

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Bunny Village Hall
held on Thursday June 20, 2019 at 7.30pm

Couns.

Mrs Izumi Featherstone, Steve Stubbs, David Beckford,
 Maria Webb, John Aldred, Nigel Sutton, Chris Rogers

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott.

1] APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Coun. Steve Stubbs took on the post of chairman .

The meeting discussed the overall position of chairman and it was suggested there should be an appointment for three months and then for someone else to take on the post.

2] APOLOGIES Coun. John Aldred

3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

4] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 16, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

At this point the chairman suggested a change in the order of the agenda and Item 14 was brought forward.

14] CASUAL VACANCIES

The meeting was told that Mr Chris Rogers was willing to be co-opted and he was unanimously accepted and welcomed to the meeting. He signed the necessary Acceptance of Office form and was thanked for his interest in joining the council.

5] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

The council currently has two vacancies following the May 2 elections, and can until the following day co-opt without going through the usual advertising. After tomorrow the council had to revert to the normal system.

75VE Day May 8-10 next year with the opening event at 3pm on Friday May 8. It is being suggested PC's look to appoint a working party of members and residents. May 8 is now a public holiday. It was agreed that steps be taken to test public interest and form a working party of both councillors and residents. The clerk was to prepare an item for Bunny Bulletin.

It was agreed the clerk forward copies of the minutes each month to the Bulletin.

6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

There were no reports.

7] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no public present.

8] CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Peter Pearson wrote in regard to the poor condition of the footbridges on Footpath 10 with one being potentially dangerous. It was agreed the comments from Mr Pearson be forwarded to the Footpaths officer with a copy to Coun. I Reg Adair. The clerk said Mr Pearson had indicated he was willing to continue keeping check on footpaths in the village, the role he held with the parish council until his retirement in May, He was to be thanked for his continuing interest.

An approach to the council by Olenka Bacon for financial support for the work carried out in the village on planters and flower baskets was agreed and in the first instance £60 be made available to her and her team.

9] HIGHWAY MATTERS

Concerns were expressed on the worsening condition of pot holes in parts of the parish, with a call for steps to be taken by the County highways department to rectify them.

10] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications

Ref. No: 19/01381/LBC Removal of existing casement window and installation of timber French doors Old Laundry House Loughborough Road Bunny Nottinghamshire NG11 6QT No objection.

Ref. No: 19/01382/SCREIA Mixed use development (request for EIA Screening Opinion)
 Bunny Brickworks Gotham Lane Bunny Nottinghamshire NG11 6QJ Ref. No: 19/01382/SCREIA
 Await planning application.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

There are none

Discussion took place in regard to how the council should deal with planning applications, with the clerk saying to meet regulations any application had to go to a council meeting in order the public could attend. Coun. Sutton volunteered to be the main contact for planning and would look at any application made in respect of Bunny and decide what action was required to deal with it.

11] FINANCE

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS were approved as per the circulated list.

12] VILLAGE HALL

Coun. Featherstone spoke on the responsibilities of the council in regard to work required for the village hall, having in mind the council are responsible for both exterior and internal decorating. She also spoke on the fact that private party etc bookings for the hall were apparently down.

The question of the condition of the hall interior walls through dampness was discussed and Coun. Rogers said he would be able to obtain the services of someone who could give an estimate of the problem and what required doing and it was agreed he should.

The meeting agreed that Coun. Featherstone should be appointed to be the council representative to the Bunny and Bradmore Charity Trustees.

13] ENVIRONMENT AND FOOTPATHS

An increase in the amount of dog fouling incidents was apparent in parts of the village and concerns were expressed at the health problems that can be caused by this. Coun. Mrs Featherstone informed the meeting that the school headteacher had decided to impose a total ban on dogs on the school grounds. A suggestion was made that children at the school should be asked to design some specific posters to advise the public of the decision.

The meeting was told that the school headteacher, Mrs Georgina Anelay, had advised that following an audit of Safeguarding procedures she had made a decision to close the school grounds following the departure of the students at 3-25pm, a move aimed at ensuring the safety and security of children attending Burrows Club and After School Clubs. Already in place is the closure of the school gate once all classes have been dismissed and entry into the school following this time will be through the main reception area. Once all children in the care of the school have left, the school field will be opened to the community as normal from 6pm and during the weekends.

Added Mrs Anelay: I understand that some families may be disappointed that they cannot allow their children to play on the field after school. However I must ensure that consistent safeguarding practices are being implemented across the school in all circumstances.

Coun. Featherstone said she had obtained prices for new items of play equipment on the council land, including a two seat swing. The matter would be progressed at the next meeting.

The meeting felt prices should be obtained for the necessary work on the building before confirming

15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING, JULY 18 2019