

Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Thursday May 23, 2013, at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 8.00pm

Couns. David Martin (chairman)
Mark Bailey Fiona Carruthers
Adrian Kerrison John Brook
Jonnie Richards Mike Clark

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott, and seven members of the public.

- 1] **Election of chairman for 2013-14** Coun. David Martin was re-elected.
- 2] **Election of vice chairman for 2013-14** Coun. John Brook was elected.
- 3] **Apologies** Couns. Mark Bailey, Adrian Kerrison.
- 4] **Declarations of Interest** There were none
- 5] **Minutes from previous meeting on March 28, 2013** were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 6] **Parishioners Reports (the meeting being closed to allow this item to proceed)**
No matters were raised.

7] Clerk's Report on previous meeting business

Coun. Reg Adair says he continues to press for another permanent speed sign to be erected on the main road through the village but can get no promise of time for such provision. There has been no response from the Duchy to a second letter in regard to the ownership of Mill Lane. The meeting was informed that the footpath on the land had been closed. The clerk said it was possible to seek to have the path registered. The clerk was asked to write to the Nottinghamshire Ramblers Association for their comments.

Notice board: The council agreed to have a new lock put on its notice board and to restrict the use of it to local events. Council notices would at all times have priority.

A litter pick from Tollerton traffic lights to the cottages on the entrance to the village had taken by Streetwise following the council request for it. An application has been made to Notts County Council for decorative village name signs. The clerk said the design of them could perhaps be the subject of a competition.

It was confirmed that plans for shelving to be constructed in the telephone kiosk for the book lending scheme was to proceed.

8] Correspondence

Grant Thornton, Audit Commission 2012-3 auditors had advised that the date of the parish audit was June 24. The clerk said the internal auditor David Dixon had approved the figures. Keyworth Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan letter had been circulated to members and the chairman said he had met Coun. Linda Abbey chairman of its Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and numerous matters had been raised which Keyworth said were useful

A letter from Rushcliffe Borough Council on its Housing Land Assessment programme had been circulated to members. Rushcliffe Borough Council annual Parish Seminar June 25 was to be held at Cotgrave and the chairman said he would attend.

9] Highway matters

The clerk was asked to contact Mr Jim Freeman, Notts County Council, in regard to the outstanding jobs from his visit to meeting members in October last year.

10] Planning Matters

No planning applications or decisions

The chairman remarked on the expected application from Miller Homes for housing on land between Station Road and Platt Lane. He said there would be traffic implications from it for Plumtree.

11] Environmental matters

The council approved payment of a move to replenish the planters and for Sue Collishaw to under the necessary action. A sum of £30 per planter was approved.

12] Finance

a] to authorise payment of accounts as per schedule

b] approve accounts for 2012-13. The meeting received a report from the clerk on the 2012 / 2013 accounts. They had been accepted by the internal auditor David Dixon without comment other than a request for members to sign the invoices that were being paid. It was unanimously agreed to approve the accounts for 2012 / 2013 as presented

13] Village Website

In the period March 1 to May 19 a total of 441 people visited the site with 175 in March, 181 in April and 95 in the first 19 Days of May. The two full months figures were slightly down on the previous two months.

The meeting agreed for Coun. Clark to seek a price from AR Signs for a web-site advertising strip to fit in the notice board

14] Chairman's matters

Nothing was raised.

15] Agenda Items for Next meeting – July 25, 2013. Coun. Richards gave his apologies in advance.