

**BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday October 15, 2015, at 7.30pm**

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

Also present the Clerk Mike Elliott.

- 1] APOLOGIES Coun. Graham Norbury Helen Shirtcliffe
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS  
 Letters were sent to Gotham Lane end of the village Loughborough Road residents in regard to overgrown hedges and there had been one critical comment. The chairman said there had been action to cut back the hedge by at least one resident. Notts County Council acknowledged request for the cutting of their hedge. Severn Trent said they would investigate the overgreen trees on their sub station site.
- 5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC No public were present.
- 6] CORRESPONDENCE  
 Notts RCAN, advised of new Community Greenspace grants that were to become available shortly. The clerk was asked to pass on the information to the parish church. Mr Phil Brooks, of the Bunny Allotments Association, wrote in respect of problems caused by motorists parking in front of the gates to the allotments and play area. The council agreed that it would give support to the Association erecting a further sign at the entrance and would ask Notts County Council highways if it would put a white line down on the access entrance.  
 Bunny Church gave thanks to the council for the churchyard maintenance grant.  
 Miles King Rural Housing Association wrote to say Rushcliffe Borough Council were mindful of including Bunny in the next phase of housing needs surveys starting in January 2016 and offered to attend a meeting of the council to explain the situation. It was agreed to issue an invite to him .
- 7] HIGHWAY MATTERS  
 Coun. Mrs Brown reported the Number 8 street light on Main Street was still burning day and night. She was aware the County Council had been out to it since the last meeting.  
 Comment was made on the amount of vehicle parking on Main Street adjacent to the Church View properties. The chairman said he would visit the home of the one offender who parked immediately on the side of the properties.  
 Notts highways could not support the installation of a seat in the bus shelter near the school if they did not carryout the work. The clerk said there was no further word in respect of the provision of a flashing speed sign.  
 Coun. Wilson would seek information at the next police meeting on ongoing figures for the number of motorists who had been stopped during the recent speed checks.  
 The clerk was asked to contact Jane Baines at Notts County Council footpaths department to ask if she could offer advice or help in regard to the situation involving the condition of the bridlepath / highway at the end of Moor Lane.  
 The council discussed the situation of vehicles having to turn round on Main Street after visiting properties there. It was felt there was no possible action that could be sought to remedy the situation. There were already the necessary signs advising no through road.

8] COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Coun. Wilson reported on progress in regard to the effort to reintroduce a speed watch group. He said some years ago two attempts were made by the Council to set up a Community Speed Watch (CSW) group in Bunny. Each attempt failed due to a shortage of volunteers along with limited support from the local Police. But things have changed and there was considerable enthusiasm on the part of PC Kelly Warwick and her colleagues for supporting the setting up of new Community Road Safety groups in local villages. He was asking for those who may be interested in helping to improve road safety by joining a new CRS team in Bunny to contact him at [richardmswilson@gmail.com](mailto:richardmswilson@gmail.com)

9] PLANNING

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

15/01894/ful. Rebecca Dickson, 6 Victoria Road, 2 storey side extension. No objection

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

15/02193/TPO Mr Raban, 15 Main Street, Reduce height of yew trees by 1 metres and trim sides to balance. No objection

15/ 0353/ful. P Ferguson, 14 Gotham Lane. Two storey side and rear extension. No objection.

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

15/00102/CONARE. The Stables, Loughborough Road. Fell pine tree. Grant

15/00123/CONARE. Daniel Groom, 35 Main Street. Fell cherry tree. Grant.

15/01412/ful. P Beswick, 50 Loughborough Road. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, canopy to front elevation and new garden office. Grant.

15/00712/ful. D Albery, The Hollies, 18 Moor Lane. Demolition of barn/workshop, construct one and a half storey extension, Grant.

15/01768/ful. Phil Brooks, 34 Main Street. New external wall to form kitchen single storey extension, car port roof. Grant.

10] FINANCE

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

The clerk said he was progressing with the payment by BACS arrangement.

11] VILLAGE HALL

A stock taking check was needed in regard to the village hall kitchen on equipment and Coun. Mrs Brown and Mrs Wakefield would undertake the action and use some figures provided by the chairman.

The council chairman had provided a report for the meeting to say work was progressing on the improvements but was governed by the need to maintain toilet facilities and the availability of tradesmen. Demolition and rebuilding of walls was complete apart from the need to remodel the entrance to the new store so as to give better access for table trolleys.

12] ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING BUNNY HALL WALL.

Coun. Mrs Brown updated the council on the current position of the Bunny Hall wall and said she was liaising with James Bates, the Building Conservation Officer at Rushcliffe Borough Council and he had reported that he had been informed by Nottingham University they would assign £100,000 towards the cost of the work over the next five years. But they had pointed out they had given community support in Sutton Bonington where they had their own campus and were restricted on what they could do elsewhere.

The clerk was asked to write to Mr Tim Wilson, the Senior Building Inspector at Nottingham University, to give support to their plans and to say they would arrange for their contractors to be given the remaining pineapple finial which was currently position on land owned by Bunny and Bradmore Charities. The council chairman would be asked to keep Mr Alan Marshall, the Charities chairman, informed.

13] FOOTPATHS

No matters were raised.

14 ] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 19

The clerk said new financial regulations, will be sent out to members to look at.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.



7] HIGHWAY MATTERS

8] COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Some years ago two attempts were made by Bunny Parish Council to set up a Community Speed Watch (CSW) group in Bunny. Each attempt failed due to a shortage of volunteers along with limited support from the local Police. But things have changed!

The first change is in the name (CSW to CRS); the second is considerable enthusiasm on the part of PC Kelly Warwick and her colleagues for supporting the setting up of new CRS groups in local villages; the third is a sharper focus in the village on speeding problems since the introduction of the 30 m.p.h. limit; and the fourth is the availability of new kit (embracing portable interactive speed signs and a speed gun) for the use of CRS teams.

Would those who may be interested in helping to improve road safety by joining a new CRS team in Bunny please contact Dick Wilson at [richardmswilson@gmail.com](mailto:richardmswilson@gmail.com) ?

9] PLANNING

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

15/01894/ful. Rebecca Dickson, 6 Victoria Road, 2 storey side extension

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

15/02193/TPO Mr Raban, 15 Main Street, Reduce height of yew trees by 1 metres and trim sides to balance.

15/ 0353/ful. P Ferguson, 14 Gotham Lane. Two storey side and rear extension

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

15/00102/CONARE. The Stables, Loughborough Road. Fell pine tree. Grant

15/00123/CONARE. Daniel Groom, 35 Main Street. Fell cherry tree. Grant.

15/01412/ful. P Beswick, 50 Loughborough Road. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, canopy to front elevation and new garden office. Grant.

15/00712/ful. D Albery, The Hollies, 18 Moor Lane. Demolition of barn/workshop, construct one and a half storey extension, Grant.

15/01768/ful. Phil Brooks, 34 Main Street. New external wall to form kitchen single storey extension, car port roof. Grant.

10] FINANCE

A] CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

Am progressing with the payment by BACS arrangement.

11] VILLAGE HALL

Stock taking check needed of hall kitchen etc equipment

12] ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING BUNNY HALL WALL.

13] FOOTPATHS

14 ] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 19

New financial regulations, will be sent out to members to look at.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.