

**Minutes of a Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held at the Burnside Hall, Plumtree, on Tuesday
January 16, 2018 at 6.30pm**

Couns. Gerald Fletcher (chairman)
Mike A Westwood Steve Waring (A)
Fiona Mason Aruna Day
Miles Shippside Dave Gray

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Steve Waring
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2017 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF WW1
The chairman said he had spoken to the Plumtree PC chairman regarding the use of the Beacon and understand the matter would be discussed by them at their meeting the following week, and until then it would be wise not to finalise the proposed events for Normanton.
The chairman said he thought it would be possible to have a bonfire in the grounds of The Plough.
The meeting agreed to purchase another 22 of the large Legion poppies to enable an extended display of them in November.
Steps would be taken to trace village families who had relatives in WWI in order they might be involved in the event.
- 5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES
No matters were raised.
- 6] CLERK'S REPORT
Tree roots, The Leys. Residents at 10 and 11 have received letters from Notts County Council. Mr Blanchard, of Number 9, says he has been spoken to by his neighbours asking who reported the matter. The clerk said he had contacted the County Council at the request of the council and they had been out to area and had marked the offending spots on the pavement. The clerk was to talk to the County officer to verify the actual position regarding the necessary action to deal with the tree roots.
The hedge on Platt Lane near the sports field had in part been cut back.
The clerk said currently there are discussions ongoing with NALC and the Clerk's Society regarding the need for the council to appoint a Data Protection Officer to meet the requirements of Law by May 25. He said there are differing views being expressed by various bodies, but it seems the Clerk cannot be appointed to the post and neither can a councillor. It was understood by the clerk the suggested fee for someone to take on the work would be a minimum £150.
- 7] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
There was no report.
- 8] CORRESPONDENCE
Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments had confirmed that Councils with under £25,000 expenditure/income would have PKF Littlejohn LLP as their external auditor if any complaints were made on the accounts, otherwise the internal auditor David Dixon will be the contact.
Burnside Memorial Hall advised of an increase from £22 to £24 50 per hire for meetings.
Motor Neurone Disease Association, acknowledged the £140 donation from the Cheese and Wine evening. It was agreed a copy of the letter be put on the website.
- 9] PLANNING MATTERS
Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications --There were none

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions
1702360/PAR Chris Burt, Wolds Farm, Laming Gap. Convert redundant agricultural building to flexible B1 business use. Grant.
17/02503/ful. Michelle Woodward, Overgrown Acres, Cotgrave Road. Convert barn to single dwelling. Grant.

10] FINANCE

a] ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list

b] BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018-19. Members discussed a written report presented by the clerk which included £250 for WWI event expenditure and £150 for the possible appointment of a Data Protection Officer. The council unanimously approved a precept of £7,286 for the 2018-19 financial year.

11] NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK

Visitor numbers for the website for November were 33 users viewing 163 pages and for December 42 users and 209 pages. Between November 1 and December 31 there were a total of 116 hits with 37 visits to the agendas and minutes page and 34 to the events page.

The meeting agreed that the question of whether to proceed with a Facebook site would be left until Coun. Waring was present.

It was agreed there would be a newsletter at the start of May.

12] AMENITIES including HIGHWAY MATTERS

Coun. Westwood raised the question of the condition of Clipston Lane and said it was in a poor state.

13] SOCIAL EVENTS

The meeting was told that The Plough were planning a special event on May 9 to coincide with the Royal Wedding. It was agreed to enter the Best Kept Village competition again.

Coun. Westwood was to discuss the possibility of obtaining floorboards following the removal of a floor from a neighbouring house which he suggested could be used to make flower troughs.

The question of organising another Garden Trail was raised.

14] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

No matters were raised.

15] DATE FOR NEXT MEETING, MARCH 20, 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6-55pm.