

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Thursday March 28, 2013, at the Burnside Memorial Hall,
Plumtree at 7.30pm**

Couns. David Martin (chairman)

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

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Mrs Fiona Mason (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and four members of the public.

1] **Apologies** were received from Couns. Mrs Fiona Carruthers and Adrian Kerrison. Notts County Council member Coun. Reg Adair was not able to attend.

2] **Declarations of Interest**

Coun. Brook declared an interest in regard to a financial payment to his son.

3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on January 24, 2013**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4] **Parishioners Reports**

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.36pm.

A question was raised on the position concerning the provision of the permanent interactive speed sign and the clerk was to contact Coun. Reg Adair. A suggestion was made for the creation of a Neighbourhood Watch Group in the village and it was agreed to ask Pc Shinn and NW area coordinator Paul Noone from Upper Broughton to the Annual Parish Meeting to give a presentation of the scheme. It was agreed a newsletter should be published prior to the Annual Parish Meeting so that residents were aware of it being held. At the meeting the question of an elderly persons group would also be raised.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.46pm.

5] **Clerk's Report and update on previous meeting business**

Notts County Council had confirmed it did not own Mill Lane. There had been no response from The Duchy who was thought could be the owners. Removal work of the notice board outside the home of Mrs Millidge had been completed.

Notts County Council had repeated comments it considered Church Lane carriageway conditions did not fall below its standards. The County Council said it was committed to maintaining over 4,000 miles of roads in Nottinghamshire and spend around £12 million per year repairing and resurfacing them. The Highways Inspector advised on the recent occasion they had used the method of repair whereby the defects were excavated and then the hole was patched, it was likely that further deterioration of the carriageway would occur on the road surface around these defects when the materials were compacted into the potholes. He stated that he was satisfied that the repairs that had been conducted were of a good standard.

He had assessed the carriageway surface as it stands and it had been decided that no further repairs would be undertaken at the present time. However, the County Council would continue to monitor the condition of the road during its regular highways inspections for that road. If the condition deteriorated significantly it would reconsider undertaking repairs or improvements.

Rushcliffe Borough Council had said that all the graffiti on the railway bridge at Bradmore Lane had been removed.

6] **Correspondence**

Burnside Memorial Hall wrote to advise that there would be no increase in letting charges until the end of the current year. The Local Government Boundary Commission advised the final recommendations for the Rushcliffe review were for Plumtree, Clipston, Tollerton and Normanton to be in one ward, with a single member to represent it. Rushcliffe Borough Council CEO wrote in regard to parish council contacts available from the Borough Council.

The Boundary Commission for England advised that due to The Government changing its decision on the parliamentary review due for 2013, it had been postponed to 2018. Notts County Council wrote in regard to its Lengthsman scheme evaluation. The parish council had previously decided it felt it could not be part of the scheme.

7] **Highway matters**

The clerk was asked to contact Streetwise at Rushcliffe Borough Council to ask for a litter pick on the main road into the village from the Tollerton traffic lights to the row of cottages. The question of a village litter pick was also raised but no decision taken.

An application was to be made to Notts County Council for four new village signs to be provided, under the LIS scheme.

8] **Planning Matters**

Planning Applications

There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

11/00001/FUL Mrs Margaret Tanner; Erection of stables with associated parking, muck heap; Land North of Church Lane.
Grant Permission

An exhibition had been held at Keyworth Village Hall on Monday to show plans by Miller Homes to build up to 200 homes on an area of land bordering Station Road and Platt Lane. Coun. Clark said he had visited the exhibition and made comment on what was being proposed. The clerk was asked to write to Keyworth Parish Council to seek to arrange a meeting with its chairman in order to ensure the two councils could discuss the overall position and the effect such a development would have on the highway situation locally. Concerns were expressed that Plumtree had not been advised of the consultation event.

The clerk was asked to write to Rushcliffe Borough Council to express concerns on highway grounds for any development on the site concerned and to ask to be kept informed of any progress in the submission of an application.

9] Finance

The meeting authorised payment of accounts as per the schedule presented.

10] Environmental matters to include the Pinfold restoration work

There was nothing to report.

11] Parish Council Village Website

Members had received latest use figures which showed 199 visits in the period February 1st to 28th compared to 231 visits in January and 138 in the period March 1st to 25th.

12] Standing Orders

The clerk said he understood NALC was preparing a new model for Standing Orders and it was agreed that be awaited before the council considered any changes.

13] Chairman's matters

The chairman reported he had attended a seminar organised by RCAN which had dealt mainly with the question of wind farms. A plaque removed from the notice board that had been taken down and which depicted it had been erected to mark the Silver Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II was to be retained by the chairman until a decision could be taken as to possible future use.

14] Agenda Items for next meeting on May 23

Nothing was put forward.

The Annual Parish Meeting would be at 7pm, and the parish council Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm.