

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on
Thursday 17th November

Chair Coun. Izumi Featherstone, Coun. David Beckford, Coun. Dick Wilson
Coun. Maria Webb, Coun. Steve Stubbs, Coun Kevin Cannon

1.to consider any apologies for absence

Apologies received from Coun. John Alldred and Coun. Chris Rogers accepted.

2.Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Minutes from the last meeting

From the last meeting on 20th October circulated and accepted

4.Member of the public comments

There were members of the public attending who wanted to talk about three items in particular.

- i) They wanted the Parish Council to know the villagers feelings on the proposed planning application regarding a bridge over Fairham Brook. The aesthetics of a 25-ton bridge, the overflow of the brook not being considered, road conditions along the lane, speed limits on the lane and safety concerns were discussed.
- ii) The traffic island crossing that is being proposed on Loughborough Road. Has the planning officer taken into account the deep puddles on the road where the crossing will be, making it unsafe for villagers, the road being narrower at this point and also a request for more formal information regarding this development.
- iii) The little green where the flagpole, has been left in a poor state by contractors who were doing works on the A60.

The Clerk thanked them for their comments and assured the members of public that the Fairham Brook would be discussed under planning and the little green under environment later in the meeting. Also the Clerk would do her best to try and find out more information on the crossing.

5.Correspondence

- a) Course for new parish councillors from NALC was discussed and the Clerk asked if any one wants to attend. However they need to discuss with councillors first because of the costs involved.
- b) new dog fouling signs received and to be put up in the village.
- c) Utility Aid email was forwarded to the councillors. It discussed the impact of the energy relief scheme on the local council sector, and the discount to be received. The Clerk advised that the council do receive this discount as they were in a variable out of contract rate. There was nothing further to add from the councillors.
- d) Further correspondence was received from the Member of Parliament Ruth Edwards and the flooding problems in the village. She had arranged for the drain gullies to be cleared which has had a good effect in recent heavy rains, but also for Via to hold a site meeting

shortly and look at the real problem with the drains. Coun. Reg Adair was also thanked for his input on these matters.

e)An email was received from the Bunny and Bradmore Charities to say they had no problem with the painting of the Village Hall railings, and no objection was received from the conservation office as it was a like for like project.

f)Applying for a school place in Rushcliffe? A flyer was received, and the parish council were asked to encourage the villagers to apply for places in Bunny School. Also the Clerk will get it displayed in the Bunny Bulletin.

6.Report from the district and county council member

Coun Reg Adair advised the council that he still has £200 to donate to a village project. He noted the comments from the members of public and wanted to assure them that the planning application for the bridge over Fairham Brook is being dealt with through the proper channels and that the pedestrian crossing is something that has been worked on for 20 years by the council for safety standards reasons, and again is being properly dealt with by Rushcliffe.

The council has issued a budget statement and it was going to be a very tough year. To balance the books there will be some difficult decisions to make.

However, at devolution level the plan has now been released and there are more funds that have become available for Rushcliffe.

7.Report from the clerk

The Clerk is still awaiting a reply from Tom Petit regarding the cutting down of the tree next to the flagpole and will chase up.

The Councillors details have been removed from the website and the parish emails left as a way to contact the councillors.

The flag- flying policy is being drawn up to be discussed early next year

A thank you was relayed to the council from Bunny Bulletin regarding the increase agreed at the last meeting. It was agreed to revisit this donation next year

It was agreed that only the approved minutes will be published in the future, and not the draft minutes.

8.Budget/Precept

It was agreed that the clerk along with Coun. Stubbs' help was to prepare figures as to what spend the council will make between 31st October and the end of the year. Also, the council need to decide what priorities they need funding for during 2023/2024.

Coun. Featherstone pointed out, that after doing some preparatory work, the need to prioritise as there is already a short fall on income to expenditure. She also pointed out that we cannot rely on village hall income.

Coun. Beckford doesn't want to increase the precept on the village due to the cost-of-living crisis, and the need to make the village hall work for the community.

The village hall external doors were also discussed as an urgent need for replacement, and to go on the plan for next year.

Coun. Stubbs and Coun. Wilson will meet with the clerk before the December meeting and circulate the spending projections for the rest of the year.

9.Finance, invoices and orders

The accounts payable sheet was circulated and agreed.

The Kidde CO2 sensor was purchased, and the Clerk refunded for the item. It was agreed that the electrician was contacted and paid due to the PIR lights needing the bulbs changing and a member of the public falling. A small spend was agreed for the Christmas light's switch on. Finally, it was noted that the parish council received a £1000 gift from a chocolate company last Easter.

10. Community engagement and involvement

It was agreed that the Parish Council ask residents to become more involved in events in the village.

An announcement will be placed on the Bunny Bulletin and website asking for people to be involved in things like next years jubilee, the village hall, and village social events.

,It was mentioned what a good job BIG do for the community in Bunny Coun. Stubbs, agreed to be the contact for the vulnerable people in the village

11. Christmas

The parish supper was mentioned, and Councillors' asked if they were happy to attend on 6th December at the Rancliffe. The cost was for two courses at £23.50 including a raffle ticket and a tip.

The Christmas tree will be decorated, and the lights turned on at 6pm.

There will be no Santa's sleigh this year as there isn't a driver available.

12. Village hall

Good news is the village Lunch Brunch has restarted. The Clerk has checked the government website and no food hygiene certificate is required for this event.

13. to consider planning applications

2201737 Crossing at Fairham Brook. The council unanimously agreed to object on Rushcliffe Planning site. The reasons being safety concerns, 60 miles an hour speed limit and the entrance being on a bend. The aesthetics of the bridge itself and the impact on the brook with the flooding concerns and the wildlife being impacted.

22/02153/FUL woodlands rebuild of garages. No objections from the council

14. highways and environment

RSVCSG Coun. Wilson was happy to continue to represent the village on this committee and will give us an update in January's meeting.

The Clerk will contact VIA to find out who is responsible for the work on the Village green near the flagpole and correct the mess that has been left

The footpath between Bunny and Bradmore needs attention, and the Clerk will contact Rushcliffe

Ground care and grass cutting. The Clerk will contact ground care and ask them to provide us with what work they carry out each month with regards to next year's budget.

15. Next agenda

Budget and precept (Dec)

Carbon Neutral (Jan)

East Midlands Devolution (Jan)

RSVCG (Jan)