

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday June 16, 2016, at 7.30pm**

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

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott,

- 1] APOLOGIES Coun. Kerr.
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2016 were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman

- 4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
 Mr Wells is considering the matter of the bridge on to his land and will advise the council.
 Premier Commercial cleaners Nottingham ringing the chairman to fix appointment.
 Gotham Lane end overgrowth of hedge is to be dealt with say the County Council.

- 5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC There were no public present.

- 6] CORRESPONDENCE

Harry Barr, Bunny and Bradmore Charities wrote to advise the Trustees had agreed a further grant, of £5000, towards the recent work on new toilets for the village hall.

Nottinghamshire Footpaths Preservation Society re Notts Wolds Way launch August 23 at Bunny Village Hall.

Mr Harry Barr wrote on behalf of the Bunny Parish Church seeking a grant towards churchyard maintenance work. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Barr to explain the situation over parish council giving funding to religious organisations. The clerk said he had taken advice and understood the Local Government Act 1972, s214(6) permits parish councils to contribute towards the expenses of "any other person" who provides or maintains a cemetery in which the inhabitants of the parish council's area may be buried i.e. an open CofE (or other Faith) churchyard.

The Local Government Act 1894, s8(1)(i) prohibits parish councils making financial contributions towards church buildings (for whatever purpose) and this has been confirmed by both DCLG and Society of Local Council Clerk's Legal Advisor. Neither Section 137 (of the LGA 1972) nor the Power of General Competence (Parish Council GPC Order 2012) should be used to try and circumvent this statutory spending prohibition as such expenditure could be challenged at audit as illegal. SLCC is currently seeking to remove this restriction.

Severn Trent Water advise of their action to form a new water retail company. British Gypsum East Leake Mine wrote to advise of an application for extending the life of their underground working from 2025 to 2042. No objection was raised by the council.

- 7] HIGHWAY MATTERS

The clerk said Notts County Council were proposing to move the bus stop on the northern end of the A60 road near to the new office development. The parish council were unhappy in that it would mean a longer walk to residents living alongside the road that area of the parish. The clerk was to ask the County Council for the Bunny name sign alongside the A60 road near Gotham Lane to be cleaned. The chairman said Street light No 2 on Main Street was now working correctly. The clerk said there was no further news in relation to the name of Wysall Lane or Fairham Brook Lane.

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

Coun. Wilson said crime figures were not currently readily available from the police. A plea in the Bunny Bulletin for additional volunteers for the Road Safety group had not resulted in any new people coming forward. Coun. Wilson was to circulate information on how Neighbourhood Watch groups operate. There was concern on lack of activities for the village group.

9] PLANNING

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

16/00863/ful. Mr Mrs Stubbs, 23 Moor Lane, Front floor front extension, loft conversion and flat roof dormer.

No objection.

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS There were none.

Notts County Council Planning ref. F/3395- Bunny Materials Recycling. Revised description: Section 73 planning application to vary condition 3 of planning permission 8/12/01028/CMA, condition 7 of planning permission 8/96/79/CMA and condition 9 of planning permission 8/94/00164/CMA to extend the permitted hours from 7-30hours to 6.00 hours Mondays to Saturdays to allow 12 out bound pre-loaded HGV movements from the site between 6.00 hours and 7.30 hours. Johnson Aggregates and Recycling Ltd.

The current starting time is 7-30am. The application is for a 6.00am start for up to 12 pre-loaded HGV movements. The loading, is say the County council, the noisy part of the operation and this will be carried out the day previous to the exit day of the vehicle. The County confirmed that the existing letter of objection from the parish council would be carried forward to the new application.

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10] FINANCE

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

11] VILLAGE HALL

The chairman asked for volunteers from the council to serve on the new Advisory Group. He was willing to chair the first meeting but not continue after that. The clerk was to write to Mrs Rutter to thank her for the gift of a dart board for the hall. Bryans had carried out some refurbishment work on the hall.

12] ENVIRONMENT

Coun. Mrs Brown said she had been in touch with Mr James Bates, Conservation officer at the Borough Council. Mr Bates said he had not been able to make much progress with Nottingham University and was to send them a formal request for information, adding that prosecution could follow if they ignored that request. Mr Bates was seeking comment from the University as to why they had not kept to the five year plan initially talked about. There was discussion on the finials, with a suggestion that the University were not prepared to pay for the replicas to be made and had purchased the largest they could, but which were not totally suitable.

13] FOOTPATHS

Coun. Pearson said the gate missing from the entrance to the gypsum site was still missing.

14] NEXT MEETING JULY 21, 2016

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-00pm.

