

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Thursday September 28th, 2017
at 7.30pm

Couns. Graham Norbury (Chairman)
Mrs Chris Brown Mrs Maria Webb
Dick Wilson Pete Pearson
Douglas Kerr John Alldred (A)
Penny Wakefield (A)

1] APOLOGIES Coun. John Alldred, Mike Elliott Clerk

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 20 2017 were accepted and signed by the Chairman with an amendment to the date of the last Village Hall Advisory Group meeting.

4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

Members were reminded that the Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Committee changes to allow a Parish Councillor to attend and speak for three minutes required prior notice on the Monday of the week in which the Planning Committee is held on the Thursday.

Hedges. County Highways had said that they were looking into the various issues raised. Members reported that, the grass had been cut at the Keyworth/ Bunny Lane junction as the Hedges on Wysall Lane. No action had taken place re Gotham Lane end of the village and more importantly the overhanging trees at the Keyworth Lane/ Loughborough Road Junction. It was agreed that the Clerk should be asked to pursue the issue of the overhanging trees as a matter of urgency.

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

No report had been received.

6] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None were raised

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Notts ALC AGM at Epperstone Wednesday November 15th, Guest Speaker Craig Guildford Notts. Chief Constable on Policing in Nottinghamshire". Clerk to be notified that the Chairman would attend.

Royal British Legion Poppy on Lamp posts Scheme. All PCs were being asked to buy 18" wide plastic poppies with Notts CC permission to put on lamp posts for this year's Remembrance Day. The poppies are £3 each and the Clerk reported that most PCs were ordering them. There was some concern about the proposal, both in principle and the number involved in Bunny. After discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman should discuss the issue further with the Clerk and report back.

War Memorials Trust are asking all Parish Councils to ensure that their war memorials are in good order for the Centenary on November 11th 2018 and asking for a photograph. As the Bunny memorials are in the church, they are kept in good order, but are not the responsibility of the Parish Council.. The Chairman would mention the question of a photograph to the churchwarden.

Parish Councils have been asked to organise an event in the way of a bonfire, or beacon on November 11th 2018 and light it at 7.00pm to coincide with the one in London to be lit by the Queen.

It is also suggested that there is an event afterwards. There had already been preliminary discussions with the Allotments Association about using the Jubilee Garden for the beacon/bonfire, but there

would need to be discussions with the Church and the local British Legion as the Remembrance Service for Bunny normally commenced at 6.00pm. It was felt that there was a need for any event to be appropriate for the sombre nature of the occasion. The Chairman would discuss further with the Clerk.

8] HIGHWAY MATTERS

There had been no further progress on the name of Wysall Lane.

The Chairman reported that he had agreed that he would continue as Snow Warden

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

Coun. Dick Wilson reported that the Community Road Safety Group had suspended activity as it was not viable with only 5 members. It was observed that as the parents of children living on Albert and Victoria Roads had played a leading role in the introduction of the 30mph limit at the northern end of the village it was disappointing that none from that area had volunteered. If the numbers volunteering increased then equipment was now available to resume activities and PC Howard Shinn was willing to give a talk on the scheme.

10] PLANNING

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

17/01894/FUL Harry Whyte, Fairholme Farm, Main Street. Erect stable block and associated access drive. No objection

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

17/01302/PAQ Mr and Mrs Wheatcroft, Wysall Road Farm, Wysall Lane. Conversion of brick built single storey agricultural building to two-bedroom dwelling. Permission not required.

17/01284/FUL Jamie Parker, 4 Albert Road. Single storey side extension. Grant.

11] FINANCE

Payment of accounts were approved as per the circulated list.

12] VILLAGE HALL

It was reported that a start had been made on disposing of surplus items. In addition to the grey chairs the Church had taken two hose reels.

It was agreed to go ahead with the replacement of the lights in the main hall subject to confirmation of their colour.

It was reported that a rack system for the folding chairs would not only be expensive, but also take up valuable space in the small hall. It was suggested that the unusable areas between the radiators could be used for storage if a board and possibly a chain were installed to prevent the chairs from slipping. It was agreed to pursue this option.

In response to queries on hire charges arising from the last meeting of the Village Hall Advisory Group it was confirmed that:

- i. Commercial and non-residential users would not incur a higher evening rate.
- ii. There was no free of charge period for setting and clearing up.
- iii. Where the booking was for the main hall it was not possible to prevent the use of the small hall and therefore no extra charge. It was possible for there to be a separate booking for both halls.
- iv. It was agreed not to pursue the question of a deposit for non-regular users at this time, but they would be reminded that they would be liable for the costs of any additional cleaning, or repairs to damage where the hall was left in an unsatisfactory state.

Other issues raised by the Village Hall Advisory Group relating to cleaning schedules, finishing times, sound system and max numbers would be considered at the next meeting.

13] ENVIRONMENT

The Chairman agreed to ask the Clerk if a date had been arranged for the CPR training. Coun. Chris Brown reported that only two members of the public had attended the Bunny Bulletin AGM and that there had been no volunteers to assume the post of Editor. However, Chris and Heather Paul had agreed to edit the Bunny Bulletin until Christmas when its future would be reviewed. The Council recorded its thanks to all concerned past and present for their work in publishing the Bunny Bulletin.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Supper at the Rancliffe had been arranged for Monday December 4th. As usual those attending would be offered a choice of any three from starter, main, dessert and coffee. It was agreed that the charge would be £18 a head to include a tip for staff, a donation to the Fab Fund and the "free raffle".

The Chairman reported that a visit to the British Gypsum mine had been arranged for Saturday November 4th.

14] FOOTPATHS

Coun. Pete Pearson reported that a way marker had been found in a ditch and Notts. CC had been notified.

15] CASUAL VACANCY

No formal applications to fill the casual vacancy had been received and Coun. Chris Brown agreed to speak to the person who had previously expressed an interest.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that ideas were still required for the proposed survey. Couns. Dick Wilson and Douglas Kerr said that they would circulate theirs to the council.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.