

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday January 21, 2016, at 7.30pm**

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

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott.

Prior to the start of the meeting Mr Miles King, of Midlands Rural Housing, spoke on their plans for a housing needs survey in Bunny. He said the last one had been held in 2008 and had shown up a need for seven homes in an affordable housing scheme that it had been hoped to be able to provide. But it had been unable to find an acceptable site for the development and eventually it had to be dropped after the County highways department opposed the one site that was made available.

Mr King, who was accompanied by an officer from Rushcliffe Borough Council, said they would carry out a housing survey in June and would hope to be able to present a report a few weeks after that. There would be a door to door delivery of a questionnaire and everyone would be given a pre-stamped envelope for return of the forms.

The two visitors were given thanks for their presentation and were promised help in their work by the council.

1] APOLOGIES There were none

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Graham Norbury, personal interest in planning application 15/03076/ful. Dr Scott, Ivy Cottage, 17 Main Street.

3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2015 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

The clerk had spoken to Notts County Council in regard to the proposed 20mph speed limit to be imposed in the vicinity of the village school. The restriction would apply on Church Street from the junction with the A60, round on to Main Street and would end at the junction there with the A60. The restriction would apply throughout the length of Main Street to the dead end at the bottom of the lane, and also to the end of Moor Lane.

Notts County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council have both confirmed that the road name for what local Bunny residents refer to as Wysall Lane is in the records shown as Fairham Brook Lane. The clerk was asked to write back to say no-one recognised the name they suggested and would they again look at making a change.

Notts County Council footpaths officer Jane Baines said it seems that Highway Management are stepping away from the issues at the end of Moor Lane. The clerk presented a copy of a map they had supplied which show the extent of the adopted highway and the pot holes being complained of are beyond it. The footpaths officer provided the council with some photos in case they did not have any and which she said could be used to compare future damage.

The only way to prevent it getting worse was to gate the end of the highway, leaving a gap for the public footpath and bridleway. This would be down to the landowners and occupiers who access the two tracks but may be more of a hindrance to them than a benefit, although it would protect any repairs that they did to the lane as a result. The utility vehicles would then have to back up Moor Lane, which could be an issue.

Allotment bridge. The Allotment Society would support the provision of a bridge, saying it would make access easier and safer for allotment visitors. Adjacent landowner Mr Brian Wells has not yet responded again.

5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC
 There were no items raised.

6] CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported receipt of information concerning the Queen's 90th birthday and suggestions that Beacons and bonfires be lit for an event on April 21. It was agreed the matter be raised at the next meeting. Rushcliffe Borough Council advised that the Community Assets register did now include the Rancliffe Arms. Notts County Council responded in regard to the possible provision of an 'H' emblem at entrance to allotments and said if it were agreed the charge of £178 would have to be met locally. The clerk was to forward the information to the Allotments Society.

Notts County Council wrote in regard to the parking situation on Main Street and said they had carried out an inspection and had not found any major problem.

7] HIGHWAY MATTERS

The 20mph signs had now been erected. The clerk was asked to write to Coun. Adair to see if there had been any progress in regard to the promised speed flashing sign. The chairman spoke of work that had been carried out by BT on grates in the village and commented on the fact the parish did not receive prior notice of such work.

8] COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP

Coun. Wilson updated the council on progress being made with the village group and said the seven volunteers had attended the first training session and would be having a second one shortly. He also reported on his attendance at the Police Priority Setting meeting at which it had been reported in recent checks on speeding traffic at Bunny there had been 18 drivers reported for exceeding the limit travelling northwards and 414 travelling southwards.

9] PLANNING

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

15/03076/ful. Dr Scott, Ivy Cottage, 17 Main Street. Single storey rear extension, internal alteration, conversion of coach house into ancillary accommodation. No objection

16/00054/FUL. Steve Jeal, 3 The Paddock. Loft conversion ioth rear facing dormer to form two bedrooms and bathroom.

No objection

15/002484/ful. Martin Roberts, 36 Victoria Road, Front porch extension to create a bigger room. No objection

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

15/01994/FUL. James Maddison 30 Victoria Road. Loft conversion including enlargement to roof and construction of dormer window in rear elevation, retrospective resubmission. Grant

10] FINANCE

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

b] BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2016/17

Members discussed a report presented by the clerk in which it was suggested the end of year balance would be £9,000. The suggested total requirement for the year would be £22,900. Comment was made on the finances of the village hall and a drop in the income from bookings. It was agreed that once the current work on the hall was complete the council would need to look at the hire charges. The chairman said the matter of a grant towards the village hall from the Bunny and Bradmore Charities was still being considered. After further discussion the council agreed on a precept of £17,000 for the coming 2016-7 financial year, the same figure that applied for the current year.

11] VILLAGE HALL

The clerk was asked to obtain a price for a professional clean of the floors in both rooms in the hall and the kitchen.

12] ENVIRONMENT .

The chairman advised of a meeting at East Leake on January 27 to discuss the question of fracking. Coun. Wilson raised the question of the possibility of a village event for Bonfire Night. The difficulty of finding a site for such an event was accepted.

Coun. Chris Brown said the Rotary Christmas Sleigh had resulted in £383 being collected. Of this a total £143 was sent to Rainbows Hospice at Loughborough. A letter had been received from the hospice which gave warm thanks in which it was said such gifts make it possible for them to make Christmas a special time for their children, including holding a huge Christmas party with lots of fun and laughter and which included a visit from Santa and one from Royal Wedding cake creator Fiona Cairns and a fabulous pantomime. The event did have mixed emotions though said Maggie Deere, the Nottinghamshire Community Fundraiser, because for some children this will have been their last Christmas.

13] FOOTPATHS

A comment was made on vandalism to the footpath signs on Footpath 3. The clerk was to report the matter.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2016 It was agreed that the question of crime statistics be included. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-35pm.

