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BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the
Village Church on Thursday 21st September 2023

Chair Cllr. Featherstone, Vice Chair Cllr .Beckford,,
Cllr. Cannon, Cllr Stubbs, Cllr Berridge
Cllr Webb, Cllr Adair

Clerk Linda Price

1.Apologies for Absences Received

Cllr. Edyvean, Cllr. Barrett

2.Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Cannon on Village Hall item.

3.Acceptance of Minutes from July 2023 Meeting

Previously circulated on email and accepted by all councillors. Duly signed .

4. Public Comments

A member of Public was present at the meeting and representing the BIG (Bunny Improvement Group).

The brick wall adjacent to the A60 near to the Rancliffe arms was noted to be bowing and can become dangerous to the public. This is a private wall and not under the Parish Councils jurisdiction, although it will be mentioned to the owner of the property for their benefit, and reported to VIA.

The grass cutting by the contractor has been reported to be a little haphazard and the clerk will arrange to speak to them.

A request was made for a Cross of St George flag and the council has asked the clerk to look into a flag policy.

The building on Wysall Lane (Fairham Brook Lane) by the new blue bridge is causing a concern to the villages and the clerk will follow up comments already taken forward and contact Cllr. Edyvean for further advice.

5. County and Borough Reports

Cllr Adair reported that the Budget response for Rushcliffe Borough Council will be available shortly and that it is highly important for the councillors to give their feedback. Cllr. Adair has looked at the traffic problems on Church Street and Rushcliffe Council are looking at improvement plans, although they have to be mindful of consultations with the farming community and tractor access when discussing parking constrictions.

Regarding traffic on the A60 presently there are 4 way traffic lights that are leading to disruption at Ruddington, however the work has to be completed for the benefit of the community. Also at Bradmore plans are in place to have a mini island at the junction of Pendock Lane and a 30 mile speed limit through Bradmore to create a safer road system.

6. Correspondence

A picnic table request was made by a member of the public to replace the old one that had been found to be dangerous (discuss under finance)

Agricultural building on Wysall lane (previously discussed) clerk to contact Cllr. Edyvean. Nottinghamshire's draft waste plan see [New Waste Local Plan | Nottinghamshire County Council](#) for further information.

Mike Elliott Grant request for Bunny Book, Mikes Memories (discuss under finance)

Solar farm has received lots of comments and questions and the Parish Council wanted to make it clear that they had a presentation with Exagen at the last open council meeting in July that was advertised on the website and notice board which anyone could attend. The council has not been asked to comment on any planning application or to give their opinion at the present time.

Date received for Rushcliffe's annual meeting given should any councillor wish to attend.

Trees were reported near the bus shelter on A60/Albert Road. Some have been removed and the others or the responsibility of the properties that are behind the shelter.

An obstructive view was also reported over the moors from the new Queens Bench. The council will find out who the land belongs to and mention this to them.

Traffic from British Gypsum has been a problem for residents on Gotham Road at all times of the day and night. Letters have been sent to British Gypsum and the clerk will follow up with local councillors, Rushcliffe BC and British Gypsum.

Rushcliffe community awards are to be made shortly. Anyone wish to nominate as an individual and to be discussed as confidential item under community later.

DDAY 80 next June, to be followed up later in the year to discuss Village Plans

Planters need refilling outside the Village Hall (discuss under finance)

National levelling up Consultation -please see [Consultation on operational reforms to the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project \(NSIP\) consenting process - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) for further information.

7. Clerks Report

Clerk to follow up tree survey request.

Emails and website of the Village should have a .gov.uk address and clerk will continue to follow this up.

The speed project in conjunction with Bradmore will be having a meeting in September and is progressing with the use of the Speed Gun.

Clerk will write statement to the solicitors in regard to progressing land ownership at the Electricity Sub Station.

8. Finance

The Accounts payable for July and August were circulated along with the invoices and were duly agreed and signed by the council.

A copy of the UpToDate budget spending was presented to the council.

The Annual Governance (AGAR) was also received as a clear audit from the external accountants PKF and a copy is placed on the website as per Government Regulations.

The VAT claim has been received of £776.48 , and a power claim from Bunny and Bradmore insurers of £434.42 regarding extra power when the flood happened over Christmas period. It was agreed the clerk Purchase a picnic bench from Glasdon (fully recyclable and maintenance free) at a cost of around £850 plus VAT. Forwarded by Cllr Beckford and agreed by all councillors.

The clerk was to contact Olenka Bacon to see what amount she required for the planters and this amount to be agreed as it was included in the budget.

It was requested the clerk write to Mike Elliott and ask for a copy of his book in order that they can decide to make a grant towards the funding.

It was also agreed the clerk make a list for Village Projects requiring funding for the next meeting to discuss next steps.

9. Model standing orders and financial regulations

Cllr Stubbs has read through and presented a new set of Financial Regulations from the Model NALC ones. The councillors are to read through and decide on adoption at the next meeting.

The clerk has presented to the council the Model Standing Orders to the council and asked that they be read through by the councillors and what will be suitable for Bunny Parish Council to adopt.

10. Report from Bunny Energy Solutions

Cllr. Berridge read the latest report (see below) for the Bunny Energy Solutions Group which the Parish Council are fully happy to support.

B.E.S.W.G. REPORT TO BUNNY P.C.

Key points

- B.E.S.W.G. would like to meet monthly on the second Wednesday evening in line with the P.C. They would prefer to meet in the Village Hall with a view to formalising a policy of welcoming observers.
- It was agreed to develop a relationship with both the National Energy Foundation and Community Energy England in order to take advantage of the experience of other communities who are moving to Net-Zero.
- At present B.E.S.W.G. does not have any access to funding and currently minor administrative costs are met by members voluntarily. Although it is intended to seek stage1 and stage2 funding for feasibility studies from either voluntary bodies or the government, other expenses, e.g membership fees for C.E.E. and N.E.F. will need to be met.
- The issue of funding the project will need to be discussed at some point in the context of Bunny Parish Council becoming a Community Benefit Society in order to enable them to issue shares in a potential not-for-profit Bunny Energy Company which will organise and support the Net-Zero and sustainable energy ambitions of Bunny. It is proposed to take advice on these proposals from Sharenergy, R.B.C. and N.C.C.
- It is becoming clear as a result of our meeting with Sharenergy that we need to adopt

- networked households advice and support with regard to domestic energy provision, household heating and insulation.
- A planned approach in six sections is being considered by the Working Group as follows; **1. Feasibility Studies** - establish the availability of funding for feasibility studies, *Stage 1 Household funding and grants Stage2 Networking* **2. Funding and Grants** - to enable individual homes to consider the financial feasibility of either individual or networked schemes. **3. Technical information** - Commission an energy study of the village to provide technical information about practical feasibility. **4. Meetings** - small scale invitation meeting and public meeting or meetings. **5. Questionnaire** - Establishing the level of individual household interest **6. Networks** - based on clusters of households.

11. Village Hall

Discussions were had on many items to get the Hall ready for renting to the public again after the school. It was agreed that a deep clean should take place as soon as possible to enable bookings to go ahead. The hall requires two new ovens and it was agreed in full that the clerk approach East Midlands Airport Community Fund to see if grants are available. Future discussions need to happen within the council to decide on flooring/Curtains/administrator/cleaning before any decisions can be made.

The clerk has written to Bunny and Bradmore trust, as agreed by the council, to tell them that they need to proceed with the process for new doors quickly as Cllr. Stubbs informed us that the funding available from Notts County Council is only available for a short period of time. It was discussed that Village Hall Hire rates would be discussed in February 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr. Featherstone and agreed by the full council that the Church can use the Village Hall free of charge for their community Christmas Fair event.

Cllr. Featherstone proposed a spend of around £200 for the council to get new keys cut for the Village Hall, new bins, new tea towels and kitchen items. This was voted and agreed by the full council.

A proposal was also discussed to rent the small hall on a long term basis. This was agreed by the council in full.

12. Community

A confidential item was discussed around Rushcliffe Awards

13. Planning Applications

There are no planning items outstanding under Bunny that the council needed to discuss

14. Highways and Environment.

Bus shelter lights are still out. The clerk has previously reported and will report again.

Three dead trees have been noted at the Allotments and the council asked the clerk to contact Aart de Groot for a quotation to remove.

15. Next Agenda Items

Approve Financial Regs
Defibrillators in the village
Christmas

PLEASE NOTE DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS 12TH OCTOBER AT 7PM

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