

**Minutes of a Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held at the Burnside Hall, Plumtree,
on Tuesday May 15, 2018 at 6.30pm**

Couns. Mike A Westwood, Steve Waring, Fiona Mason
Aruna Day, Miles Shippside, Dave Gray

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and Coun. Richard Butler and four residents

- 1] ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2018-19. Coun. Mrs Fiona Mason was unanimously appointed chairman. The meeting agreed to leave the position of vice chairman to a further meeting. Members were advised that the previous chairman Coun. Ged Fletcher had resigned from the council since the last meeting and a vote of thanks were recorded to him for his work and leadership.
- 2] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were none
- 3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 4] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MARCH 20, 2018, were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 5] COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF WW1
The council discussed the possibility of a joint event with Plumtree parish council and the chairman would discuss this with the new chairman there. Coun. Waring had obtained a price of £450 for a beacon unit and Coun. Richard Butler had said he would donate £200 towards this from his Community fund. It was agreed an approach be made to the Borough councillors as well for possible funding. The final arrangements for the event would be confirmed at the next meeting.
- 6] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES
The question of the possibility of a joint event with Plumtree for the WW1 Commemoration was supported by a resident.
- 7] CLERK'S REPORT
The clerk reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council had confirmed that the council could now fill the two vacancies they had by co-option. The meeting agreed that the usual Casual Vacancy notices should be displayed and the matter be dealt with at the next meeting.
- 8] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Butler said the County were aware of the many complaints being received in regard to the poor condition of highways throughout the County but were doing their best to carry out work to rectify the position in as many areas as they could.
- 9] CORRESPONDENCE
It was confirmed the council were ordering more Royal British Legion large poppies for lamp posts.
Carruthers Solutions provided a Website visitor analysis report in which it was revealed there had been 88 users of the site in March and 60 in April. The clerk said there was a need for more photographs for the site, particularly any covering yesteryear events or scenes.
Former chairman Mr Gerald Fletcher had given the clerk a copy of the Emergency Plan for the village and the usual contents of the Welcome Pack. It was agreed both needed updating.
Coun. Richard Butler reported that the County Council were preparing a quotation for the removal of the bus shelter on Cotgrave road, it no longer serving a bus route.
- 10] PLANNING MATTERS
There were no matters raised.
- 11] FINANCE

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS were approved as per the circulated list.

TO AUTHORISE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT The council approved the signing of the Governance Statement.

TO AUTHORISE AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR 2017-18 The council discussed a report presented by the clerk and which showed the Internal Auditor has signed off the accounts and unanimously approved the Acceptance of the report and the accounts for 2017-18.

12] NEWSLETTER WEBSITE The meeting agreed that arrangements be made for the email list of residents taking information on social and parish council events be contacted and asked if they wished to 'Opt In' to ensure they could continue to receive the messages.

13] AMENITIES

The chairman informed the meeting that Rushcliffe Borough Council were to launch a scheme to present each council with ten native trees to plant in their parish, the aim being to increase the tree population throughout the Borough. They would also be offering individuals two trees for planting on their own properties. She said the Borough were also introducing a scheme to increase availability of collection of hard plastics, and were also banning use of helium balloons and Chinese Lanterns from any council facility or land.

Coun. Westwood mentioned a problem of a section of a tree that had fallen into the watercourse on land on Clipston Lane. The clerk said the responsibility for keeping the water course clear was with the field owner.

14] SOCIAL EVENTS INCLUDING WW1 COMMEMORATE EVENT

The main event currently was the WW1 Commemoration in November and plans are progressing for that.

15] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

The chairman reminded members that the annual Armed Forces Day is June 30 and contact was to be made with Mr Mark Hughes at The Plough Inn in the village to ask if he will fly the council flag that day.

16] DATE FOR NEXT MEETING, JULY 17, 2018 at 6-30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-40pm.