

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday January 26, 2015, at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7.00pm**

Couns. David Martin (chairman)  
Mark Bailey (A)                      Fiona Carruthers  
Adrian Kerrison                      Jonnie Richards  
Mike Clark                              Gemma Louch

**Also present:** The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Fiona Mason and two members of the public.

The chairman welcomed back Coun. Gemma Louch following a break after giving birth to twins.

1] **Apologies for absence:** Coun. Mark Bailey

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

3] **Minutes from previous meeting on November 24, 2014** were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman.

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

The meeting closed at 7.05pm and restarted at 7.11pm

The chairman informed the meeting he had spoken to the owner of the hedge on Main Road that was in need of being cut back and it was planned for the work to be carried out before the end of March. The question of litter in the village had been tackled that day by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

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

Plumtree WI are marking national commemoration of centenary of the organisation and request PC support for planting a tree or providing a seat, and looking for ideas for a site. The clerk was asked to put the WI in touch with Coun. Clark with a view to discussing the possibility of a notice board being provided outside the Burnside Hall after members were unable to suggest a site for either a tree or a seat.

Network Rail are looking into the complaint near their Test Track of flooded ground under Bridge 23, Transco Gas have been spoken to again in regard to their installation on Main Road, Plumtree, which is next to the bus stop at the Tollerton end of the village and which is in a poor condition. They have given another promise to look into the council complaint. .

The Griffin Inn, still no word to the office from them in regard to its future. They have said they would support a defib on the pub wall but would need to negotiate with permanent licensee.

The dysfunctional drain cover at the mouth of Church Lane and Main Road has been repaired.

Rushcliffe Borough Council said they could not find the damaged Church Hill road sign but are visit again and follow the clerk's initial instructions saying it was opposite the church.

6] **Correspondence**

Kenneth Clarke wrote in regard to the Griffin Inn concerning the amount of water and business rates imposed but said he could not find a way to assist. .

Notts County Council proposed speed limit Bradmore Lane had been confirmed and was due for implementation in the current financial year.

7] **Highway matters**

The question of pot holes on Church Drive was raised. Coun. Carruthers would report the matter directly to Notts County Council. Some concerns were raised on waste bins being left outside properties after being emptied by the Borough Council. An item would appear in the next newsletter asking residents to take them back in again.

8] **Planning Matters**

Applications: There were none

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

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Keyworth Neighbourhood Plan: The chairman thanked Coun. Kerrison for his report which had been forwarded to Keyworth Parish Council.

The clerk explained that Planning decision notices from the Borough Council, traditionally printed on green paper were now on white paper, which was cheaper to buy.

The clerk said new Government rules in regard to planning meant that permission for conversion of farm dwellings to residential use was now very much easier. There are only five aspects of the application that can be considered by the Borough -- flood risk, noise, siting, land contamination and highways. The Borough only has 56 days to determine the application from the date of receipt of it and if it is not decided by then it is automatically approved.

The council was told that the Borough council originally decided that parish councils would not be notified of such applications. The clerk wrote to them to ask them to re-consider including parish councils in their consultation process even though they are not obliged to. They have now done so and will be advising the parishes, although pointing out the time that can be given to parishes to make a comment will be very restricted and any such comments can only be on the five mentioned items.

**9] Plumtree Cricket Club**

Coun. Kerrison said the club were continuing with their development programme and a planning application was being dealt with. They were hoping to make a funding application to the cricket authorities later in the year.

The clerk was asked to include an item on the next agenda in regard to a grant for match balls. Coun. Louch raised the question of giving funding grants to other organisations in the village.

**10] Provision of a defibrillator**

The item was to be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting. The clerk was asked to approach the East Midlands Ambulance Trust again in regard to the possibility of them assisting with the project. Comments were made on some of the aspects raised in a letter to the council from the Community Heart Beat Trust and it was felt these needed to be given consideration.

**11] Finance**

a) to authorise payment of accounts as per schedule as per the circulated list were approved.

b) to set budget and council tax figure for 2015-6: The council discussed a report presented by the clerk and agreed a figure of £4200. An item would appear in the next newsletter explaining the increase from the £3795 figure for the current year.

c) to consider clerk's salary: The council agreed to an increase in the number of hours worked per month from 12 to 15 and that payment continue on the SCP19 rate, to come into effect as from January 1 2015.

The clerk reported the NatWest Bank closure in March at Keyworth. He said it would be possible to pay in money at the post office.

**12] Environmental matters**

It was agreed to hold a village Litter Pick on March 28. Those taking part would be invited to the Burnside Hall at 10am for a bacon sandwich and tea or coffee and for the pick to start at 10-30am. The clerk would organise the necessary equipment from the Borough Council.

The council would issue a newsletter in time to advertise the Litter Pick and to include items covering the forthcoming elections, the council tax increase, the cricket club, the new 30mph speed limit on Bradmore Lane, wheelie bins and the plans for the improvement of the Pinfold.

Coun. Clark would discuss the matter of the old telephone box with local resident Mr Ken Bloor.

**13] Parish elections May 7 2015.** There would be a cost of approximately £90 for the council if there was no election, and between £600 - £800 for an election. The chairman said he hoped members would discuss amongst themselves their strategy for the future make up of the council. The clerk said the first of the notices advising of the May 7 election had been put on the notice board.

**14] Government Transparency code**

The clerk reported on the new Code which becomes mandatory in March and said it would in future be necessary for the parish to itemise expenditure items of over £100 on its website as it would to give details of public owned land and all other assets.

There would be a need for registration with the Data Protection Act 1988 and adhere to the Freedom of Information Act.

**15] Chairman's Matters:** The chairman he would be unable to attend the next Police Priority Setting meeting on April 15. Coun. Clark said he would go. He may not also be able to attend the Rushcliffe seminar on February 11.

**16] Agenda Items for Next meeting on March 23, 2015 (combined with parish meeting):** The matter of funding for the cricket club was to be itemised.