

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on
Thursday 15th December

Coun. Featherstone (Chair)
Coun. Beckford,, Coun. Cannon, Coun Stubbs

Clerk Linda Price

1. Apologies for absence considered and accepted

, Coun Webb, Coun Wilson, Coun. Alldred, Coun. Adair

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes

From meeting 17th November 2022 circulated and accepted

4. Members of the Public

None attended

5. Correspondence

i) Johnson Aggregates & Recycling Ltd – A date is to be sent to the Clerk for a representative to attend a council meeting to discuss the present issues. Members of the Public will be welcome to attend.

ii) Roosevelt Memorial Grants – letter to be published on the website and in the Bunny Bulletin.

iii) Cost of living Grant from Notts County Council- email sent to councillors and the Clerk has created an application form to apply for a £5k grant to help with cost of keeping the Village Hall running. To be completed in January.

iv) Devolution and East Midlands- email forwarded to the council and to be discussed in January.

v) Email from Coun. Rogers tendering his resignation- The Council wanted to thank Coun. Rogers for his contribution to the Parish Council and Bunny Village. He will continue to work to attempt to find green and renewable energy solutions for the village.

6. Report from Local District Councillor

Coun, Adair sends his apologies

7.Clerk's Report

The Christmas Light switch on was performed by Mr Pete Pearson this year.

The annual village supper was a success this year with 42 community members attending, thank you to Mr Norbury for organising. Also thank you to the Rancliffe Arms who provided mince pies and mulled wine, and everyone else involved.

Some photos of Bunny activities were posted on the village Facebook page. It has been a fantastic effort by the PC/BIG and other community members to decorate the village for the festive season. A big thanks to everyone involved.

The council and clerk also want to thank Coun. Featherstone for all her efforts and work for the village and the council this year. Without her contribution many of the events held with great success would not have happened. I am sure that the villagers will agree with this sentiment and will pass their thanks on to her too.

The Clerk reminded the council that we are looking for a project on which to spend £200 grant from Coun. Adair.

A notice will also be drawn up in January to ask for community involvement from residents of Bunny in different projects and will be published on the website and the Bunny Bulletin.

The minutes of the parish meetings must be published within 28 days so the draft minutes will still have to be published, or the minutes can be agreed by email and then published. It will need the approval of three councillors.

8.Finance, Invoices and orders

The accounts payable sheet was circulated and accepted. Included were invoices for the repair of the emergency light s(£95), and the purchase of the Christmas tree (£70)and decorations, extra mulled wine, paper plates and serviettes for the Christmas light switch on . Further invoices were provided from the Bunny Improvement Group for additional lights and decorations and these were agreed to be paid by the council, totalling £61.88.

As the Village Hall was unusable a £25 bunch of flowers would be sent to a lady who had booked for a baby shower as a gesture of goodwill. Also, as the burst pipe was found by the person who hires the hall to sell rugs, we will waive the morning fee and allow a free session next time they wish to hire the Hall.

9.Budget/Precept

The Clerk circulated the budget projections and the reserve figures that had been prepared with help from Coun. Stubbs. The reserve figures included the grant from the government for loss of income. This money can only be used for this purpose.

It was noted that that the council need to review the options when discussing the precept as there will be a substantial rise on next year's costs.

It was agreed that the clerk will send the projections for 2023/2024 to the council so precept can be agreed at the next meeting.

The council were asked what funds they would like to ring fence for projects next year as these would be taken into account too.

10.Contracts and communications

Coun. Featherstone asked that the Clerks position was made permanent as five months' probation had been completed satisfactorily. This was agreed.

It was also agreed that the Clerk look at the present contracts held and look where costs can be saved.It was agreed that the grass cutting contract should go out to tender as a 30% increase in price was given by the present company.

It was noted that the Parish Council need to look at ways to communicate with the village. It was agreed that a Facebook page would be set up and more communications to be posted on it.

11. Village Hall

Coun. Featherstone discussed with the council the problem at the Village Hall last week with the flood and pipe failure. The insurance assessor has visited the hall and agreed to the work to put things right. Bunny and Bradmore charities informed us that the excess to the policy was £100, but thanks to the quick work of all involved much has already been completed. The clerk was to contact the charities with the invoices already received to see who is going to pay before insurance monies are received. These include electrician, plumber, ADT fire, and replacement of wadding and lagging of pipes correctly. To be included was extra cost for heating bill to dry out the building, loss of income, and replastering.

It was agreed that more keys should be cut for the boiler cupboard to facilitate access to the stopcock valve. A Fire Horn is in operation while the Fire alarm out of action and is awaiting repair by ADT Contractors.

Next year the repositioning of the frost stat may need to be looked at.

The Lunch Bunch group have asked if they can continue to pay the previously agreed hire rate as its for the benefit of the community. It was agreed by all.

Again the council wanted to thank Coun. Featherstone for the work completed over the last few years to refurbish the Village Hall. The Pc are hoping to make more improvement in the future, and will look if any grants are available to help with this

12. Consider Planning Applications.

22/02227 demolition of outbuildings at Bunny Trading Estate. No Objections.

13. Highways and Environment

The Clerk has heard from Ruth Edwards MP and also the Senior Officer, Flood Risk Management for Notts County Council, and a date is to be found in January to look at the drainage/flooding problem in the village.

Bus shelter on Loughborough Road, south side of the village near Albert Road junction, has no lights. The Clerk is to contact highway department.

Aart de Groot, tree surgeon, is to look at the large tree on the allotments to check for safety and report back to the Councillors for further action.

14. Items for Next Months Agenda

RSVCG

Village Hall Fire safety

East Midlands Devolution

Carbon Neutral

Grant from Notts County Council

Precept