

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday March 21, 2016,
at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7.00pm**

Couns. David Martin (chairman)
Adrian Kerrison Jonnie Richards
Mike Bylina Vonnie Daykin
Dave Sumner

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Reg Adair (Notts County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council) and 7 members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES OF MEETING ON JANUARY 25 2016 were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] PARISHIONERS REPORTS
Thanks were offered to the council for the arrangements for the CPR training event held in the village hall in February. Discussion took place on an earlier decision of the council not to accept advertisements for its website from firms based outside the village. The clerk advised that it was not possible to change a decision within six months of its being made unless three members wrote to request it be raised again.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
There was no further news on The Griffin public house which remained closed. Rushcliffe Borough Council have confirmed that the premises had been entered on to the list of Assets for the village. Rushcliffe Borough Council had confirmed they will replace the damaged waste bin at the mouth of Old Melton Road. It had been confirmed by Rushcliffe Borough Council that the planning application by Network Rail for an extension of the electrification of the train line running through Plumtree had been withdrawn.
- 6] CORRESPONDENCE
Notts CPRE 2016 Best Kept village competition. It was decided no entry should be made.
- 7] SOCIAL EVENTS, INCLUDING QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY APRIL 21
Normanton on the Wolds PC have purchased a Beacon at £299 for use on April 21 for the Queen's Birthday. And it was agreed the council donate £150 towards this. It was agreed the council take part in the Normanton celebrations, including taking up a challenge for an inter-village boules match at the Plough Inn on the day. The council would advertise for players for the team. Couns Martin, Kerrison, Richards, Bylina and Sumner put their names forward as well as three members of the public at the meeting. The team could be up to 16 members.
The chairman said the parish church were to stage an event in the churchyard at 4pm on Sunday June 12 followed at 5.15pm with a service in church. The council were being invited.
- 8] HIGHWAY MATTERS
A suggestion was put forward for kerbing to take place on Church Lane. The matter was to be put to Notts County Council as to the possibility of this. The question of work that may be needed for replacement of gas piping in that areas of the village would also be put to them.
The question of the roadside footpath on Church Hill from the school to Bradley's Yard was to be raised again with the County Council.
Concerns were raised as to the continuing parking of vehicles at the end of Old Melton Road. The clerk was to write to the vehicles owners to point out the concerns although it was accepted by the council the practice did not break any laws.
The question of the need for car parking facilities to be provided in the village was discussed and on the possibility of any new owners of The Griffin public house not permitting use of the existing facilities on that site. The clerk was to write to Notts County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council to ask if there was any possibility of land being available for provision of public parking, pointing out the fact that the existing facility at the licensed premises – used to a maximum each day of the week – might not always be available.

9] PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications There were none

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions There were none

No discussion took place on the Rushcliffe Local Plan Consultation responses.

The chairman said he had met with the owner of the village school in regard to its plans to provide a larger temporary unit on site for the expected increase in school numbers. There was a possibility of the removal of an on-site tree said to be the oldest in the village. The question of access to allow the work for the siting of the proposed larger unit was being taken up with BT/Open Reach by the school owner.

10] COUNCIL WEBSITE,

Report from Fiona Carruthers showing 474 users from January 1 to March 17 period. Agendas and minutes of the council pages were the most visited, with a total of 261. Burnside Hall page was visited 169 times and the village history page was visited 123 times. Planning application attracted 91 visitors and the local, crime page 79, one more than looking at the page showing the names etc. of members of the parish council. Members were happy with the support for the site and its organisation.

11] FINANCE

a] PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS were accepted as per the circulated list.

b] TO CONSIDER ANY GRANT APPLICATIONS

The clerk confirmed that for the council to give either as a grant, loan or under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 must receive written requests with a reason outlined for the request.

- A letter was received from the Trustees of Burnside Hall seeking £500 for proposed improvements to the hall and after discussion it was agreed this be approved.

- There was no written application from the cricket club and so no decision could be taken.

- Andrew Brailsford wrote seeking funding towards a scheme to carry out planting alongside the footpath that runs from Main Road in the village down adjacent to the cricket club and on to Ruddington. He had said plants will cost £400. The clerk said a parish council has a power to spend money on a footpath and he was checking to see if this included work on land at the side of a path. The clerk reminded the council it had set a budget of £600 for grants for 2016-7. It was felt the figure needed to be increased to £1000. The funding for the plants was suggested at £300 once verification was given the council could meet such an expense.

12] ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

No matters were raised.

13] CASUAL VACANCY. Currently the council had a vacancy for one more member and can co-opt if members wish. No one had yet come forward.

14] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

The chairman reported on attendance at the Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Forum and the success of both the CPR training event and the Clean for the Queen Litter Pick.

15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY MAY 23, 2016 which would include the annual parish meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.