

BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on Thursday 9th November 2023**

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

Clerk Linda Price

1.Apologies for Absences Received

Cllr. Edyvean

2.Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Cannon on Village Hall caretaker discussions.

3.Acceptance of Minutes from October Meeting

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

4. Public Comments

None attended.

5. Correspondence

1. [Budget Consultation 2023 | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)- should anyone wish to fill in personally. 2. Red cross first aid session [Community Education Nottingham \(office365.com\)](#) (although no availability at the moment. 3. South Rushcliffe Consultation group meeting notes were passed to the council via email.

The clerk advised the council that there weren't any decisions to be made on correspondence this month.

6. County and Borough Report

Cllr. Adair reported on Rushcliffe's budget statement. Although the press had reported on financial pressures for the council Cllr. Adair said that there weren't any financial problems, and it was just a matter of balancing the budgets. He also advised that people should fill in the councils budget questionnaire (link in correspondence).

7. Matters arising and clerks report

The clerk advised that the new picnic bench has been ordered and will be delivered early December. Cllr. Barrett offered to help with delivery and installation along with any other volunteers.

A new flag policy was agreed (full agreement) by the council which will be in place immediately. A copy is to be sent to Mr Pearson who performs the flag duties for the village. Again, a big thank you was given to him for his work and also in recognition of duties this remembrance weekend. Any flags that are requested must be made through the Parish Council and in writing.

The boundary wall on the A60 has been investigated by Rushcliffe Engineering surveyors and is deemed unsafe. Rushcliffe council will contact the homeowners of the properties. Cllr. Berridge has been looking at the Parish Councils standing order policy and the council will be updating the policy in the near future.

8. Finance

The council was provided with an up to date budget statement, accounts payable, and bank statements. The accounts payable was signed and duly accepted by full council.

Funds credited this month are £67.62 interest, £3161.24 from the school for August, and £130 for Hall Hire.. All invoices are paid and nothing is outstanding. Approvals requested below

£12 Poppy Wreath (L Price) APPROVED IN FULL

£8 Halloween (Izumi)APPROVED IN FULL

£40 3 monthly window clean APPROVED IN FULL

£114 RCAN annual subscription APPROVED IN FULL

£660 plus VAT VIA tree survey APPROVED IN FULL

£1080 Primary World Internet phone line- The council agreed that the Village Hall have internet fitted, however the clerk was to also obtain quotes from BT and SKY.

The clerk was happy to announce a grant award of £1000 from East Midlands Airport Community Fund. This is towards the cost of two new ovens for the Village Hall. It was agreed in full that the ovens are purchased with an amount of up to £500 from the Parish Council.

9. Village Hall

The Parish Council had put an expression of interest in the Bunny Bulletin in October regarding the caretaker/admin role. As yet nothing has been progressed and the hall is being rented out. So it was agreed in full to have a temporary role of a cleaner/administrator for 3 months, and was agreed to pay £40 for each clean (max weekly) and £120 for an administrator payable monthly. The clerk is to contact NALC regarding employment regulation for self employed/employed roles.

A list of projects that the council would like to spend funds on in the village hall will be discussed later in the financial year. The village hall walls need painting and will be added to the list.

10. Community

The Parish Council had made a nomination for the Rushcliffe Community Awards, community group , However this year they had not been successful.

Cllr. Barrett agreed to look at the bench project on Bunny Hilltop and the clerk is to write to the landowner to check that permission given earlier in the year was still valid.

It was also agreed that a Parish Councillor Vacancy would be placed and a new councillor can be co-opted when possible.

11. Christmas

It was agreed the Christmas light switch on would be Saturday 2nd December at 5pm.

The Parish Council will organise two Christmas Trees, mulled wine and mince pies.

12. Rushcliffe Planning Applications

No outstanding applications.

13. Highways/Environment

Storm Babet caused flooding issues in Bunny and the clerk is to follow up with Severn Trent

14. Bunny Energy Group Update

A monthly meeting took place on Wednesday 8th November. We were fortunate in that additionally to the full working group Chris Webb (Bunny resident) attended as did Edward Leddy-Owen, Environment Team manager at Rushcliffe Borough Council.

It was agreed that the Bunny Energy Solutions Working Group should formally record their wish to invite any residents of the village to attend their meetings which take place at the Village Hall at 7.45 on the second Wednesday of every month. All will be welcome to contribute to the meetings and to join the Working Group should they wish. The main aim of the W.G. is to enable the decarbonisation of properties to take place in order to contribute to achieving Net-Zero in due course.

We are working closely with Edward Leddy-Owen and are hopeful that we may be able to take advantage of the expertise of the Environment Department, receiving information and advice as it becomes available and taking advantage of specific opportunities as they arise. David Beckford, John Berridge, Viv Keller-Garnet, Chris Rogers, Nigel Sutton,

15. Next Agenda Items

Salaries

Budget

Next Meeting will take place Thursday 14 th December 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall
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