

Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday January 20, 2014, at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7.30pm

Couns. David Martin (chairman)

Mark Bailey

Fiona Carruthers

Adrian Kerrison

Jonnie Richards

Mike Clark

Gemmy Louch

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

1] **Apologies and reasons** There were none

2] **Declarations of Interest** There were none

3] **Minutes from previous meeting on November 11, 2013** were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

4] **Parishioners Reports** (the meeting being closed to allow this item to proceed)

A question was raised in respect of the traffic lights at the Tollerton end of the village. Mr Ron Tansley said he would not continue to try to get interest revived in the Neighbourhood Watch group because of what he described a total lack of interest from residents in being involved. The chairman said he would display Neighbourhood Watch reports he received on the village notice board. He also reported on the use of the telephone kiosk for the library, and said it was being very well supported. He said there were plans when the weather got better to install new shelves for the books.

The need for another litter bin was discussed and the clerk was asked to proceed with purchase of one, for Church Hill. The clerk said the cost would be in the region of £138 and to see permission from Notts County Council to fix it on a lamp post. The clerk was asked to find from Rushcliffe Borough Council why they are emptying the existing rubbish bins on a regular basis.

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

Declarations of interest form from Coun. Mrs Louch has been received. The electricity supply to the telephone kiosk in the village was disconnected in July 2010. The kiosk is on the council's insurance at a replacement value of £1000. The clerk was asked to increase this figure to £2000 to bring it in line with the current figure for purchase of one.

The road lights on Church Lane were now on again all night.

The dates for meetings for 2014 were reported as: March 24, May 19 (annual meeting and parish meeting). July 28, September 29, November 24.

The clerk was asked to write again to the owner of the hedge on Church Lane with a repeated request for it to be cut back, saying local residents were expressing concerns on problems caused by it

6] **Correspondence**

A letter from the Notts branch of CPRE in respect of the Best Kept Village for 2014 was discussed, It was agreed by the meeting the village should enter the competition for 2014. It was agreed the matter be an item for the March agenda and that an appeal be made for general support for the decision. An email from Jane Baines of Notts County Council reported on a suggestion there should be a diversion of footpath number 1 so it did not run across the field opposite the parish church. But there had been no further contact since last November and it was felt the matter was not being progressed.

Burnside Hall advised of a 7per cent rent increase from £20 50 to £22, per meeting.

7] **Highway matters**

The clerk was asked to report pot holes on Church Lane and Church Hill.

8] **Planning Matters**

Applications:

13/02502/Var. Metronet Rail Ltd, variation of condition 2 of 08/01324/Ful to read no more than the following train movements shall pass any specific point along the test track within any one hour period, Mon-Fri 7am to 8am and 6pm-7pm, not more than 12 passes per hour, 8am to 6pm no more than 18 passes per hour. Saturday 8am to 9am and 5pm to 6pm no more than 12 passes per hour and 9am – 5pm no more than 18 passes per hour. Railway Test Track Crossing, Station Road, Upper Broughton. No objection

14/00001/FUL Cranford Developments Ltd and Waitrose Ltd. Land North of Landmere Lane and West of Melton Road Edwalton., Erection of local centre comprising food store (Class A1) and 4 units for Class A1, A2, A3, A5 and/or D1 use together with car parking and associated infrastructure and landscaping. No decision was taken until after Coun. Kerrison had circulated comments for members to consider,

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None

9] Defibrillator

Members were told the prices range from about £900 for just the unit to £2000 to include the housing box. Fitting is extra -- about £150. The area around the box will need to be lit during hours of darkness. To use the unit, a caller has to ring 999 for the ambulance service and then be given the code number to access the unit. The ambulance service require at least a monthly check on the unit from a competent person and to submit a written report to them. There is an annual service charge on the unit. If it is used there is need to purchase a new pad, around £50. The clerk was asked to write to Green King Brewery to ask for their comment in regard to using an exterior wall of The Griffin Inn to site a defibrillator. He was also to ask them if they would consider assisting towards the cost of a unit. The matter would be an agenda item at the March meeting,. Coun. Mrs Mason said she would be prepared to make a grant towards the cost of the unit if a decision to buy one was taken.

10] Finance

a] to authorise payment of accounts as per schedule was approved as per the circulated list.

b] to consider budget and precept for 2014-5

The council considered a budget report presented by the clerk and after discussion it was agreed the council seek a precept the same as in then current year, in the sum of £3,795. Rushcliffe Borough Council were making a grant of £40 towards the figure, leaving a sum of £3,755 to be raised from local council tax payers.

The chairman said the council had agreed the clerk should be paid at the Spinal Column point rate of 19.

11] Environmental matters

The council discussed two War Memorial cleansing and improvement quotations and agreed to accept the one from Bonsers in the figure of £794 plus vat. The clerk was to write to Bonsers to ask them for a price to insert an extra name on the memorial, for Mr George Taylor who died on January 31, 1921. The council was told that Mr Taylor's body was buried in the churchyard.

Coun. Mrs Carruthers was thanked for her work in updating the village Emergency Plan which she had forwarded to each member.

12] Parish Council Village Website

Coun. Mrs Carruthers reported the use of the website continued to be good.

13] Chairman's matters

The chairman reported he had attended the recent police priorities meeting. It had been confirmed at the meeting that the police were increasing patrols in the area.

The meeting was told that there had been 50 applications made in connection with the future use of Sycamore Farm and 21 couples had submitted an actual tender to run the establishment. Coun. Clarke, who had obtained the information, said he was aware that Prince Charles was taking a personal interest in the future management of the farm.

It was agreed that poppy planting should take place to mark the commemoration of the centenary of the 1914-18 war. The clerk was to provide members with a supply of seeds.

14] Agenda Items for Next meeting March 24, 2014. Following meetings: May 19 (annual meeting of the council and parish meeting), July 28, September 29 and November 24. No further items were put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm