

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Bunny Village Hall
held on Thursday February 20, 2020 at 7.15pm

Couns.

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

New member Mrs Rhiannon Jenkins Tsang signed her acceptance of office form before the start of the meeting. The form was countersigned by the clerk

- 1] APPOINTMENT OF MEETING CHAIRMAN Coun. I Featherstone was elected for the meeting.
- 2] APOLOGIES Coun. Chris Rogers, Maria Webb.
- 3] CASUAL VACANCIES The council still have one vacancy.
- 4] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none.
- 5] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2020 FOR APPROVAL were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman after two changes were agreed.

6] CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

Rushcliffe Borough Council reminding members there is a parish forum on March 11 at the Rushcliffe Arena, with a 9-30am start. Bookings to Rushcliffe or to his office.

The Borough Council asking again for all parish councils to agree to take delivery and retain the box containing the portable polling booths. The box in size compares with that of the ones used for a 40inch TV set. The booths will be delivered in time for the May 7 elections. It was agreed to accept the box for May 7 and then consider the matter further.

Royal British Legion are reminding that the large lamp post poppies they have are selling very quickly, mainly for councils intending to display them for the VE75Day commemorations in May. It was agreed to order ten more to supplement the stock held.

Flooding. Notts County Council asked for addresses of actual properties flooded over the last weekend. Members said there had been serious road and land flooding but no residential properties.

7] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

No reports were presented.

8] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Peter Pearson from BIG raised three points of behalf of the group. He said his members would support the council if a move was made to enter the 2020 Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village competition. After discussion it was agreed entry should be made. Coun. Stubbs agreed to co-ordinate the move.

Discussion took place on the agreed Litter Pick day on March 28 and Coun. Stubbs said he would be happy to lead the move with support from Mr Pearson and BIG members. Mr Pearson said there was a need for ten more Litter Snatchers and high vis jackets. The clerk would organise the purchase of the Snatchers through Rushcliffe Borough Council and the chairman would purchase ten jackets. Coun. Tsang offered to organise the refreshments to be served before the volunteers began their litter picking work.

Mr Pearson raised the question of grass cutting alongside the A60 road between the telephone kiosk and the garden entrance opposite the walled garden. The chairman said Peter James, the grounds contractor had been asked for a price for that work. The clerk said the question of cutting grass alongside an A road was one which Notts County Council did not accept. They turn a blind eye to a resident cutting their own frontages if alongside such a road but did not take this attitude for parish councils undertaking such work.

9] CORRESPONDENCE

. Notts County Council leader Coun. Kay Cutts highlighted the MyNotts App which was now available, urging residents to make use of it from their mobile phones.

Advance notice of public consultation on the Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Waste Local Plan Issues and Options document. The clerk said a new tip was planned to replace the one now closed at Langar but no information had been given as to where this is to be.

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of their consultations of its Consolidated Parking Order. There was no land they owned in the parish that was affected but it could involve land at East Leake.

NALC advised of a new Electricity Bill currently being considered and which if it becomes law would empower local communities to sell local generated clean energy directly to local customers. NALC said the bill has the support of 115 MPs. The council took no decision on the matter.

Notts County Council advised of consultations on their Minerals Local Plan, saying that shortly an independent Inspector will hold round-table hearings in public to discuss specific issues.

Notts County Council councillors divisional fund through Coun. Adair. confirmation that £500 is being paid towards the defibrillator fund.

Request from Olenka Bacon for funding towards village planting work to a sum of £72 82p was approved.

10] HIGHWAY MATTERS

Flooding on the A60 road through the village was discussed and members expressed strong concern on this. There was a call for Notts County Council Highways and Severn Trent Water to produce a report dealing jointly with the problem and to make known their findings. Local Rushcliffe MP Ruth Edwards had visited the village twice to see for herself the situation and intended to call on the Environmental Agency to advise of what action they were planning to deal with the problems the village -- and others in the area -- were having to face.

11] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications

20/00220/TPO. 24 Main Street, Conifer hedge, reduce to prevent over-hanging branches snapping off and damaging shed roof. No objection.

The clerk said there has been no decision as yet by Rushcliffe Borough Council in regard to the glamping site application to which the parish council had objected.

There are 15 Bunny residents objecting. Notts County Council highways are not objecting but have asked for further comment from the applicants on certain points. They say based on the scale of development proposed, they did not feel the impact on the public highway in terms of traffic generation will be significant and that the principle of the proposed development is likely to be acceptable to the Highway Authority, provided that an appropriate form of access on Gotham Lane is achievable in accordance with the Nottinghamshire Highway Design Guide. Confirmation is required that sufficient visibility splays are achievable at the access. A speed survey will need to be commissioned, and a detailed layout plan provided to confirm appropriate visibility splays are achievable, encompassing only highway land and land under the control of the applicant. It is noted that existing vegetation will require removal to create the visibility splays, and the extent of this should be detailed.

It is noted that there is currently no footway on Gotham Lane to the front of the site, and the proposal does not appear to incorporate safe pedestrian access to and from the site. Consideration should be given to the provision of a footway link from the site together with a suitable crossing point to provide a link towards Bunny.

The Highways say they are suggesting that the application is deferred to enable the applicant to submit further information to address the points the County are making.

12] FINANCE

Authorised Payment of Accounts were approved as per the circulated list.

13] VILLAGE HALL

Mr Brough request for purchase of a heavy duty Kentucky mop wringer. The current one is broken. Cost £56 66p. No decision was taken.

Fire Risk Assessment – Need the EICR pass certificate and Emergency Fire Plan to be in place before opening the village hall.

Village Hall improvements and expenditure - Plaster has been removed from the affected walls to dry and needs to be left to dry for 3 months before replastering with Lyme plaster.

14] ENVIRONMENT AND FOOTPATHS

VE75DAY proposals were being progressed reported Coun. Stubbs.

Members discussed the need for establishment of a spread sheet on which to insert annual or bi-annual etc tasks the council needed to undertake and the idea was supported.

15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING, MARCH 19, 2020

The BIG group. VE75Day. Village Green Play equipment. Grounds Maintenance Contractor

There being no other business, the meeting closed 9.30pm.