

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held by ZOOM on
Thursday July 16, 2020 at 7.00pm

Couns.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Berridge
2. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD JUNE 18 AND JUNE 24, were accepted as circulated to be signed by the chairman at a suitable time.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Coun. David Beckford in respect of planning application 20/01345
4. CLERK'S REPORT
 The clerk reminded members the meeting would close after two hours.
 Keep Britain Tidy Great British September Clean-up was to be held 11-27th September.
 Bunny BIG group were planning two sweep and clean weekends but the pandemic thwarted plans. They are also to refurbish the bench on the village green. They wish to see the public seat alongside Loughborough Road opposite Bunny Hall Gardens removed and replaced by the parish council. The clerk was asked to check on prices and the suitability of re-use of the existing site for the public seat alongside Loughborough Road opposite the entrance to the former Bunny Hall Gardens.
5. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
 Coun. Reg Adair gave apologies. In a message he said he hoped the council were pleased with the highways resurfacing that has recently taken place. The clerk was asked to write to Coun. Adair and thank him for his effort in ensuring the work had been carried out.
 Concerns were expressed by members on blocked drains along the highway in several parts of the village and the clerk was to report these.
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 Rural Community Action asking PC to consider joining them to help them carry out their commitment to support rural communities on such things as planning. Subscription is £95 a year. The clerk was asked to send the written information he had received on the group to each member. The clerk said the council membership of NALC did not clash with RCAN's and it was there to give legal advice etc for a parish council.
 Rushcliffe Borough Council planning department officer Andrew Pegram wrote to comment on their present working arrangements of his department during the coronavirus situation.
7. FINANCE
 Accounts for Payment were approved as per the circulated list.
 The chairman addressed the meeting on finance for the village hall and spoke of the need to increase usage of the building. She said the council budget for 2020/2021 would show a deficit of £750 on the 12-month period but with an 80 per cent use of the hall income could increase by £20,000 per annum.
8. VILLAGE HALL
 The council received a revised quotation from Kerry Squires of East Leake, for painting work in three areas of the village hall, the main hall £1575, Main beams and window pelmets £275, and kitchen and hallway £425. The council were to ask for further details of the work proposed and the materials before finally accepting the prices quoted.
 Two quotes had been received for the installation of a fire alarm system, in the figure of £2,531 plus VAT from Chubb and £2642 plus Vat from ADT. Coun. Beckford was to approach ADT in an effort to obtain a possible price reduction.

Quotes were received for hall flooring from Transform a Floor and Greg Hill Flooring. After discussion the council agreed it should not currently enter any contract in respect of new flooring until other planned expenditure had been met and the national situation concerning the coronavirus situation and the use of the hall had become more settled.

Some concerns were voiced over the non-use of ground-sheets by the firm carrying out wall plastering work in the hall.

Electricity. The clerk advised the meeting that a three-year tariff on a Fixed Price for Business contract ends in March 2021 and the latest date the council can advise of a cancellation was February 20, 2021. Coun. Sutton agreed to investigate the position

8. PLANNING

20/01687/ADVICE. Rushcliffe Borough Council acknowledged our notice to them of replacement or repair of two doors at the village hall, which is a listed building. The council needed to submit a pre-application notice after which if permission is given a planning application has to be submitted.

20/01345/ful. Jacky Cripwell, land west of Grange Farm, Moor Lane. Change of use of paddock for stabling, horse exercise, poultry and storage of farm equipment materials and feed to development of four houses with car garages and landscaping. Demolish large storage barn and timber stables and sheds. The parish decision response was to be by July 27. Coun. Beckford declared an interest and left the meeting. Members put forward a number of comments but agreed to call another meeting to allow more detailed discussion. The clerk was left to organise the meeting.

20/01566/ful. S Finch and J Harrison, Chestnut Farm, Bunny Hill. Single storey side extension. No decision.

It was agreed there was no further discussion needed for the Johnsons Aggregates application, the decision on the planning application from Notts County Council was not yet known.

10 ENVIRONMENT

Greenbarns notice boards. The chairman said a quote in the sum of £781, had been received for a board that would take 9 A4 sheets. It was agreed action was needed to improve the appearance and condition of the two existing boards fixed to the village hall exterior.

A site meeting was to be held for members to see if problems reported by a resident in connection with a tree adjacent to her garden on the allotment site was in need of being trimmed after a complaint from the resident claimed it was causing a nuisance to her. The clerk was to seek comment from Rushcliffe Borough Council, the landowners in this.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION – September 17, 2020