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BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on Thursday 18th January

Chair Cllr. Featherstone, Vice Chair Cllr .Beckford,
Cllr.Berridge, Cllr. Stubbs, Cllr Cannon, Cllr Edyvean

Clerk Linda Price

1.Apologies for Absences Received

Cllr Adair, Cllr. Barrett, Cllr. Webb. All gave their apologies and was accepted by the councillors in full.

2.Declarations of Interest

None

3.Acceptance of Minutes from December Meeting

Previously circulated on email . It was amended to add that in finance it should say ‘end of financial year not ‘end of the year’. Accepted by all councillors. Duly signed.

4. Public Comments

None attended, however a request was made to Cllr. Berridge regarding the emergency lighting shining into properties. The clerk will look into this and see what we can do.

5. County and Borough Report

Cllr Edyvean spoke to the council about a recent report from ‘the corporate peer review challenge’ that showed the council is well run and on track to meet its objectives. Cllr Edyvean asked that we could discuss ‘environment and planning’ higher up the agenda as there were comments he needed to make.

6. Correspondence

South Notts Community Group minutes were circulated. Nothing to comment on.

NALC January newsletter was also circulated, and nothing was commented on.

An email was received from our MP Ruth Edwards offering flooding help for Rushcliffe residents and business. This can be found on Rushcliffe website.

A presentation was also sent by Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the response to flooding. To discuss under flooding/environment.

Cllr. Berridge sent a flood report regarding Moor Lane. Again, to discuss under environment.

A complaint was received from a member of the public regarding the path through the allotment. The council will forward to the Allotment Committee to discuss further. It was also pointed out that people were walking on the allotments as it had been very muddy. The parish council would just ask the community to be mindful of where to walk.

An email was also sent received from Johnson Recycling which will be discussed under planning.

7. Matters arising and clerks report

Any items were discussed under the headings of finance and environment.

8. Finance

The usual Accounts Payable and bank statements were circulated to the councillors and accepted in full.

Other bills were –

£79.60 Amazon – new star for church at Xmas.

£139.66 Amazon – new Henry Hoover

£1598.00 Bunny Appliance Warehouse – new ovens (£1000 grant to be received from EastMids Airport Community Fund).

£274.16 Octopus Energy.

All agreed and accepted in full.

An invoice was received from ADT for Emergency lights and Fire alarm service. Agreed.

9. Precept and Budget

The papers for the budget next year and precept increase estimates were circulated prior to the meeting. To continue to provide the services in the Village it was suggested that 8.2% increase to our precept would be needed. This was due to rising costs and inflation. A robust discussion was had, and it was agreed that we would use some of our reserves to run next year and a 5% increase on the precept was agreed in full by all the councillors.

10. Village Hall

It was agreed in full that the costs to the community groups of Lunch Bunch and Bunny Social which are open to every member of the community in Bunny would receive free sessions on hall rental. This was to cover the 6 months that they could not use the hall due to the school being in situ. Lunch Bunch were awarded 6 free sessions and Bunny Social 3 free sessions. The funds received from the school rental of the Village Hall would help to fund this and agreed in full by the council. Rental fees would be discussed in another meeting. Items requested for the village hall (toilet roll holders, soap dispensers, new baby changing unit) agreed in full for the clerk to purchase.

The clerk was to write to a local handman for the quote to fit these items, and also to clean the lights that are high up.

11. Community

To discuss at a later meeting due to time constraints.

12. Rushcliffe Planning Applications

*discussed earlier so Cllr. Edyvean could attend discussion.

23/02243/Ful – Woodlands Bunny Hill, demolish and rebuild. No comment

23/02353 Ful and 23/02098 Ful- Fairham Brook Lane . OBJECTED (as previously)

22/02311 Appeal – Houses at Hillside Farm Bunny- Nothing further to add.

22/00303 Ful – Solar Farm Highfields Farm. Approved prev, amendment No comment

23/00053 Ful –Agricultural Barn Fairholme Farm – No Comment

23/02078 Ful -Bunny Garage Forecourt – No Comment

An email was received from Johnsons Aggregates regarding changes to their planning. They have asked if the council would like a public meeting to discuss and the councillors were in full agreement. The clerk will respond.

13. Highways and Environment

*moved to higher in the agenda for Cllr. Edyvean to be present.

All the councillors were extremely concerned with regard to the recent flooding. No houses were damaged in Bunny however Moor Lane were particularly badly affected with raw sewerage bubbling up through the drains. This was reported to STWA and VIA on the last few times it has happened by the clerk and residents.

A report of the situation was given to us by Cllr. Berridge who resides on Moor Lane. He said a road sweeper had been dispatched by the council and through good intentions had made the situation worse as the mud and debris left had been swept into the drains, and so consequently were blocked again. The clerk was to contact the council and ask for the drains to be cleaned.

Secondly STWA attended Moor Lane and put a camera into the drain. They could see that a very large blockage was on the A60 almost opposite the Village Hall. They reported this as urgent but because of traffic management, highways would have to give permission for the drains to be pumped. The clerk was to ask what was happening to alleviate this problem. Cllr. Edyvean asked the clerk to write to himself, Cllr Adair. Photos of broken drains and damaged footpaths were to be sent also, along with being reported to the correct departments. The clerk will look into Trent Valley Drainage Board and see if they can help in anyway.

14. Bunny Energy Group

We achieved our objectives in publicising the Home Energy Action Team workshop to take place on Saturday 20th January at 10.30 in St Mary's Church.

The Workshop was publicised on Bunny Facebook page in December.

In the January Bunny Bulletin, delivered to homes before Christmas, we explained the work of B.E.S.W.G. we publicised the workshop and we published an article by H.E.A.T.

Additionally we delivered a leaflet to every home.

The Headteacher of Bunny Primary School mentioned the workshop in her weekly memo to parents and Penny Wakefield mentioned the workshop in her memo to church users.

Additionally we were able to arrange for a demonstration vehicle to park close to the church.

We are hopeful we will get a good attendance which will be reported to the January meeting of the Parish Council.

15. Items for next agenda

Costed list of projects for looking at by the council to discuss using a portion of the reserves. Community.

Bunny Energy Group

Rental charges and role for caretaker at the Village Hall.

Financial regulations and standing orders.

Next meeting of the Parish Council - 15th February 2024 at 7pm