

## BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Bunny Village Hall held on Thursday January 17, 2019 at 7.30pm

Couns. Graham Norbury (Chairman)  
Mrs Chris Brown, Mrs Izumi Featherstone, (A) Pete Pearson, Steve Stubbs  
Douglass Kerr (A) Maria Webb, John Alldred (A)

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Reg Adair and one member of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES Coun. Douglass Kerr
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

#### 4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

The chairman attended the Rushcliffe Local Plan 2 Inquiry at West Bridgford and had provided a report.

Trees in the School grounds. The chairman said the school were seeking financial support towards the £2000 they needed to carry out safety work. It was agreed the chairman visit the headmistress to discuss the matter. The council were not opposed to helping but would not consider this to be an ongoing commitment.

Coun. Pearson would give the clerk the necessary information to allow the council to proceed with plans for a minor diversion change of route of footpath no. 19 off Gotham Lane and through Bunny Wood. The council approved the recommendations and Coun. Pearson would provide the necessary information for the clerk to forward those as an application. Funding might then be sought for the proposed provision of a seat.

Village Hall booking clerk: The clerk said the single applicant could not say until later in the year if they would be able to undertake the work. Meanwhile efforts would be made to meet the necessary demands and Cllrs Featherstone and Stubbs had expressed possible interest in being involved.

Village Hall kitchen grouting work: Coun. Pearson said he was hopeful of being able to find someone to undertake this work.

CPR Training: Another successful event had been held, reported Coun. Brown. The question of provision of defibrillators for the village was again discussed. Coun. Brown said EMAS indicated a unit could be obtained for £600 and that three would be required to cover the requirements in the village. The clerk said another of his councils had just provided a unit and this had cost £2000. Coun. Adair confirmed that would be the cost that could be expected to have to be paid. Coun. Brown would continue to investigate the position.

The clerk said a report has come their attention which discusses the responsibility of the council to be involved in the instance of the death of Her Majesty the Queen. The report under the title Operation London Bridge, deals with operations for the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

It said following the official announcement of her passing, there would be ten days of state mourning between the day of the death and the funeral in Westminster Abbey. All councils were being asked to prepare themselves and be mindful that any meeting organised during the State Mourning would need to be cancelled. Flags should be flown at half-mast through the ten days of mourning except for Day 2, when the new King will be Proclaimed when they should be flown at full mast and then the next day returned to half-mast. All flags to be returned to normal by 9am the day after the funeral. Cllr Pearson said he would take on that responsibility.

Parish councils are asked to compose suitable words for displaying on their website and this should be prepared beforehand. It is suggested the home page of the website should have a picture of the Queen with a black border around it. If pictures of The Queen are displayed in any council used buildings (like village halls) they should have black ribbon placed diagonally across one corner. Such photographs should be removed to another suitable site after one month and then be replaced by a picture of the King.

The council should organise a Remembrance Book and as well as placing this in a suitable place such as a parish church it should be taken by the council to any local schools or care homes. The clerk was asked to organise this. Once the exercise ends the book needs to be sent to the County Archives officer and Buckingham Palace advised of that action.

The council should consider an area in which to lay flowers, considering the current trend to carry out such an action when any notable death or tragic accident occurs. All flowers should be removed on the morning after the State Funeral.

Parish churches supported by local councils will be encouraged to hold a special service on the eve of the funeral day and local councils are advised to contact their local churches to begin arrangements in advance.

The day of the funeral will be a public holiday unless it falls on a Saturday.

The clerk said he would progress the necessary work.

The question of use of the website for the information lead to a discussion on the council having its own site. The chairman said he had talked to the current website controller and it would be possible to migrate all the information from the existing site to the new one. The clerk said the person responsible for the site at Costock had provided it for just over £400. It was agreed to proceed with the provision of a new site.

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Adair said the question of resurfacing of the A60 road through Bunny was still a possibility in 2019.

6] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items raised.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Coun. Featherstone had provided a survey of the Village Questionnaire she had organised. It was agreed this needed to be further discussed in detail.

Rushcliffe Borough Council reminded of the elections for parish councillors on |May 2.

Rhiannon Jenkins-Tsang wrote regarding the Western Power road works between Bunny and Bradmore and the severe traffic problems that had been caused.

8] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications

18/02808 Mr Mrs S Mourtzis, land adjacent Loughborough Road, residential development of up to nine dwellings. Object. The council were opposed to the application which involved the former football ground which is in the Conservation area adjacent to Wysall Lane The suggestion that three affordable homes be provided did not sit comfortably alongside the other £500,000 dwellings. The development is too big for the site and the road access to it would create a danger. The proposed development would adversely affect the landscape and ambience of this part of the village. The suggested loss of trees on part of the site is strongly opposed. The site is known to be prone to flooding and when it was a football ground was frequently unusable

9] FINANCE

Payment of Accounts were approved as per the circulated list.

-- Budget and Precept 2019-2020. The council considered a report presented by the clerk and discussed various aspects of its requirements for the coming twelve months. The village hall would continue to require funding to ensure its viability. After discussion to council agree to a Precept of £19,000 for the 2019-2020 financial year.

10] VILLAGE HALL

The chairman said the current village hall administrator would continue until the end of January. There would be a meeting of the Advisory group in February. Signs had been put up in the hall advising of the method needed to store chairs and table. Contractors had been reminded of the faulty light in the storeroom.

The chairman said there had been lots of interest in the book of photographs put together by the clerk on the visit of the Tour of Britain earlier in the year and there had been requests for copies of it. The clerk would investigate the way these could be produced.

11] ENVIRONMENT.

Coun. Pearson reported on the recent public meeting to which there had been a good response and said it had been agreed from it to create the Bunny Improvement Group –BIG. He said the plans were for volunteers to undertake some tasks to create improvements to the village and said such work could include cleansing of the benches that exist for the residents in the village. The council approved an initial allocation of £250 for the group which would spearheaded by Coun. Pearson. He said he would plan a further meeting shortly.

12] FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

There were no further matters raised.

13] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Village website. Grass cutting churchyard. Village survey.

It was agreed to hold an informal meeting between the February and March meetings of the council to discuss general matters and put forward suggestions for the council to consider in its working programme.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-32pm.