

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Bunny Village Hall held on Thursday March 21, 2019 at 7.30pm

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

Als present the clerk Mike Elliott and one member of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES Cllrs Marie Webb, Douglass Kerr, Pete Pearson.
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2019, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2
The parish elections are due to be held on May 2, when the whole parish council stand down after their four years in office. Nomination papers are available from the clerk or from Rushcliffe Borough Council at the Arena at West Bridgford. They have to be returned by hand by 4pm on April 3. Any after that would will be refused. The chairman confirmed he would not be standing for re-election and outlined the posts he held on behalf of the council including on the Bunny and Bradmore Charity Trustees, the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy, the Village Hall advisory group and the Standards Committee at the Borough
The membership of the council is 9 and to be a quorum therefore needs to be three members present or three names put forward for the council to proceed.
The chairman and the clerk attended the recent Rushcliffe Borough Council parish forum. One of the subjects was the parish elections and the section manager Jeff Saxby gave the presentation. There was also a useful presentation on conservation.
- 5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
There were no reports
- 6] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC
No items were raised.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE
Mrs Jan Eastgate wrote on behalf of the village Lunch Bunch group following a visit from the Environmental Health Officer of Rushcliffe Borough Council to look at the village hall kitchen equipment. The meeting agreed to meet the cost of two members of the group taking the necessary on-line training for their Food Hygiene Certificates and also providing a paper towel dispenser for the hand wash basin. The clerk was to obtain prices for the dispenser.
CPRE Best Kept village competition 2019. It was agreed to leave the decision on entry or not to the new council.
The clerk advised that the Local Authority auditors PK Littlejohn were to stage a finance webinar.
Insp Craig Berry Notts police wrote in in regard to their plans for improving contact with the public.
- 8] PLANNING
Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications
19/00482/ful Mr Mrs Wright 24 Gotham Lane. Proposed single storey rear extension. No objection.
Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions
18/02808/out. Mr Mrs Mourtzis, residential development of land for up to 9 dwellings, site adjacent Loughborough Road, Bunny. Refuse.
Bunny Primary School, reduce five Maples, deadwood 2 Silver Birch, Crown clean six cherry. Life Lime to 5m. Coppice Cherry and Hazel, Re-pollard four maple, reduce Silver Birch. Permit.
11 Moor View. Reduce by 20-30per cent 2 Alder, Cherry, Oak and 2 plum trees, Fell Hawthorne. Permit
The clerk reminded members that at the end of the month Rushcliffe Borough Council would be ceasing to send out paper copies of applications and members would need to go on line to research them.

9] FINANCE

Payment of Accounts were approved as per the circulated list

10] VILLAGE HALL

A discussion took place in respect of the future use of the Penny Farthing Bike that had been made by a resident in connection with the visit to the village of the Tour of Britain race earlier in the year. It had been suggested it might be put on permanent view in the village. It was agreed to leave the decision to the new council.

Coun. Featherstone said that the new arrangements in regard to bookings for the hall was working well.

The chairman said the hall electrician Dave Williams was to replace a broken socket in the hall and carry out the necessary PAT testing on equipment there.

11] ENVIRONMENT – The clerk said progress was being made on the provision of a new website which would be operated by the council. Coun. Chris Brown said she was continuing with CPR activity and it was agreed to continue to progress the suggested provision of a defibrillator machine.

The BIG (Bunny Improvement Group) had renovated the seat overlooking the Fairham Brook and work on other seats was being arranged. Work was planned on trees in the school grounds and the council had confirmed payment of £500 towards the cost. A litter pick is being held on April 6. It was agreed bacon butties be served at the start of the event at 9-30am from the village hall. The chairman would check on the status of the items needed for this. The future of the Neighbourhood Watch group was to be discussed. The idea of use of the Bunny Rabbit emblems that had been produced for the Tour of Britain as an Easter event was being looked at and it was suggested the emblems be fixed to the railings around the hall or within the grounds of The Green.

12] FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

The chairman gave an update on the major scheme in the village for resurfacing the main road. The issue of Main Street drainage was ongoing. A meeting was being arranged with VIA, the Notts County Council contractors.

The clerk was asked to progress the matter of the footpath diversion that Coun. Pearson had asked to be introduced.

13] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING, APRIL 18 2019 Nothing was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.