

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Bunny Village Hall
held on Thursday November 28 2019 at 7.15pm

Couns.

Mrs Izumi Featherstone, Steve Stubbs, David Beckford,(A)
 Maria Webb, John Alldred, Nigel Sutton, Chris Rogers, John Berrisford

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott and two members of the [public.

1] APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN Coun. Featherstone was re-appointed for the meeting.

2] APOLOGIES Coun. Beckford

It was agreed that **Item 14 Casual Vacancies** be brought forward to this point in the meeting. The clerk advised of a nomination received for membership of the council from Mr John Berrisford of Moor Lane and members unanimously approved the co-option. Coun. Berrisford signed the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and took part in the remainder of the meeting. He was welcomed to the council by the meeting and thanked for his interest in becoming a member.

3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

4] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

5] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

Mobile polling booths. Rushcliffe Borough Council will present new dimensions for the box, having published an error on the first set of figures.

Rushcliffe Borough Council have confirmed a new waste disposal facility is to open in the Borough, but they have yet to state where it is. It replaces the one that was at Langar.

6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

There was no report

7] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Concerns were expressed by members of the public over the suggested siting of a children's swing on the Village Green. There were worries that it would create an attraction for teenagers to congregate there and cause a nuisance for local residents. It was unclear as to whether planning permission was needed if a swing was provided and the clerk was to check. One of the residents said there would be an objection to any application made.

The question of the times the school play equipment was available for public use was to be investigated.

8] CORRESPONDENCE

Rushcliffe Borough Council had produced a new code of conduct update which they offered to parish councils to consider.

Rushcliffe Borough Council announced the establishment of its Roots Fund, a move which followed a presentation at the recent Parish Forum when a representative from Todmorden in the North of England had attended to highlight a very successful scheme they had initiated which saw the planting of all kinds of vegetables on spare plots of land which residents could freely take once they had grown. The speaker highlighted the fact one of the sites they had used had been unused planters at the town police station which were now producing a healthy amount of vegetables.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote on the subject of parish councils acting over the question of climate change, highlighting nine aspects where attention could be given. It was agreed that the paperwork be circulated to members and the matter looked at again in the future.

An offer from Veolia recycling to provide leaflets on the systems and facilities used in Nottinghamshire for dealing with waste was to be taken up and 300 leaflets ordered.

9] HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members discussed the recent flooding incidents, on Main Street and Moor Lane, which followed 36 hours of intense rain producing a normal month's rainfall in the shorter period. It was suggested there was a need to clear out the drains and this was to be pointed out to the County Council. Concerns were expressed that Severn Trent Water were not meeting their responsibilities on the question of flooding.

Concerns were expressed over the recent road gritting operation that had been carried out, resulting in loose gravel being spread on to pavements, particularly on Main Street. The position was to be reported by the clerk to the County Council highways depot.

10] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications

19/02400/ful. Mrs S Jeal, 3 The Paddock, demolish conservatory and replace with single rear extension. No objection.

19/02288/ful. Helen Goulding, Keepers Cottage, Loughborough Road. Replacement bedroom window on west elevation. Application withdrawn.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

There are none

11] FINANCE

– **Payment of Accounts** were approved as per the circulated list

- **Budget and Precept for 2020-2021.** The council considered figures presented to the meeting by Coun. Featherstone, a report from the clerk and a letter from Coun. Beckford. A discussion took place in respect of expenditure on the village hall where income from hirings only met the building rent payable to the Bunny and Bradmore Charities. Other expenditure on the hall had to be met from council tax income and it was agreed that before further expenditure be accepted the views of the Charity on their responsibilities as to finance for the building be outlined. The chairman would seek their comments at a meeting she was to attend the following week.

After discussion the council agreed on a precept for 2020/2021 of £21,900, an increase of ten per cent on the current 2019-2020 figure. A statement would be given to the Bunny Bulletin explaining the reason for the increase and what it would mean to a Band D property payment for the 12 month period.

12] VILLAGE HALL

Members discussed the requirements for a fire and smoke alarm system for the hall. The clerk said the Fire Service had suggested it would be advantageous to engage a Fire Assessment firm to present a report on the legal requirements the council should meet. The clerk was asked to obtain pricing for such an appointment.

The question of the provision of the power supply to the hall by Eon was discussed. Coun. Rogers outlined the current situation and the clerk was asked to seek comment from the supplier in regard to the position of withdrawing from the current contract.

The clerk was asked to write to the various businesses in the village or providing a service to the village to seek financial support towards plans for improvements to the facilities at the hall.

It was agreed to purchase a Wet Floor sign for use in the hall at the appropriate times and a 10ft long duster rod from Amazon to allow clearance of cobwebs in the building.

13] ENVIRONMENT AND FOOTPATHS

Coun. Stubbs outlined what was being considered by the various groups in the village for the period of May 8, 9 and 10 next year for the VE75DAY commemorations. Various meetings were being held by the User Groups and progress was expected to be made in the New Year.

15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 16, 2020.

VE75DAY, Village Hall improvements and expenditure, Village Green Play equipment. Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.