

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday July 25, 2016,
at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7.15pm**

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

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and 4 members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Bylina
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Kerrison, person of interest in items regarding the cricket club and the Griffin Inn.
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING ON MAY 23, 2016 were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Coun. Kerrison was appointed.
- 5] PARISHIONERS REPORTS
Comment was made on the overhanging hedge near the Old Melton Road from the Church, causing an obstruction for motorists wishing to turn right into the no through road. The chairman said he would visit the land owner.
A question of a nuisance from peacocks flying around the village was to be investigated as to their ownership.
A suggestion of an organised litter pick was raised but not adopted. The chairman said he was happy to pick up litter when he saw it and hoped others would as well.
- 6] CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
The clerk advised members that under Section 137 expenditure the limit for 2016-7 has increased to £7.42 per elector. The 30mph flashing sign had been repaired and is in working order.
Gas piping replacement on Church Lane is not on any agenda and currently no indication it could be in the near future.
LED street lights: There is a programme of work which is being adhered county wide. Some of the new lights continued to be placed incorrectly and shine into adjacent bedrooms.
Footways weeding. The county are giving attention to areas where safety is at stake.
Hedge at 2 New Row. Notts County Council has been asked to take action and were to visit the site.
Grass has been cut near Old Melton Road junction but not the hedge.
The public bench on Old Melton Road has been cleaned and thanks were offered to Mrs Lottie Timmans.
The council is meeting the requirements of the new Transparency Act in regard to displaying of financial information etc. The Act has seriously increased the workload of a clerk and in Nottinghamshire there have been at least seven resignations, including three currently vacant in Rushcliffe, because of it.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE
Plumtree cricket club wrote seeking donation of £200 towards the cost of cricket balls for the 2016 season. The club accounts had been received and showed an income in 2015 of £43,614 and expenditure of £38,495, including £16,075 for playing and coaching fees. The profit for the year was £5,118. The council agreed to make a grant in the sum of £200. The club were to hold their sponsors day on July 30.
Notts Footpaths Preservation Society launch of the new Notts Wolds Way 26 mile walking route from Bunny to Cropwell Butler and including Plumtree. Launch is from Bunny Village Hall Tuesday August 23 at 10-00am.

Plumtree Burnside Hall wrote a letter of thanks for grant the council had made to them. Web site figures in the period May 1 to June 30 showed a total of 474 users visiting 1,150 pages. Agendas and minutes attracted the most hits at 114 while the annual audit notices giving details of times to view the accounts between June 3 and July 14 attracted 104 visitors. The end of year accounts have been viewed by 85 visitors.

8] HIGHWAY MATTERS

The question of overgrown footpaths was raised as was the need for progress in regard to repair of a road sign on Melton Road near the Tollerton traffic lights.

9] PLANNING MATTERS
APPLICATIONS

16/01258/ful. Mr Simpson, Plumtree School. Erection of single storey modular buildings to replace existing modular building. No objection.

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

16/01258/ful. Mr Simpson, Plumtree School. Erection of single storey modular buildings to replace existing modular building. Permit. A restriction on working hours is 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday, Saturday 8am to 5pm and no working on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

10] COUNCIL WEBSITE

Coun. Daykin would advise the owner of the Tollerton public house of the decision to allow selected non-resident firms to advertise on the site.

11] FINANCE

a] TO AUTHORISE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS were accepted as presented and approved.

12] ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The clerk said the new arrangements for dealing with non-serious pot holes was that the inspector who visited after a complaint would in future carry out the repair, instead of seeking a visit from another person. Coun. Daykin produced a list where attention was needed.

Coun. Daykin was in touch with Rushcliffe Borough Council in respect of trees that could warrant a Preservation Order being placed on them.

13] THE GRIFFIN PUBLIC HOUSE

Coun. Kerrison advised the council he had made a successful bid for the site. It was intended the public house business would be out on offer to breweries. He did not intend to run the Griffin as a public house. Its future would be dealt with later if there were no bids for it. It was possible it become a single dwelling. He would undertake the development of the two dwellings that had already been given planning permission.

14] CASUAL VACANCY. Currently the council had a vacancy for one more member and can co-opt if members wish. The chairman said currently the council was operating successfully with six instead of seven members.

15] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

The chairman said he had attended the recent Police Priority setting meeting at Bunny. There was nothing untoward to report from Plumtree. He had also attended the recent Notts County Council meeting on Shale Gas and Fracking.

16] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 at 7pm.

Nothing was put forward.

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