

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Thursday February 16, 2017, at
7.30pm**

Couns. Graham Norbury (Chairman)
 Mrs Chris Brown Mrs Maria Webb
 John Alldred Richard Wilson (A) Peter Pearson
 Douglas Kerr Mrs Penny Wakefield

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott

- 1] APOLOGIES Coun. Richard Wilson
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2017 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

The clerk reported on precepts set by the council since 2002-3 when the figure was £13,000. In 2003-4 it went to £14,000 where it stayed for 2005-6. In 2006/7 it went to £16,000 and then in 2007-8 rose to £17,830. It was reduced to £17,420 for 2008-9. It went to £17,000 in 2009-10 and remained at that figure for eight years, with the figure for the coming 2017-8 year being £17,500

Notts County Council Highways inspector, following complaints, has looked at the question of mud on sections of the A60 road through the village but it is not possible to identify who is responsible and therefore it is not possible to serve a notice on anyone. The Inspector has also looked at the pavement at the side of Loughborough Road and a repair has been completed in respect of the large pot hole on the pathway. In regard to Moor Lane and Church Street there are no defects on the adopted highway that meet the safety criteria for repair action. Notice is being served on landowners for encroachment of the footpath and highway signage on Loughborough Road north of Albert Road by means of overgrowing hedges.

Concerns were expressed by members on the continuing problem of pot holes and the clerk was asked to seek information from the Highways Department on what they says constitutes a dangerous hole. The camber on the roadside footpath from the Garage to the entrance to Garden City was raised by Coun. Pearson who expressed concerns of problems in the future if it was not corrected.

5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nothing was raised.

6] CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Helen Shirtcliffe gave her resignation from the council. The clerk was to write to her to thank her for her work as a councillor. The clerk would issue the necessary official notices in regard to the vacancy.

7] HIGHWAY MATTERS

The chairman said the blocked drain on Main Street had not been attended to and the Street Light No 5 on the same street was still not working. The meeting was told that at least some of the overhanging tree branches in the grounds of The Old Vicarage had been cut back to make the street light clearer. The meeting agreed to a local teenager being asked to carry out some cleansing work around the Church walls and that this be done on the same day as the village litter pick day, April 1. The council would make a donation to the organisation the teenager was signed up to for his visit to Ghana.

8] COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GROUP, CRIME FIGURES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

Coun. Wilson wrote suggesting the council ask Chris Paul for a written report on the annual meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch group. The chairman would make contact with Mr Paul.

9] PLANNING

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

There were none

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

There were none

10] FINANCE

A] CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list

11] VILLAGE HALL AND LEASE

The clerk was to forward a copy of the lease to all members for their approval so that the chairman could report to the Trustees at their March meeting. Coun. Mrs Brown would progress with the chairman the matter of new cutlery for the hall and the purchase of various pots and pans.

The meeting confirmed an increase in rents for the hall of £1 an hour for the large room and 50p an hour for the small room, to apply from April 1. It was not proposed at present to make any direct changes to commercial rates, they would continue to pay an overall figure of £12 per hour.

The stock of stacking grey chairs held in the building were to be disposed of the council would seek offers for them. The clerk was asked to seek tender prices for the weekly hall cleaning work. The present contractor would be asked along with Minster Cleaning and any others.

The chairman said he would compose a statement on the hall and place this on the website.

12] ENVIRONMENT

The clerk was asked to contact James Bate at Rushcliffe Borough Council in regard to the question of use of The Paddock for storing builders rubble. The question of the restoration of the Pineapple emblems on the Bunny Park gates would also be raised with him .

13] FOOTPATHS

The clerk was to progress the question of two waymarker posts on FP10. He was also to raise the matter of the roadside path between the village and Bradmore where side overgrowth was reducing the width of the hard standing area.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MARCH 16, 2017

Nothing was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-40pm.