

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held by ZOOM on
Thursday October 15 2020 at 7.00pm**

Couns.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Berridge and Alldred
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Stubbs on a planning item.
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 were accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman where appropriate.
4. CLERK'S REPORT ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
The first notice for the Casual Vacancy has expired today and I have not been informed that anyone has asked for an election. A new notice saying the council are in a position to co-opt will go up at the weekend. We then need 2 weeks to see if anyone applies. I have received one application from a resident interested. If more than one name comes forward then the council vote on the candidates. It was felt this year there was no requirement for the free five bags of salt that Notts County Council were offering.
. The clerk advised the meeting that Notts County Council leader Coun. Kay Cutts had revealed she would not be standing for re-election to the authority next May.
5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
There was no report.
6. VILLAGE PLAN and PARISH COMMITTEES
Parish/Village plans. New decisions by the Government released last week put the future of parish plans on the back burner for the time being, so nothing being sent out by the office to members until new decisions taken in regard to continuance or otherwise of such schemes. On Neighbourhood Plan, payment from the government towards costs is now £10,000. No referendums which are obligatory on such a plan can now take place before May 2021 because of the new regulations and the Covid-19 situation.
7. CORRESPONDENCE
Local resident Peter Pearson wrote advising that a new 6ft x 3ft flag was required and it was agreed to purchase this. He advised that fairly soon there would be a requirement for the tree adjacent to the flagpole - opposite the Rancliffe Arms to be trimmed otherwise the flag would become entangled with it. It was agreed to ask Art De Groot to carry out an inspection of the tree.
Severn Trent Water wrote in respect of the Main Street / Moor Lane flooding situation and said checks had showed it was hydraulic flooding. Residents are being asked to continue to report any further incidents of flooding so they can record them.

The council acknowledged that they had previously agreed that the council would meet two of the accounts per annum submitted to Bunny Church for grasscutting, to a limit of £350.

The clerk said Rushcliffe Borough Council had already made a booking for the County elections on May 6 next year.

Website usage from September 1 to September 30 this year had been 699 page views, 346 unique visits 260 first time visits.

James Hatchett of Notts County Council footpaths had responded to a report produced by Mr Peter Pearson in which numerous problems were highlighted. He promised he would investigate where he could.

Nottingham County Councils were seeking someone to take on the position of honorary snow warden. The clerk was to advertise the post on the website.

Pete Pearson wrote in regard to another quantity of asbestos having been dumped on Wysall Lane. The clerk had already reported the matter.

Notts County Council said some siding work was acknowledged as being required alongside Loughborough Road between Gotham Lane and Bunny Woods entrance, but could not indicate when this would be tackled. The clerk was asked to advertise the availability of the What 3words app which was used by all the emergency services to help the position of people who may be needing help in outlying areas.

The clerk was asked to check on the ownership of trees on the village green in order necessary pruning work could go ahead. The clerk said some of the trees were owned by the village school and others by the council. In addition he was to ask local tree expert Aart De Groot for comments on the safety of each individual tree.

8 VILLAGE HALL

Coun. Rogers said the question of the viability of the hall concerned him and felt there was a need for discussion before the council were carried away with renovation works. He spoke of the difficulties over cleaning costs during the present Covid-19 which necessitates a deep clean after every booking in the hall. The charge to the council for that would mean that every booking would run at a loss to the council. The clerk presented figures which show the hall expenditure at around the £7500 mark each year for the last three years, with it showing a loss of over £5000 each year.

The council discussed the matter of the beam in the large hall and the small hall. It was agreed to have the beams sand/glass blasted by Aquablast at a cost of £1800. It was also agreed to have the stone around the two top windows, front and back treated in the same way for an additional £250, providing information was obtained from the company giving an assurance there would be no damage to the windows. The electricals would be removed before sandblasting was to take place. The spot lights would be reinstalled.

Discussion took place on the question of an additional socket to the back wall of the large hall, It was agreed this matter should be decided later.

The meeting agreed that the pelmets, iron shutter above the hatch and coat hooks should be removed but that the radiator metal covers remain in situ.

The question of a need for shelves in the storage room to be considered would be reviewed at a further meeting as would the floors.

The preparation in the village hall had taken place by councillors prior to the work that will be carried out by the contracted company.

The meeting agreed not to hire the hall unless it was economically viable to do so for the individual booking..

The clerk was asked to write to the Bunny and Bradmore Charities on the question of them financing the project to provide the fire alarm system if this would come under finance or under Village Hall, pointing out it was felt that, as owners of the building, it was their responsibility.

The chairman said a statement she had circulated to members on the Village Hall had been written by the secretary to the Charities group and would appear in the December issue of the Bunny Bulletin..

9 BUNNY WEBSITE – Accessibility requirement. - £50 for the work to be carried out. It was agreed.

10 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nothing was raised.

11. PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications

120/02251/LBC Bunny and Bradmore Charities. High level masonry and stone restoration etc, Bunny Schoolhouse and Almshouses No objection.

20/02467 The Hollies, Moor Lane Application for non material amendment to planning permission 19/00014/FUL to revise glazing details to the east elevation of Barn No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

20/01421/ful. Mr Lenagh, Carna Farm, Gotham Lane, Erect agricultural building for livestock and one for hay store. Grant.

20/01566/ful. Mr S Finch, Chestnut Farm, Bunny Hill. Single storey side extension. Grant.

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

The chairman asked for consideration to be given to making a grant to the BIG group for bulb planting on grass verges. It was agreed to make a grant of £50.

13. ENVIRONMENT

Thanks were offered to the Bunny Improvement Group (BIG) for their continuing work on environmental improvement in the village. The resident living adjacent to the council recreation land on Victoria Road had agreed to meet the cost of having a tree on the area cut back to avoid overhanging on her land, at her own costs.

14 COVID-19

The clerk said the advice was that parish council meetings should remain on Zoom sessions until at least next May

15 CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The chairman said while many things would not be possible in the way of celebrations because of the Covid-19 situation it was intended to introduce a competition for residents to display wreaths and Elfs in their windows, aimed at helping to create a festive atmosphere.

16. Date of next meeting should be November 19, but as this clashed with the annual meeting of NALC a change was needed. The clerk put forward possible dates of Weds November 25 or Thurs Dec 3. The dates would be circulated for members to make comment. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.