

**Draft Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of
Rockcliffe Parish Council, 28th June 2018 in Rockcliffe Community Centre**

107/06/18 – Apologies

Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham, Cllr G Percival, Cllr S Sidgwick, County Cllr V Tarbitt, City Cllr J Mallinson

108/06/18 – Present

Cllr J Twentyman, Cllr G Moss, Cllr J Harper, Cllr M Irving, Cllr H Graham

109/06/18 – Declarations of Interest

None

110/06/18 – Attendees

City Cllr R Bloxham

111/06/18 – Village Green Application

The purpose of this extra meeting was to discuss if the Parish Council were to continue with the Village Green application, and if so how.

A meeting is to be held in Kendal 11th July 2018 we are invited to give an oral presentation on the evidence we have. It was RESOLVED to send representation to the meeting. Cllr V Tarbitt has offered her support in this matter. Cllr J Twentyman will go as well if needed.

The evidence which we have shows the use of the land as a play area which is safe and away from the river, which on many occasions floods, it is used by dog walkers and as a meeting place for social inclusion.

This has been the use for this piece of land for man years. Photographic evidence is available. Unfortunately, a lot of the paper work has been declared missing. A lot of the Evidence Questionnaires had to be resubmitted and quite a few of the original residents who submitted evidence had either died or moved on.

Cllr Bloxham suggested the clerk write to Chris Hardman for clarification of a letter dated September 2005 – **‘the policy presumption against the loss of Public Open Space is reinforced within the District Local Plan under Core Policy 32. It specifically identifies that the change of use of those areas to other uses will only be contemplated where it can be demonstrated that an alternative open space which is equivalent in terms of size, quality, accessibility, usefulness and attractiveness can be provided or where it can be shown through a POS assessment that there is a lack of need for the open space. I cannot see any evidence that either of these might apply I this instance’** – RESOLVED.

The main worry about the land is that it will be used for building in the future, which would cause problems with traffic, parking and child safety.

This item will be on the agenda for the next Parish Council when the results of the meeting in Kendal will be known.

112/06/18 – Date of the next meeting – the date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting 16th July 2018, Rockcliffe Community Centre 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 8pm.