

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on
Thursday 20th October 2022

Coun. David Beckford (Chair)
Coun. Dick Wilson, Coun. Maria Webb, Coun. Kevin Cannon,
Coun. John Alldred

Clerk Linda Price

1. Apologies for absence considered and accepted

Coun. Izumi Featherstone, Coun. Steve Stubbs, Coun. Chris Rogers

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes

From meeting 6th October circulated and accepted.

4. Members of the public and Rushcliffe MP Ruth Edwards

Firstly, our MP Ruth Edwards gave us an update on her work in Westminster especially items that are relevant to our Parish and Rushcliffe.

These included Planning with developers causing problems land banking, and the Infrastructure and Regeneration bill.

Community investment Fund was also mentioned, and we can contact our county coun. Adair as these funds do come down to local parishes and see what's available for Bunny.

Grants and are also available from the football foundation lottery. In Rushcliffe Ruth has supported East Leake with their new pavilion.

The problem of flooding and drainage locally is also something she has been involved in.

Speeding and Rural crimes was mentioned and was suggested the clerk contacts Rob Lawton, at neighbourhood policing in Rushcliffe, in order to get one of his officers to attend a parish meeting to discuss these issues further.

Ruth has also been very active in J9 training, which is for survivors of domestic abuse, and the clerk can arrange training in the parish.

Support with energy bills has also been a large part of her work in parliament. Ruth really wanted us to highlight the new scams that are going around to members of the public regarding energy payments and refunds. The meeting was then passed over for the members of the public and councillors to ask questions.

i, Flooding in Bunny -Problem was low level flooding but a persistent inconvenience. The drain system is old and needs replacing, and the drainage ditches do not work. The clerk had photos of the flooding and agreed to send them to Ruth, who would again, take the issue forward to Rushcliffe and STWA.

ii. Fracking debate – how does our MP stand on this issue as she voted in favour at last night's vote. Ruth Edwards assured the member of the public that she wasn't in favour, however, she said she had voted against her own free will, as it was seen as a confidence vote for the government. She thinks that the cost of fracking is greater than the benefit.

iii. Energy Solutions Group – They thanked the MP for putting them in touch with the govt energy dept, with a bid to put Bunny on a pilot scheme. However, the scheme was only for Town and Cities. Ruth Edwards was to take this up with the energy minister.

iv. Bunny brickworks plans – the villagers are very concerned that the infrastructure of the village cannot cope with all the proposed new houses, ie doctors, schools, roads. Ruth Edwards understood the concerns and advised that the council should keep talking to Coun. Adair.

v. Other items that were brought to Ruth's notice were persistent speeding on the A60. It was mentioned that fixed speed cameras would help, and that a lot of work had been carried out by the village road safety group at looking at this problem. The Johnson Aggregate problems, lack of buses, and poor road maintenance issues were also discussed

vi Finally, Pete Pearson from BIG (Bunny Improvement Group) came to tell the council that due to their hard work they had won the prize from Cherry Lane Garden Centre, of a bench to celebrate the late Queen's platinum jubilee. BIG had also raised £920 towards the installation costs. BIG wanted to get the support and permission of the parish council to use the parish council's 3rd party liability insurance to cover the bench and if any extra funds were needed. Unanimously agreed by the council. BIG also asked if the council could look at more poppies for the Remembrance Commemorations. The clerk said that she would look back in the minutes to see where they were purchased previously.

The clerk thanked Ruth Edwards for coming to the meeting and for her input. The Chair also thanked BIG for their hard work in the village and explained their volunteer role to Ruth Edwards and the good work that they do.

5. Correspondence

Town and County report. Clerk is to send this around to the councillors every month.

NALC Bulletin. The clerk to distribute to the councillors.

6. Report from district and county council member

Apologies received from Reg Adair who could not attend this meeting.

7. Report from the clerk

From the last meeting, the fridge purchase agreement was updated on the minutes.

A reply was received from Rushcliffe, who said that they didn't have a problem with the trees being cut down as it was an agricultural access and doesn't require planning, and the bridge is a temporary structure.

The Clerk is waiting for a quote for the window cleaner and has been very clear to point out it is a grade 2 listed building

Sadly, the Asda community champion was contacted, but here are no more grants at present. There may be more available in January.

8. Finance

The accounts payable sheet was distributed and agreed.

It has been difficult to get a sight on the village hall bookings. However, the clerk has spoken to our website company and for a £35 one off cost they can design a page which can be accessed by the hall administrator, the clerk, and allows the public to check dates available and book online. The council has agreed to this cost.

Finally, the clerk asked what the councils reserves are, and if they are earmarked for anything in the next few years in order to prepare the budget. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

9. Christmas

Graham Norbury has kindly placed the notice in the Bunny Bulletin regarding the parish supper. The council need to provide a few raffle prizes. This was agreed and will be provided.

The lighting of the Christmas tree was given a provisional date of 4 December. It was agreed the clerk contact the church for their approval, the choir to sing, and to contact the Rancliffe regarding mince pies and mulled wine. Coun. Alldred said he would sort out the tree with help from other councillors. It was

suggested that Coun. Stubbs was to contact the bell ringers. It was also mentioned that the council will decide who is going to turn on the lights. Coun. Featherstone had asked that the wreath making competition be discussed, however it was decided to ask for more information, on her return.

10. Village Hall

The conversation regarding a village hall committee will be taken forward to another meeting for a full discussion when Coun. Featherstone is in attendance. We have an offer from a volunteer asking if they can paint the railings. It was agreed firstly that the clerk contacts the BB charity to find out whose responsibility it is and for agreement. Again it was mentioned that the volunteer might like to paint the toilet corridor in the future.

11. Flag flying policy

It was agreed by the council that a flag flying policy will be drafted by the clerk. The council also thanked Pete Pearson again for his recent duties in this area

12. Privacy of the councillors and their published information

Coun. Beckford had asked the clerk to find out what information needs to be published on the council, and parish websites with regards to their address and phone numbers. It was found that there only needs to be one contact, and that can be an email address. It was unanimously agreed that the clerk contact the monitoring officer at Rushcliffe to remove the details, and also the parish website to remove the extra details.

13. to consider planning applications

22/00303/FUL Revised solar farm plans – the majority of the councillors had no objection, however coun. Wilson was going to look at the further as the deadline date was not until 3rd November.

14. Environment and highways

The council agreed that the clerk contact Rushcliffe regarding the small tree near the flagpole, to see if it can be removed.

Next meeting 17th November 2022 at 7pm prompt