

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Bunny Village Hall
held on Thursday January 30 2020 at 7.15pm**

Couns.

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

Also present ten members of the public.

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

2] APOLOGIES John Alldred, Mike Elliott

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 Rhiannon Jenkins Tsang of Moor View and members unanimously approved the co-option. Coun. Jenkins Tsang signed the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and took part in the remainder of the meeting. She was welcomed to the council by the meeting and thanked for her interest in becoming a member.

3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

4] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2019

Councillor Berridge pointed out his name was spelt incorrectly on the minutes and also in Bunny Bulletin, apologies were offered by the Chairman for this and a correction made before being signed by the chairman.

5] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

Coun. Beckford reported the precept had been agreed and reported in Bunny Bulletin

6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Adair reported rainfall heavier than previous years, worst since 1970, leading to flooding throughout the county not just Bunny. A lot of responsibility for drain clearance rests with Severn Trent.

If environmental committee approves it, A60 will be resurfaced past Keyworth Lane towards Bradmore MyNotts App launched to improve access to council services. Available on Apple and Android app stores

7] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bunny Defibrillator campaign was highlighted, target of £2000 with Coun. Adair indicating he would seek a donation of £500 from County Council funds if requested by the Parish Council.

Bunny Facebook group asked if Parish Council would object to Businesses advertising on Facebook. Parish Council has no objection.

Several members of public voiced strong objections to the Glamping Application, citing noise, loss of trees, inappropriate location, highway dangers, flooding concerns, with no benefit to Bunny Village.

Also a comment raised about the application at Fairholme Farm and whether the barn was protected as thought to contain Elizabethan Timber.

It was agreed that **Item 10 Planning** from the agenda be brought forward to this point in the meeting.

8] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications

19/02899/FUL Change of use of land for siting of holiday lodge, 5 glamping pods - Unanimous Objection
8 members of the public voiced objections at the meeting and council voted unanimously 6-0 to strongly object to this application for the following reasons.

1. Planning Reference 18/00026/TPO was granted in 2018 on the basis the thinning of trees by a maximum of 60% was undertaken in a broadly even manner across the site and should not create clearings,

access ways or linear corridors through the woodland. This application would be in clear breach of the 2018 planning permission.

2. Traffic – Gotham Lane and the A60 is a busy junction already, with many HGV's passing along. The addition of another entrance/exit proposed would add additional traffic at a point where it is often single width due to residents parked cars. This woodland also acts as a baffler to traffic noise for local residents.

3. Environment and Flooding – the woodland is considered an important part of local flood defences, situated at the foot of Bunny Hill. Removing excessive trees at a time with RBC is encouraging the planting of trees is also seen as non supportive.

4. Wildlife – local residents have reported sightings of bats in the woodland and many other creatures which make any form of temporary residential occupation inappropriate.

In addition to the above, many residents felt that the location next to Johnsons Aggregates does not support the assertion of it being a good location for holidaymakers and could be used as a springboard for further development on the site if granted.

Various letters from residents briefly read out from the file re this application.

19/02892/FUL Fairholme Farm – No Objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

19/02400/FUL. Mrs S Jeal, 3 The Paddock, demolish conservatory and replace with single rear extension.

Granted

9] CORRESPONDENCE

Jenny Kirkwood, Notts County Council Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) re-opens for applications £1000 to £30,000, closing date Feb 28, capital schemes only. No decision made, discuss next time

Gordon Dyne, Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group (RNCSIG), Notts County Council action to change grass cutting work on a trial basis

Royal British Legion, lamp post poppies for VE75Day. No more needed.

10] HIGHWAY MATTERS

Concerns were expressed over the road surface on Church Street with several holes emerging in the recent works. Coun. Stubbs to report to the County Council highways depot.

The ditch alongside School Hedge – request to be made to have it cleared. Clerk to report to Highways.

11] FINANCE

– **Payment of Accounts** were queried relating to the provision of a fire bell, item to be returned. Other than that approved as per the circulated list

12] VILLAGE HALL

Refurbishment Charity will remove the old plaster, work scheduled for w/c 3rd Feb and allow to dry before painting later this year. Note for Bunny Bulletin outlining disruption during 2020

- **Fire Risk Assessment** Coun. Beckford presented a draft document, but expressed concern at missing information to enable the full document to be produced. Agreed to search for documents and review at next meeting. With the mess of the plaster work, it was agreed to pause hiring of the hall whilst Councillors ensure there is no breach of current regulations.

13] ENVIRONMENT AND FOOTPATHS

Coun. Stubbs outlined plans for VE75DAY commemorations

8th May – Flag raised at 3pm, History Society display in Village Hall and Brass Band, 6pm church bells

9th May – Picnic on school grounds, BBQ & Fancy Dress

Parish agreed to contribute £500 towards costs as means of commemorating event.

15] AOB

Annual Litter Picking decided for 28th March 10am start. Article needed in Bunny Bulletin

16] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING, FEBRUARY 20, 2020.

Village Hall improvements and documentation.