

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on
Thursday January 19th 2023

Coun. Featherstone (Chair)
Coun. Beckford,, Coun. Cannon, Coun Stubbs, Coun. Alldred,
Coun. Maria Webb

Clerk Linda Price

Before the commencement of our meeting a minute's silence was held in honour of Councillor Wilson who sadly passed away this week

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes

From the meeting 15th December 2022 Circulated and accepted

4. Members of the public

The meeting was attended by representatives from Bradmore Parish Council. They have requested that we share a speed gun with Bradmore at a joint cost of £450. County Councillor Adair has offered to fund this purchase. A letter is to be sent from the parish asking for funding as a joint community effort with Bradmore Parish Council. The council agreed to this request.

5. Correspondence

The Greater Nottinghamshire Plan had been circulated by email .No specific comments were made but noted so the councillors are aware

Low Carbon Energy plan for Nottinghamshire was again circulated and Coun. Beckford informed us that he has a meeting with the Bunny Low Carbon Energy Group next week and will discuss further.

The clerk has received correspondence from Johnson's Aggregates agreeing to a public meeting to discuss concerns and problems with the recycling plant. It is scheduled to happen on the 23rd February at 6.30 in the Bunny Village Hall. Once the clerk has confirmation of the date she will advertise among the local communities.

6. Report from County Councillor Adair

Nottinghamshire County Council has agreed a 4.84% increase to the budget next year. It will mean no cuts to services in Rushcliffe.

Coun. Adair has arranged for Bunny School to receive funds for regeneration. They are having a new air source boiler, lighting and pipework.

A Planning application has been received for 75 homes at Keyworth on Bunny Lane. Local parishes have objected due to the extra traffic using Pendock Lane and the dangerous conditions at present.

The road in Bradmore is dangerous and full of potholes, however the council are waiting for warmer weather before they can take action.

7. Finance Invoices and Orders

Along with the usual monthly bills, members of BIG were paid for Christmas lights and decorations as agreed at last month's meeting. The church clock was serviced at £188.00 and the boiler at £84.00

Also a quote was received from Art De Grout Tree Surgeon for £480 for the removal of dead trees and branches at the allotments. This was agreed by the council and the clerk was to contact and agree the quote.

Quotes have also been requested by the clerk for new internal and external doors at the Village Hall.

8. Budget and Precept

The budget and precept figures had been circulated to the council.

A 5% increase on the precept was agreed by the councillors, and the funds to be requested of £24750 was to be made to Rushcliffe. Grass Cutting cost has increased by 9%, gas and electricity up by 168%, Bunny Bulletin 50%, and there are more increases in many other areas but the PC has decided to only increase the precept to 5% due to the current cost of living crisis. It was agreed that the Council and Clerk look at our contracts closely to save money yet retain the services we pay for.

The Clerk also pointed out that the narrative to our parishioners is the cost per week of this increase, and the services and the activities that they receive from the Parish.

Coun. Featherstone said she felt slightly uncomfortable at eating into our comfortable reserves to continue with the enhancements that the Village Hall needed, however Coun.

Stubbs pointed out that some of the expenditure is a one-off payment.

9. The Coronation

The clerk advised the council that she has been on a Zoom call with NALC regarding coronation plans. At the moment they are unaware of any fixed timings or programmes, however the King has made them aware that he doesn't want any lighting of the Beacons and also wanted a really traditional theme of community events.

Coun. Featherstone has lots of ideas, including a picnic, singer, and village events. She will be asking for lots of volunteers to make this event a big community hit, as happened with the platinum jubilee, that she, along with helpers, organised brilliantly.

The Council have agreed a budget of £1000 towards the cost of Village Coronation plans.

10. Carbon Neutral

The Low Carbon Energy Planning Document has been circulated for information.

11. Community

It was agreed that the volunteering opportunities in the village need to be circulated on the Bunny Facebook Page, Bunny Bulletin and the Website which needs to be updated and used more. The clerk is to write to John Ollivere who runs our website and ask for further information as to what we can do to make the website more UpToDate and interesting.

12. Village Hall

The clerk has completed an application for a grant of £1500 from Nottinghamshire Local Communities Fund to help with increased costs for power and to open the Hall to more community-based clubs.

Coun. Stubbs has informed us that two classrooms are to be out of use at the school once work starts on the new boiler. The Village Hall would be an ideal place for use by the school, which they would be fully reimbursed for. The Councillors voted in full agreement for offering the Village Hall for this use.

An email was received from Bunny and Bradmore charities regarding the repair costs being agreed in full, incurred from the recent floods.

The Parish Council would also like to make further improvement to the Hall, but due to financial pressure, we may be unable to achieve all the projects that we would like to carry out.

13. To Consider Planning Applications.

22/02311/FUL 75 Dwellings Keyworth	Object –(dangerous road conditions)
22/020339/FUL 38 Moor Lane	No objections
Local Development Radcliffe Power Station	No objections
23/00001/LBC 15 Main Street	No objections
22/02304/ PPA 28 Moor Lane	No objections

14. Highways and Environment

Drainage Walk will be happening with VIA and Notts CC on 3rd February. Local members of the community have been invited who are well aware of the flooding issues.

Coun. Alldred volunteered to organise the Bunny Spring Clean for 18th March. Coun. Alldred is to co- ordinate with the BIG group and seek help from the Bunny community. The meeting with Johnson's Aggregates will take place on the 23rd February in the Village Hall.

15. Items for next agenda

Elections
Carbon Neutral