

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday March 17, 2016, at 7.30pm**

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

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Reg Adair (Notts County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council) and one resident.

- 1] APOLOGIES Couns. Maria Webb, John Alldred, Helen Shirtcliffe and Douglas Kerr.
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2016 were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman
- 4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
 Notts County Council were considering the 30 / 20 mph signs. The clerk was to ask Notts County Council for action to cut back growth on the footpath near to the properties on Loughborough Road
 The street light burning all day and night outside No 2 Church Street had been reported.
- 5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC
 Mr John Berridge presented a report on the question of fracking.
 Coun. Adair commented on the erection of the flashing speed sign and also that the resurfacing scheme for the A60 road was now in the programme for two years ahead. There was possible movement in regard to changes at the former Bunny brickworks. He spoke on the development for the Ministry of Defence at Stanford Hall and said how this could easily bring some effect on surrounding villages. There would be need for 400 people to be working there.
- 6] CORRESPONDENCE
 Notts County Council advised of their intention to sell the land at Gotham Lane corner, it now being surplus to their requirements. Rushcliffe Borough Council had confirmed their agreement to allow a 100 per cent discount on the domestic rates for the village hall. Notts County Council advised of a decision to ensure everyone who used their recycling sites lived in the county. Currently they were open to anyone. The move was said to be a cost cutting exercise.
- 7] HIGHWAY MATTERS
 The clerk said there was no further news in regard to the naming of Wysall Lane. The clerk would urge progress in regard to the repairs to the York paving outside the Almhouses.
- 8] COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GROUP, CRIME FIGURES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME
 Coun. Wilson presented a report on the speed checks being taken and said he was pleased with the overall positive response his teams received from residents adjacent to where the checks were taken. He said they worked in groups of three for their two hour shifts.
 On the question of crime figures, Coun. Wilson said generally he understood crime in the area was down. There had been an increase in shed thefts. He was working to improve the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and was happy at the support he was receiving.
- 9] PLANNING
RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS
 16/00421/tpo. Robert Scott, 17 Main Street. Crown reduce 2 yew trees by one third. No objection.

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

15/02996/ful. Mr M Roberts, 36 Victoria Road. Front porch extension to create bigger room. Grant.

15/02255/ful. Mr Stubbs, 23 Moor Lane. First floor extension to front, loft conversion and flat roof dormer.

Grant.

16/00054/ful. Steve Jeal, 3 The Paddock. Loft conversion with rear facing dormer to form 2 bedrooms and bathroom. Grant.

15/03094/ful. Nicola Groom, 35 Main Street, Single storey outbuilding to provide garage and hobby room.

Grant.

16/00048/CONARE G Norbury 21 Main Street. Prime and top 2 maples, 2 silver birch and 1 willow. Grant.

The chairman would produce comments for the clerk to send to Rushcliffe Borough Council for its consultation paper on the Local Plan Part Two.

10] FINANCE

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

11] VILLAGE HALL

The chairman said progress was being made on the appointment of a sub committee and he intended to write to people who would be involved. There had as yet been no quotation received for the intended floor cleaning operation at the hall. Dave Williams was to carry out the planned improvement work for the overall electrics at the hall the following week.

The chairman said the cost to the council for the improvement scheme to the toilets etc was over £35,000. The Bunny Charities had already agreed to give £10,000 to the council. The chairman would compose a letter to be sent to them asking for consideration to be given to an increase in this figure.

12] ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING 90TH BIRTHDAY OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Mr Clayton, of Albert Road, raised a problem of children causing a nuisance by playing football on the street. His car windscreen had been damaged. The chairman said he would investigate the position.

Coun. Mrs Brown spoke of the disappointment that had been expressed at the poor finials that had been erected on the Bunny Hall land gateposts.

Coun. Pearson said the Clean for the Queen litter pick had gone well. He was suggesting that the refreshments provided to those helping might be better served at the end of the event rather than at the start.

Coun. Mrs Brown said there were plans to produce a collage to mark the 90th birthday of The Queen made up of pictures from events held in the village to celebrate previous Royal occasions. Mrs Izumi Featherstone of Albert Road was leading the project. The finished product would be displayed in the village hall.

Coun. Pearson asked for consideration to be given to provision of a bus stop sign at the Beeches and for it to be on its original site slightly more to the north than where buses currently stopped.

13] FOOTPATHS

Nothing was reported.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING APRIL 21, 2016

Nothing was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-35pm.

7] HIGHWAY MATTERS

The chairman reported that a resident had suggested that the County Council Highways should look at providing 30mph signs on the rear of the new 20-mph signs at the end of Main Street and Moor Lane. The clerk was to write to ask the position.

Another request received was for the cut-through starting from the area at Mrs Shelton's up to the start of the row of houses opposite the garage needed attention as it was becoming very narrow because of overgrown verges. The same resident raised the question of uneven slabs surrounding the church entrance and the alms houses. The clerk was to raise the matter again with the County Council.

The position of the interactive speed sign had been agreed with the County, just south of South Lodge on the A60 road. It was likely to be provided before the end of March.

The clerk was to point out the County Council had not cut back the trees on their land near the end of Gotham Lane. A street light on Church Street – No 2 – was on all day. The clerk was to report the matter.

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

Coun. Wilson updated the council on progress being made with the village group and said the seven volunteers had completed their training. There had been a problem with the equipment and it was in for repair. Once that was complete speed checking in the village would be carried out by three volunteers at a time and two times a week. He also reported on speed checks that had been taken by the police, with this occurring 19 times in the three months to December 31.

Crime figures were, said Coun. Wilson, compiled and circulated on a monthly basis by the two Beat Managers. Recorded crime in Bunny is low, and was 53% down in the last three months of 2015 relative to the equivalent period in 2014. The following crimes in Bunny were recorded by the Police in the past three months: November 2015 one case of bilking plus a motorbike stolen from Appliance Warehouse, December 2015 1 case of bilking, January 2016 one case of bilking plus an incident of arson in the grounds of Bunny Park Farm.

A discussion took place on the village Neighbourhood Watch group and the council gave its support for Coun. Wilson to look to increasing interest in it.

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9] PLANNING

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

15/02255/FUL. Mr Stubbs, 23 Moor Lane. First floor extn to front of property, loft conversion and flat roof dormer. No objection.

16/00244/LBC Tony Raban, 15 Main Street. Replace 3 windows and one door t rear of the property, with timber double glazed units. No objection.

16/00168/ful. N Sutton. 1 The Paddock, Single storey rear extension. No objection

15/03094/ful. Nicola Groom, 36 Main Street. Single storey outbuilding to provide garage and hobby room. No objection.

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

15/02968. R Moothia, Greenwood Lodge, 49/55 Gotham Lane. Single storey extensions to rear of existing care home (revised proposals) Grant.

15/02892/ful. P Ferguson, 14 Gotham Lane. Two storey side and rear extension. Grant.

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11] VILLAGE HALL

The chairman said he had met a firm who were to give a price for a one-off clean of the floors in the hall and they would be submitting a price for the work.

The council was told by the chairman that the final costs of the work on the hall was in the region of £34,000 including VAT. He would be raising the matter of a grant from the Bunny and Bradmore Charity Trustees at its next meeting.

The chairman said he was hoping to make progress with the formation of the intended sub committee to look into the running of the hall. The move to increase the use of the building would proceed and members were told of the possibility of a provision being made for darts to be played there. There had been a visit from an officer at Rushcliffe Borough Council and a food hygiene certificate had been issued for the kitchen .

12] ENVIRONMENT.

Coun. Pearson presented a report on the plans for the March 5 event for the Clean for the Queen litter pick. It would begin with a briefing meeting at the village hall at 9-15 with the pickers setting off to various points at 9-30am. Bacon rolls and a hot drink would be served in the village hall at around 11.15am. He asked for support from the council as drivers to take out the picking teams to the outskirts of the village ready for them to pick litter on their return. Rushcliffe Borough Council would collect the bags of litter the following week.

The council would look at the matter of an event they could support if the village organised something for the Queen's 90th official birthday on June 20.

13] FOOTPATHS

Coun. Pearson reported a damaged Waymarker sign on Footpath No 10. The clerk was to inform Notts County Council of this.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING MARCH 17, 2016. The Queen's birthday would be an item.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-50pm.