

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held by ZOOM on
Thursday September 18, 2020 at 7.00pm

Couns.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were none

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD OF JULY 28, 2020

Coun. Jenkins-Tsang contested the minutes and said an item on planning involving an application for the erection of four dwellings had not been recorded to give an accurate reflection of the decision made. The council approved the minutes as presented on a vote of 3-1. Coun. Jenkins-Tsang informed the council that she was resigning with immediate effect and left the meeting.

Coun. Berridge said in 2008 a Court of Appeal judgement approved by the Supreme Court found that responsible planning authorities should only grant planning permission for additional housing if drainage and sewage infrastructure is capable of dealing with the additional load without ecological damage. In practice, under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 this means that the developer must bear the expense of necessary improvements as a condition of planning permission being granted.

It was clarified by vote that the minutes of the PC meeting of July 28th correctly reflected this conditionality

The chairman offered thanks to the former member for her efforts for the council while serving on it.

4 CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS There was no report.

5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER There was no report but the clerk said Coun. Adair had intimated he had £200 available to give to the council from his community fund.

6. VILLAGE PLAN The meeting agreed to form a sub-committee to look into the question of a village plan being formulated. Couns. Berridge, Stubbs and Featherstone agreed to serve on it. The clerk was to circulate some paperwork on the subject to members.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Rushcliffe Borough Council presented a Covid-19 rules statement following new rules on social distancing applied on September 14 and said following a slight increase in the number of cases in Rushcliffe they are requesting everyone to share health messages in their area to play a part in tackling the transmission rate.

Mr Peter Pearson advised that residents on Ash Lane at Costock were attempting to have the road in front of their homes made Private and notices to that effect had been erected. The council agreed with Costock Parish Council to support objections to a move to make the road in question a private road.

Eon wrote in respect of the new contract for the village hall gas supply. The clerk was asked to see if the ending of the current contract in January 2021 coincided with the electricity contract and to advise Coun. Rogers of the details.

Rural Community Action Membership wrote to ask if the council would join as a member and it was agreed to, and then look at the position again in a year.

NatWest Bank offered the council the opportunity to switch its account to another bank in an exercise aimed at cutting any monopoly the big banks have. If the council did decide to switch to any of the eight banks taking part in the project the receiving bank would give the parish council £1500. Members discussed the situation and felt there was no reason to change after the clerk had reported that NatWest bank make no charges on the council for the accounts they have. Severn Trent Water responded to a letter from the clerk on Main Street and Moor Lane flooding and problems of sewage on Main Street and Moor Lane. They said they would be reviewing both locations of part of the hydraulic flooding verification process which allows them to prioritise the locations that require immediate mitigation or more complex situations.

Rushcliffe Borough Council had allowed 100 per cent small business rates relief on the Village Hall. Rushcliffe Borough Council were supporting the plans of the Allotments Association to tap into the existing water supply on their site.

Notts County Council had approved the Covid-19 £500 grant application.

8 RENEWAL OF INSURANCE

The clerk said this was due in May 2021.

9. BUNNY WEBSITE

Village Hall information will be up-dated when refurbishment complete. Cllr Stubbs to overview website.

10 HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was agreed to request removal of waste bin by Albert Road bus shelter and the metal chair on A60 Loughbrough Road. The county council; to be asked to cutback and maintain footpath along side A60 Loughbrough Road south of the village towards Bunny woods. It felt there is a need to cut back hedge along A60 from Albert Road to School. Letter had been sent to Highways regarding problems of flooding and drainage on A60.

11. PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications

20/02010 S Finch/Ms J Harrison. Chestnut Farm, Bunny Hill, Create new vehicle access. No objection

20/01871/ful Martin Roberts, 36 Victoria Road. Extend front porch with rendered finish. No objection

20/01900/LBC Mr Mrs Whyte, Fairholme Farm, Main Street. Contemporary extension of existing barn conversion creating a 5 bedroom family dwelling, including repair and part replacement of roof, repair of external walls, new opening created on gable ends and associated internal and external; alterations. No objection.

20/02150 Richard Capp, 28 Moor Lane. Erect garden office in rear garden. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

There were none

12 VILLAGE HALL

The chairman said a decision granting the go ahead with tidying and removing unwanted electricals in the village hall before painting takes place had been agreed. This to be overseen by Coun. Sutton and Coun. Featherstone.

A letter was to be sent to the Charities of the decisions of refurbishment regarding the village hall.

It was agreed to have an area of paint removed off the beams by a contractor to assess the state of wood in the village hall before further decision to paint the beams.

Members to look at the broken floor tiles in the hall before making decisions regarding flooring.

Fire alarm: Agreed to go ahead with the installation of fire alarm system by ADT. The fire alarm system is required in the village hall by current regulations. Coun. Beckford will organise. A further quote for outside emergency lighting will be obtained from the same company.

13 FINANCE – Payment of Accounts were approved as per the circulated list.

A government grant of £10,000 received. Agreement to fire alarm installation by ADT. To spend Coun Cllr Adair £200 on new signage for the Village Hall. Agreement to pay one year membership to Rural Community Action and review after one year to see if to continue with membership.

Agreement to refurbish two exterior notice boards at the village hall for the sum of £140.

Coun. Stubbs and Coun. Featherstone to look into grants to fund new doors for the village Hall.

14. FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT – confirmation of new contract and DB to sign off

15 ENVIRONMENT (footpaths, allotment site)

Allotment Green- Council give permission to continue the storage of equipment to maintain the allotment area, the equipment must be made safe for the public.

Agreement to remove saplings on the Allotment green but no reduction of tree branches this time The meeting agreed that existing arrangements for use of the allotment site be continued. The council would look at provision of a low fence to cordon off an area used for equipment storage.

Covid 19- Bunny Buddies continue to do good work in the village. All members have stayed on the register to help and assist the community members during the winter months.

16 CARBON NEUTRAL ACTIVITY Rushcliffe requires to be carbon neutral by 2030. Coun. Rogers to look into renewable energy and new electrical/gas contracts.

17. Date of next meeting confirmation – October 15, 2020