

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Thursday January 24, 2013, at the Burnside Memorial Hall,  
Plumtree at 7.30pm**

Couns. David Martin (chairman)

Mark Bailey (A)	Fiona Carruthers
Adrian Kerrison	John Brook
Jonnie Richards	Mike Clark

**Also present:** The clerk Mike Elliott and four members of the public.

- 1] **Apologies** were received from Coun. Mark Bailey (business reasons).
- 2] **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
- 3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on November 22, 2012**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] **Parishioners Reports**  
 Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm.  
 Comment was made on the poor surface condition of Mill Lane and the clerk was asked to seek information from Notts County Council as to ownership of it. The council was told the area between Ruddington and Plumtree was well used by pedestrians. If it was found to be owned by The Duchy of Cornwall, the clerk was asked to write to them.  
 There were concerns expressed in respect of icy and muddy conditions on Church Lane and the clerk was asked to report the matter to the County Council.  
 Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.45pm.
- 5] **Clerk's Report and update on previous meeting business**  
 British Gas had three times emailed to acknowledge the request to remove its work bollards but they were still in place on Church Hill.  
 Mrs Millidge wrote to confirm that as the notice board in front of her property was considered surplus to requirements, she was happy for it to be removed, but would require the ground to be restored to how it was, including the removal of broken bricks and concrete used to fill in excavations that took place. It would need to have new soil and be turfed. Coun. Brook said he would arrange for the work to be done.  
 Notts County Council had reminded the council of its Local improvement Scheme event on March 7 being held at Newark Showground but no one was available to attend.
- 6] **Correspondence**  
 Three letters from Rushcliffe Borough Council in regard to precepts arrangements for 2013 / 2014 were received. Mrs Barbara Tuckwell wrote on behalf of the parish church to give thanks for the £25 cheque for use of the church for a council meeting.  
 The chairman was to attend a Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire forum at the Civic Centre on February 7.
- 7] **Highway matters**  
 The clerk was asked to contact Coun. Adair in regard to the position of the permanent speed sign for the main road through the village. The temporary ones had now been removed.  
 Concerns were expressed on the surface condition of Church Lane and the fact that it was frequently affected by water and mud. Pot holes were abundant.  
 The clerk was asked to write in respect of the continuing need for the hedge from the field of the late Mrs Tanner to be cut back. Contact was to be made with Mr Jim Freeman of Notts County Council in regard to his visit in October to look at a number of highway problems, asking for an update on the work required.
- 8] **Planning Matters**  
Planning Applications  
 There were none.  
Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions  
 12/01533/FUL Mr A Kerrison; Extension to clubhouse and section of access ramp and deck to provide disabled access and disabled changing facilities; Plumtree Cricket Club Ground, Bradmore Lane, Plumtree. Grant Permission  
 The meeting was told that although no official paperwork had yet been received from Rushcliffe Borough Council, it was confirmed that the planning application for the erection of stables on land north of Church Lane had been approved.
- 9] **Finance**  
 a] It was agreed to authorise payment of accounts as per the schedule presented and to add to it a cheque for £500 for Plumtree Cricket Club to sponsor the purchase of cricket balls for part of the coming season.

b] Power of Dispensation

The council agreed to grant the Power of Dispensation to itself in order members could discuss items concerning the setting of a precept for 2013 / 2014. It would look at individual instances in future where members required to issue a declaration of interest but did not support the NALC recommendation of asking them to leave the meeting.

c] Budget and Precept 2013 / 21014

The council received a report prepared by the clerk outlining suggested expenditure for the coming 12 months and unanimously agreed to call for a precept in the sum of £3,795, which included a one-off grant of £45 offered by Rushcliffe Borough Council under the new arrangements for precepting for parish councils, brought about by a change in the Council Tax Rebate Scheme introduced by the Government.

The clerk said the council tax base for the current 2012/ 2013 financial year was 120 and it would now be 121 for 2013 / 2014. In the current year a resident in a Band D property paid £31.25 in their overall tax to meet the cost of the parish council expenditure for the 12 month period.

d] Clerk's Salary

The council agreed that for the next two years the clerk should be paid at the rate of Spinal Column 19 and that his hours of pay remain at 12 per month.

**10] Environmental matters** No matters were raised.

**11] Telephone Kiosk Library**

The chairman raised a question of the former kiosk being used as a free lending library and commented that there was a surplus of books, seemingly because people were taking varying quantities and leaving them at the kiosk. It was agreed to sort through the stock and where necessary either donate them to any local cause or direct them to the waste paper scheme for the Borough Council.

**12] Parish Council Village Website**

Good use continued to be made of the site. There were now six sponsors for it. A page had been created for the village cricket club.

**13] Code of Conduct**

The clerk was asked to verify the contents of item 10 on the proposed code before members agreed to it.

**14] Chairman's matters**

The chairman reported on a meeting of the East Leake and Keyworth Police Priority Setting Group, and said it was stated there had been a drop in crime incidents. The local Keyworth officer was now based at East Leake following the closure of the Keyworth contact point.

The clerk was asked to report two vehicle tyres still dumped at the road side on Bradmore Lane near the railway bridge and the fact the graffiti on the bridge still remained.

**15] Agenda Items for Next meeting on March 28**

Nothing was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.