

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Thursday February 9, 2017, at
7.15pm**

Couns. Graham Norbury (Chairman)
Mrs Chris Brown Mrs Maria Webb
John Alldred (A) Helen Shirtcliffe (from 8.35pm) Richard Wilson
Peter Pearson Douglas Kerr Mrs Penny Wakefield

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott

- 1] **Apologies and declarations of interest:** There were none

- 2] **Minutes from meeting held on January 19, 2017** were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman after two grammatical changes.

- 3] **Clerk's report:** There was nothing to report.

- 4] **Budget for 2017/18**

Members discussed a revised budget report prepared by the clerk. Concerns were expressed on various aspects of the council's expenditure and particularly regarding the accounts for the village hall which consistently showed a need by the council to subsidise its running.

The chairman said the new committee appointed to look after the affairs of the hall agreed there was need to increase hire charges. and these would be presented to the council shortly and that they be implemented from April 1 2017. It was also felt in an attempt to increase the number of hiring's for the hall sustained advertising of the facility should take place on the website and any other means available.

Discussion took place on the level of reserves the council should hold and it was unanimously agreed this figure should be £10,000. The aim of creating a balanced budget was paramount in the minds of members and this would be the aim up to the period of the next parish council elections.

An amendment put to the meeting that the precept for 2017-8 be increased by £1,500 to £18,500 was defeated on a 3-4 vote with two abstentions and the substantive motion it be increased by £500 to £17,500 was approved on a 4-3 vote, with two abstentions.,

Discussion took place on a need to increase the rent charged by the parish council for the allotment site on Victoria Road. It was agreed 12 months notice be given to the Allotment Society that their rent would increase by £100 to £425 from April 1, 2018.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

1] APOLOGIES Coun. John Alldred and the reason approved.

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2016 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

The clerk said he understood the Main Street drain has been attended to but the chairman said he didn't think it had. Decorating has been completed in the village hall passageway. It was agreed that a CPR training event be held and Coun. Wakefield would prepare an item for the Bulletin.

Kendra Hourd, Notts County Council, said it was planned for the overgrown vegetation at the Gotham lane end of the village to be cleared..

5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Coun. Adair spoke on the planning application that Notts County Council had passed in regard to longer operating hours of the Bunny Recycling Plant. He said both himself and the parish chairman had done all they could to have the application rejected. Coun. Adair said he would be happy to receive a request from the council funding for additional stock items in the village hall kitchen.

6] CORRESPONDENCE

Bunny Parish Church advised of the Institution of Rev Dr Thomas Henry Corfe Meyrick as Rector of Keyworth, Bunny with Bradmore and Stanton on the Wolds at Bunny St Marys Church on Tuesday March 28 followed by light refreshments in church.

Keep Britain Tidy group advised of their Great British Spring Clean event from March 3-5. The council decided it could not adhere to the dates concerned but would organise a litter pick on April 1. Refreshments would be provided in the village hall. Bruno Peek, Pageant Master London, seeking all councils to stage an event on November 11 2018 to commemorate the centenary of the ending of the First World War. It was agreed to seek comments from the village as to what might be organised.

Notts County Council Nottinghamshire Mineral Local Plan has been circulated to all members but it was felt it did not particularly affect the village.

7] HIGHWAY MATTERS

Cllr Wilson advised the council of a local teenager looking to raise funds for his hope to visit Ghana as part of a group of youngsters going there from East Leake Academy. Dylan Jowett whose home is at the bottom of Bunny Hill, is a Year 9 student. The clerk was asked to investigate the position in regard to offering the youngster odd jobs such as cleaning leaves.

The chairman said the matter of the non-working Lamp No 5 on Main Street was ongoing. Notts County Council had contacted the resident at the Old Vicarage in regard to a need to cut back overgrowing tree branches at his property. The clerk was asked to advise the Highways Department of a need to cut back hedge growth that obstructed a clear view of the 40 mph sign on the A60 road north of Albert Road and also of a large pot hole on the footpath opposite Wysall Lane end and on both Church Street and Moor Lane.

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

Coun. Wilson said bad weather had reduced the activity of the Community Speed Watch group where there was still a need for more volunteers. There had been a number of crime incidents in the village including a serious incident at the village garage where entrance doors had been battered down to allow thieves to gain entry.

9] PLANNING

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

16/02923/ful. Steve Tsang, Barn Moor View. Single storey rear extension Do not object.

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

16/02621/ful. Helen Shirtcliffe, 11 Church Street. Single storey rear extension. Grant

16/02640/LBC and 16/02639/ful. aundry House, Loughborough Road. Extension to outbuilding forming garage. Grant.

16/02592/fyl, Mark Dixon, 9 Moor Lane. Demolish porch, erect new one, extend bay window, add new pitched roof. Grant.

16/02424/ful. Andrew Watson, 8 Church View. Erect porch to front of building. Grant.

16/02449/ful. John Wright, 7 Church View Erect porch to front of building. Grant.

Bunny Recycling Plant – Johnsons Aggregates Ltd - Extended opening operating times. Permit.

10] FINANCE

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

B] BUDGET FOR 2017-18

The council considered a budget report prepared by the clerk in which he had outlined the suggested income and expenditure likely for the coming 2017-8 year. After consideration of the figures presented the council agreed to seek further information and asked the clerk to produce additional figures. Concerns were expressed on the accounts of the village hall. A special meeting would be held within the next two weeks. Coun. Wakefield would approach the Bunny Allotment Society on a personal basis to discuss the financing of the allotment site and to advise it was likely the council would wish to review the current rent.

11] VILLAGE HALL

The chairman reported on the first meeting of the new Village Hall Advisory group attended by nine people. He had chaired the initial meeting but there would be a non-parish council member appointed shortly. There was a need for increasing the use of the hall and the group are to give thoughts on this at their next meeting.

12] ENVIRONMENT

The need for attention to be given to gutter clearance work on Loughborough road was raised. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Bill Dawson to compliment and thank him for his work to improve the road side verge south of South Lodge.

13] FOOTPATHS

Coun. Pearson said two marker posts were needed on Path No 10 and the clerk was to advise the County Council of this.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Nothing was out forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-30pm.