once a response is received the textured pavement will be mentioned to them.</p>

	<p>We are dealing with Severn Trent and have requested advice from NCC who have escalated the situation with Severn Trent. There have been several engineers who have attended the site. There will be a further meeting on 10th March.</p>
	<p><b><u>Reports from Borough and County Councillors</u></b>  NCC &amp; RBC Cllr R Upton reported the following on behalf of both Councils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Travellers north of A52 - NCC state that legals have been served at 16 locations in the UK, they have requested that the damage caused should be put right</li> <li>● South of A52 concrete blocks have been installed and RBC issued a temporary stop notice which expired at the end of January, a permanent stop notice is in place and an enforcement notice stating the land be returned to grassland by 26th May.</li> <li>● Consultation is now live with regard to the movement of the bus stop from Station terrace to outside the Pharmacy, the consultation will end at the end of March and is a first step towards improvements for the village centre.</li> <li>● The Village Centre improvement budget for £1m will be taken to the next meeting on Thursday.</li> <li>● Health centre - keen for the planning application to be submitted so that work can progress</li> <li>● Spoken to the British Legion Head Office, the buildings officer stated they plan for the buildings to be put on the market March/April.</li> <li>● Damage to the A52 Open Reach boxes which were repaired has failed - temporary traffic lights will be installed again in the near future</li> <li>● Cable fibre is being installed on telegraph poles around the village instead of under the pavement.</li> <li>● RBC will be keeping the Council tax at the same rate next year.</li> </ul>
FC26-302	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b>  Apologies received from Cllrs I Dovey, N Waters, O Furniss, T Bere, O Bere, S Clegg, A Tomlinson and A McKenzie - reasons received and accepted by all.</p>
FC26-303	<p><b><u>Declaration of members interests and dispensation from non-participation</u></b>  None</p>
FC26-304	<p><b><u>To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) and provide reasons.</u></b>  It was resolved unanimously to exclude the public and press from agenda item FC26-319 on the grounds of confidentiality as per Schedule 12 para 4 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
FC26-305	<p><b><u>To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 17th February 2026</u></b>  The Council resolved to approve the minutes held on 17th February 2026 as a true account of the meeting - carried 9 for and 1 abstention</p>
FC26-306	<p><b><u>To note a report from the Executive Officer</u></b>  Noted by all  <i>Action - it was requested that a letter be sent to Wyldecrest Parks to request that the steps they own, from Wharf Lane to The Cliffs, be made more accessible.</i></p>
FC26-307	<p><b><u>To receive and note reports from members</u></b></p>

	<p>Cllr Douglas wished to thank Nottinghamshire County Council for planting trees on Hawthorn walk.</p>
FC26-308	<p><b><u>To consider a 30 year lease agreement to Radcliffe Olympic FC for Wharf Lane Pavilion and football pitch and form a working group to discuss terms.</u></b>  The Council considered a 30 year lease agreement for the Radcliffe Olympic football club however it was thought that it would be too soon to discuss further as there is a plan to discuss a strategic plan for all assets in the coming weeks. It was stressed that the club should be protected.</p>
FC26-309	<p><b><u>To consider and agree actions required for Picnic in the Park for 2026.</u></b>  The Council decided to hold this event on the 14th June, [instead of 21st June], as it is Father's day and also coincides with other events in the village.</p>
FC26-310	<p><b><u>To consider and approve the proposed Assets of Community value nominations and reapply for those that have lapsed.</u></b>  This item was deferred to the next meeting with a request from Councillors to include further detail in their nominations.</p>
FC26-311	<p><b><u>To consider and approve a motion to amend the standing orders to include guidance on abstentions</u></b>  The Council resolved unanimously to approve the motion brought by Cllr Lythgoe to amend the standing orders to include guidance on abstentions with the wording in the standing orders to including the following paragraph at box T:  <i>"There is no legal requirement to record the number of abstentions in the minutes although it is considered good practice to do so for transparency and openness.  Possible reasons for abstentions:  Insufficient information - A councillor may abstain if they believe they have not been provided with enough information to make a properly informed decision.  Interest/dispensations - If a Councillor has disclosed a pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting, not just abstain, unless a dispensation has been granted.  Planning issues - Councillors must abstain from voting on planning matters which they have a personal interest for example has a direct advantage or disadvantage to them or family and friends".</i></p>
FC26-312	<p><b><u>To consider comments on the following Planning applications:-  (planning and your role as ward member)</u></b></p> <p>a) <b><u>26/00332/TPO 2x Lime - diseased/dead to be felled and cleared. Replant 2 x Lime trees min. 12 -14 heavy standard in the same locations. Deadwood 6 trees. Land North Of Nottingham Road Radcliffe On Trent Nottinghamshire</u></b>  The Council resolved unanimously to comment that they object to this application on the grounds of insufficient evidence of damage to the mature trees and request that this be assessed by the Tree Preservation Officer.</p> <p>b) <b><u>25/01373/FUL Erection of 8 dwellings, associated works and new access Land Off Shelford Road Shelford Road Radcliffe On Trent Nottinghamshire (revision)</u></b>  The Council resolved unanimously to comment - do not object, but are insistent that the biodiversity net loss of 85% should be mitigated within Radcliffe on Trent rather than elsewhere.</p>

FC26-313	<p><b><u>To note the Planning Decisions spreadsheet</u></b></p> <p>The Council noted the planning decisions. Cllr Douglas reported the next 3- 6 months will see the biggest planning changes in recent decades.</p>
FC26-314	<p><b><u>To note correspondence received and consider responses if required</u></b></p> <p>Contact received from the creator of the Totem Pole who was raising concerns about its condition, he offered to give the PC a replacement, smaller Totem Pole. The Council acknowledged that it is an important asset and they would like to explore whether it is possible to preserve the current one for as long as possible.</p>
FC26-315	<p><b><u>To approve the annual mowing contract from 1st April 2026 - 31st March 2027.</u></b></p> <p>The Council resolved unanimously to approve the annual mowing contract from 1st April with contractor 1, at an annual cost of £19,675.20 plus VAT.</p>
FC26-316	<p><b><u>To receive a verbal update on the Grange and Grange Hall fire and intruder alarm contracts from the Executive Officer.</u></b></p> <p>The EO advised the Council that the current contractor for the Grange and Grange Hall was overdue for retendering. Alternative contractors had been sought in order to undertake the next inspections and he will update Council at the next meeting regarding who the new contractor will be. Due to the quick turn around and health and safety element of the inspection, the EO has used permitted discretion to appoint the new contractor.</p>
FC26-317	<p><b><u>To receive a verbal update on the proposed redistribution of Parish Council funds into new bank accounts.</u></b></p> <p>The EO reported that following advice, it was recommended that the Council opens new accounts for the deposition of funds e.g. an account for the CIL, and another for our emergency funds, rather than retaining all funds within one bank, which carries a higher financial risk. Cllr Mills thanked EO for the work completed on this.</p>
FC26-318	<p><b><u>To receive any items for notification to be included on a future agenda – for information only</u></b></p> <p>Annual Parish Assembly 22nd April - need to discuss the stalls we wish to invite, what activities we would like to have etc</p> <p>Civic Awards nominations</p> <p>Assets of community value</p> <p>Outcome of the strategic meeting held next week</p> <p>Playground repair and maintenance plan</p> <p>Surveys for assets</p>
	<p><i>Members of public were requested to leave at 20.51</i></p>
FC26-319	<p><b><u>To receive a verbal staffing update</u></b></p>

	<p><i>Exclusion of Public and Press recommended as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</i></p> <p>It was reported that the Hall Manager has resigned and will be leaving her role on the 25th March, the Council congratulated her and wished her well in her new job.</p> <p>It was also reported that the role is to be restructured and that there will be a transitional period in the office whilst the new post will be considered and during appointment.</p>
FC26-320	<p><b><u>To note the date and time of the next Full Council meeting on 17th March 2026 commencing at 7pm in the Radcliffe Room, The Grange, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham, NG12 2FB.</u></b></p> <p><b>noted</b></p>

The meeting closed at 9.15

Signed as a true record of the Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding chair of approving meeting

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