

**BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the**  
**Village Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Cllr. Featherstone(Chair), Cllr .Beckford (vice chair),Cllr. Cannon, Cllr Alldred,  
Cllr. Maria Webb, Cllr. Stubbs

Clerk Linda Price

**1.Apologies for Absence**

None

**2.Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Stubbs declared his interest in the school project

**3.Minutes**

From the meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 23 Circulated and accepted

**4. Members of the public**

. None in attendance

**5. Correspondence**

The clerk has had correspondence from the tree warden Tom Petit, regarding an ash being removed at Fairham Grange. He wanted us to know that the tree was diseased and dangerous so had to be cut down. Also he gave his permission to have the small tree/bush to be removed at the flagpole. The clerk will contact Aart de Groot for a quote. It's time to seek a renewal for the Public Liability Insurance and the clerk will arrange for quotes.

NALC advised us of Data Protection Courses they will be running after the election at a cost of £30.00.

There will be no Best Kept Village competition in Rushcliffe this year.

A member of the public approached the chairman and offered to work with us to help with our online presence. We will invite them to a future meeting.

**6.Report from County Councillor Adair**

Rushcliffe council tax bills will be hitting our doorsteps in the next few days. Average increase in Rushcliffe is 5%.

The fire station on Loughborough Road at West Bridgford will remain open.

The Solar farm above Bunny woods, at Costock has been approved.

This was Cllr. Adairs last meeting as the local councillor. The council thanked him for all the hard work he has done for the parish and wished him well in the future.

## **7. Clerks Report**

The clerk has had the paperwork from Ives and Co for the new lease by National Grid for the substation. The council are to send the original deeds to them.

The minutes were circulated for the Johnson Aggregates meeting and the council were happy to approve the minutes.

## **8. Finance Invoice and Orders**

The council have had a quote to repair the notice boards of £190. The council were in full agreement.

The insurance company have agreed to pay for the repair of the fire alarm system by ADT , The clerk will contact ADT to commence the work.

As per the councils past agreement Aart de Grout has been paid for tree work, and DTW electrical for the new emergency lighting.

A cost of £22.00 to Olenka Bacon for extra plants was agreed as was the costs of 22.74 for Village Hall Easter decorations and further Bins for the toilets.

The cost of Grass cutting was discussed and the council had previously asked the clerk for new quotes to help the Parish Council with cost cutting measures. Quote A £4054.80, Quote B £2520 plus VAT, Quote C no response from provider. The council voted to accept quote B and the clerk was to proceed with the formalities from 31<sup>st</sup> March. A new contract was to be drawn up for the new provider and agreed at the next meeting.

The other bills were the usual monthly amounts plus the annual radiator clean of £60 .

All amounts were approved by the council.

## **9. Bunny Energy Solutions**

The council were happy to introduce Chris Rogers who along with Counc. Beckford spoke to them about Bunny Energy Solutions.

At their recent meeting four officers from Rushcliffe also attended and discussed the plans to be net zero.

The aim of Bunny Energy Solution is to raise awareness in the village for the project and for people to ask questions. Small changes can make a difference, and they want to promote that there is something for everyone to become involved in and to make a difference to Carbon targets. Bunny wants to be a pioneering village, along with Rushcliffe Council, to investigate projects and obtain funding for a feasibility project.

Going forward Bunny Energy Solutions want to be part of village conversations and in the future will be holding a public meeting to discuss further.

## **10. Elections**

The clerk handed out the election packs to the councillors and will arrange a date within the next two weeks to collect and take to Rushcliffe. The council will continue to promote the election and look for new councillors who would be interested in standing. Cllr. Alldred informed us that he will not be standing as a parish councillor at the next election.

## **11. Coronation**

Cllr. Featherstone showed us the poster for the village fun day and picnic and gave us an insight into what would be happening. It was asked that the clerk would contact the highways department and advise that Church Street will be closed on the day.

## **12. Village Hall and Village Hall staff.**

Cllr. Stubbs informed us that due to the school having a new heat pump and electrical work the school would like to use the village hall as a classroom from 10/4 until 4/8. They would like full exclusive use, will add temporary wifi, replace two secure doors at no charge to the village hall. The cost of electricity and gas will also be paid in full by the school during that period. The council discussed and agreed a weekly rate of hire to the school. Cllr. Stubbs abstained from this discussion .

A rate was voted on and agreed and the implications of it being a full and exclusive hire will be discussed with the Village Hall Staff. All keys will need to be returned. It was agreed that the council would change the locks on the village hall door.

A confidential item was discussed regarding the Village Hall staffing contracts and finance.

## **13. Planning**

23/001/83 Bunny Hall, Garge with ECV points - No objections

22/02339/Ful Moor lane Amendments to previous plan - No objections.

22/00743/Ful Appeal notice for two storey barn off Moor Lane – For information only

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## **14. Highways and Environment**

Clerk to get quote for removal of tree/bush at the flag pole.

## **15. Next agenda**

Elections

Coronation

Date of next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April. Venue to be announced.