

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday March 19, 2015, at 7.30pm

	Couns. Graham Norbury (Chairman)
Mrs Chris Brown	Mrs Maria Webb
Paul Wright (A)	John Alldred
Peter Pearson	Mrs Janet Eastgate
Douglas Kerr	Mrs Penny Wakefield (A)

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and two residents

- 1] **Apologies** Coun. Penny Wakefield
- 2] **Declarations of Interest** There were none
- 3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on February 19, 2015** were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4] **Clerk's Report on previous meeting business**

The County Council are looking at the overhanging trees to see if they support the call for action. The chairman reported that some cutting back had taken place. Rushcliffe Borough Council are not taking out an enforcement notice on the University in regard to Bunny Park Wall. Notts County Council are still looking at the scheme but funding is currently very difficult.

Funding is currently not available for planting from Rushcliffe Borough Council. The local member may be able to assist in the new financial year.

Elections May 7. Nomination papers have to be by 4pm April 9. Official election posters are on display.

5] **Items from the public**

The meeting was opened to the public at 7.35pm.

Items raised were speeding traffic, heavy goods vehicles travelling through the village from 4am. most days, provision of a light in the Loughborough Road / Albert Road north bound traffic bus shelter, and noise problems from traffic. The possibility of a speedwatch group for the village was discussed. The meeting was reminded that two previous attempts to form such a group had not been successful.

The council was asked to make contact with the necessary departments of Notts County Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council and the police. He was also to seek information on how the new system the police have introduced on speed checks work and if the council can make use of the detector units.

The meeting resumed in public at 8.10pm.

6] **Correspondence**

Time Assured had inspected the church clock and said repairs to the broken hour hand, would cost £1,138. It was agreed to ask for the work to go ahead. The clerk was asked to check with the insurers to see if the clock was included on our policy and if not what it would cost to include it. Coun. Eastgate, on behalf of the village History Group and Fabric Fundraisers made a request for a maypole to be temporarily erected in the Christmas tree stand on the village hall frontage, to advertise their forthcoming May Day event. The council supported the request and the clerk was to write and advise the Trustees.

Notts County Council said provision of power lighting for the Albert Road bus shelter, would be at least £2500. The clerk was asked to write to obtain a firm price and to see comment on a suggestion white lining on the pavement in front of the shelter be provided. Rushcliffe Barn Owl group advised they had six nesting boxes in the parish and which have held breeding Barn Owls and where 22 chicks have been fledged. The council agreed to make a £50 grant to their funds.

CPRE Notts Best Kept Village Competition: It was confirmed the village would not enter in 2015.

7] **Highway matters**

No further matters were raised.

8] Planning**Rushcliffe Borough Council applications**

15/00463/ful. Jana Wakling, 10 Church View, Loughborough Road. Single storey side extension No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

149 Loughborough Road. Fell 2 ash, prune back overhanging branches of Yea, reduce 2 silver birch by a third.

Permit

9] Finance

Cheques for payment were approved as per the circulated list.

10] Village Hall items

Letter from Village Hall booking clerk Sarah Canon raised a number of points, including the need for a thorough clean of the hall and a similar clean on May 6 prior to the use of the building for the general election/Borough council/Parish council elections. She also made comment on the lack of water pressure for the hot water tap in the kitchen and the fact when it does run it is too hot. The chairman agreed to talk to Dave Williams and Guy Bryans about the problems.

The clerk was to check with the booking clerk for the hall what hirers were expected to do in regard to leaving the hall as they found it from a cleanliness point of view.

The chairman reported a second estimated price had been received in regard to the toilet work in the hall. Concern was expressed that both figures received had been estimates and the final figure could be very different. The chairman would discuss the matter with the firms concerned.

11] Environment

Arrangements were confirmed for the Litter Pick on March 21. Bacon butties and tea and coffee would be available in the village hall from 9.30am.

12] Footpaths

Coun. Pearson reported that repair work to the bridge on Bunny Moor had been carried out. Thanks were to be given to Jane Baynes at Notts County Council.

13] Agenda Items for Next meeting and parish meeting April 16.

It was agreed the meeting be held in the village hall. The parish meeting would start at 7pm and the parish council immediately afterwards.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.