

**BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the**  
**Village Hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Coun, Featherstone, Coun.Beckford,, Coun. Cannon, Coun.Alldred,  
Coun. Stubbs

Clerk Linda Price

**1.Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Webb

**2.Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Stubbs on the school project

**3.Minutes**

The clerk had made an error on the date in section 8 (contract date) , and missed out an item on section 12 (lock change). These were amended on the minutes and put on the website. A notice will also be added to Bunny Bulletin, informing the corrected minutes can be viewed on the web site.

**4. Members of the public**

. None in attendance

**5. Correspondence**

The clerk has received an email from the tree surgeon Aart de Grout who is happy to cut down the small tree at the flagpole free of charge. This was approved and thanks be sent to the tree surgeon.

Confirmation of the £250 grant for the coronation was received form Rushcliffe

The cost-of-living grant, warm spaces, has been refused by Rushcliffe with the comments ‘we would like to work with you to look at ways of improving the business model of the village hall.

We were advised by Mr Harry Barr BandB charities that no refunds have been received as yet regarding the insurance claim for the village hall.

A community flier was circulated by email from East Midlands Airport with articles on grants for the village and volunteering projects that maybe available.

Rushcliffe South Villages Community Safety Group wrote regarding the next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. The clerk was to circulate to see who would be interested in attending.

## **6. Clerks Report**

The clerk is to send out the new grass cutting contract to Nottinghamshire County Council for approval.

The council agreed the clerk should have a business debit card to pay for items requested.

The clerk advised the council that the end of year accounts are almost ready to be sent to the Local Accountant. She had to ask him what items were needed as there wasn't a template from previous years.

A confidential staffing matter was discussed and agreed.

## **7. Finance Invoice and Orders**

The usual standing orders and direct debits were agreed (salaries, utility bills, Ground care, Band B rent and Bunny Bulletin) along with the following.

David Dixon Accountant £195 annual charge

Litter pick payments to individuals £56.81

Olenka Bacon plants £22.00

Philip Brown -Paint £17.08

Linda Price reimbursement for RBL new poppies £100

Izumi Featherstone reimbursement Village Hall Items £22.74

## **8. KITKAT**

Councillor Featherstone gave a report on the recent Kitkat campaign which all agreed had been very successful in raising the village profile. Items were in the press and radio as well as social media. A donation of £400 will be made by kitkat which the councillors agreed will be spent on a new bench to be erected at the top of one of the Bunny footpaths. The clerk is to write to the land holder to obtain their permission. £1000 was also donated to Bunny in early 2022 which the chair asked if a PA system could be purchased. However, the councillors thought it may be cheaper to hire when needed.

## **9. Elections**

The local elections were uncontested. Bunny will now have 6 councillors who will take office on the 9<sup>th</sup> May after formalities are completed. These are Mrs Featherstone, Mrs Webb, Mr Beckford, Mr Cannon, Mr Stubbs and Mr Barrett. The council will welcome Mr Barrett in due course and have thanked Councillor Alldred, who decided not to stand for election, for all his hard work for Bunny over the past years. He will be missed by all on the council but will continue his work with the Bunny BIG Group.

Going forward we can advertise 3 further vacancies after May 9<sup>th</sup>, and can then co opt any volunteers in our May meeting.

## **10. Annual Parish Meeting**

A date will be given shortly once the clerk has looked at the formalities.

## **11. Coronation**

A meeting by the coronation committee is to be held next Wednesday.

The council agreed to the purchase of medals for the children from Wilford Lane Medals And this is in budget of £1000 agreed at a previous meeting.

## **12. Village Hall**

Councillor Featherstone responded to the change of locks on the village hall. The locks can not be changed as the Hall is grade 2 listed and it would mean the door could be damaged.

A quote was received for the coat hooks of £180 . Approved by all.

The middle door has had a new bolt , window latch has been replaced, and the store room has two new keys. Nottinghamshire County Council has agreed to replace the two external doors while the school is using it. Soap and toilet rolls will also be replaced by the school.

The wall is still waiting to be plastered by the insurance company

The council were made aware that the floor is breaking up in parts.

The school began using the hall on 27<sup>th</sup> March due to the flood at the school, earlier than expected. The clerk is to send the power bills to the school for payment.

There was some confusion who is paying for what whilst the school is using the hall (their insurance company or Nottinghamshire County Council). The clerk is waiting a contract from the school, although they have asked to be sent a copy of the village hall hire form which the clerk will do.

## **13. Planning Applications**

23/00607/ Keepers Cottage replace of mortar and missing bricks. No objections

## **14.Highways and Environment**

The clerk was informed that the councillors have had numerous complaints regarding the closure of Main Street outside the White House from members of the public. Bin collections have been missed and there were questions regarding access for emergency services. There had also been a couple of near misses of traffic collisions at the back of the church. The clerk is to write formally to highways to make them aware of this problem.

## **15. Next agenda**

Annual accounts, email addresses , new councillor formalities

The Next meeting will be held in the village church on 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15  
At 7pm the Parish General Meeting will be held to elect the chair