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BUNNY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the
Village Hall on Thursday 15th February

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

Clerk Linda Price

1. Apologies for Absences Received

Cllr. Berridge, Cllr Webb, Cllr Edyvean, Cllr Barrett

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Acceptance of Minutes from January Meeting

Previously circulated on email. Accepted by all councillors. Duly signed.

4. Public Comments

A number of members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the recent planning application from Johnsons Aggregates. A very robust discussion was had. It was commented that this was the 12th application in 26 years, and traffic and air pollution had greatly increased. An air quality assessment was taken when IBA was not processed. Another comment was given that there was no need to increase the process of IBA as the plant was not working to capacity and a new site was to be opened at the Ratcliffe Power Station site which would be much better for environmental purposes.

Lots of comments were given regarding, noise, dust, smells and the members of public said that they had reported these issues many times over the years to different departments at the council.

Walking along the pavements, especially taking children to school, was also a big issue as the pollution and danger caused by HGVs not sticking to the speed restrictions.

Other questions were around Johnsons own survey and also the comments made on their objection to the new housing application at the brickyard.

Cllr Adair spoke to the public about his objections to the development. As some residents were having a problem with putting on objections due to the IT system he would ask for an extension time. Every single objection counts and that an email could be sent as well. The clerk will post the address on the Facebook page. It was also noted to put it on the Notts County Council site and not Rushcliffe as they are only consultees. The council voted in full to object to the planning application. The clerk will send an email to Notts County Council and this can be viewed online.

5. County and Borough Report.

Cllr Adair added his comments to the above planning and has objected. He has asked for the clerk's notes from the above to discuss with the council further. He also told us that planning for an incinerator at the Ratcliffe Power station had been approved.

The county council will be sending out Council Tax bills on Thursday to all residents.

Finally the council asked Cllr Adair to thank Laura Trusler at Via for her speedy response on the flooding.

6. Correspondence

1. An email was received from the council regarding a refuge on the A60 -

Installing the refuge without improving the drainage in the area would mean that the standing water that currently sits on the carriageway (with some encroachment onto the footway at vehicle dropped crossings) would begin to pool at the crossing itself, collecting silt, etc. This would discourage use by members of the public and possibly lead to a poor public opinion of the works. It is possible to install new gullies on either side of the road, north of the proposed refuge, that would resolve localised flooding in the vicinity of the crossing but would have little to no effect on other areas. However, following discussions with Via's drainage team, a preliminary investigation is being planned for February/March 2024, with drainage works to resolve issues on Moor Lane and Main Street to be programmed in for the next financial year (2024/2025). The crossing construction could be programmed to take place at the same time as the drainage works. This would allow the current flooding issues in the area to be resolved and allow the crossing to be constructed without it being affected by ponding. Combining both jobs would mean delaying the crossing construction until the next financial year but would have the benefit of avoiding disruptive roadworks taking place twice in a short period of time and would offer economies due to the need to avoid incurring some costs twice.

2. CPRE - asked us to subscribe . Cost £60 pa. The council did not want to subscribe.

3. Fire safety training – free fire safety training at East Leake

4. NALC newsletter forwarded with details to enter the Best kept village before 17/5. The clerk is to discuss with the BIG group.

5. Gov.co domains - A grant of £100 from the govt to help clerks transfer to a professional email and website address. To discuss further at a later meeting.

6. An email was received from our MP Ruth Edwards discussing the recent flooding - Following investigations by Severn Trent's Catchment Lead, the Lane's highway drainage system was inspected, and it appears that some chambers were quite badly blocked up by silt. I understand that this has already been discussed with a Parish Councillor. Severn Trent have subsequently spoken to a contact at Via - East Midlands, who are the Highways Authority on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council, who have confirmed they will be carrying out various repairs and cleansing works on the drainage system during the 2024-2025 financial year.

7. Correspondence from a member of the public re HGVs from Gypsum and their replies are to be sent to Cllr Adair for further investigation.

8. From Via re flooding-

In relation to the footway conditions on Moor Lane, I can confirm that a series of repairs have recently been completed. These works have addressed all of the defects that met our investigation levels for such action. Regarding the rainwater blocked gullies, we are currently working hard to address a backlog of drainage issues that require investigation since the recent storms before, during and after Christmas. All issues that are logged are risk assessed, with works prioritised on sites where there is extensive flooding to the carriageway, or where there is a risk of internal flooding to properties and living space. This enables us to investigate the issues that are safety critical first. Unfortunately, this means that many other issues, including those where there is a detrimental impact on people and/or property, are taking longer than we would like to attend to at present. I can confirm that whilst I am unable to provide a specific date for attendance at this time, we will be in the village at the earliest possible opportunity to cleanse and jet the drains on Moor Lane.

7. Matters arising and clerks report

All discussed under finance and correspondence.

8. Finance

The Accounts payable, bank statements and up to date Budget was circulated by email. All fully approved and signed by two councillors. Please note on the accounts payable the amounts to Amazon (for new baby change unit, soap dispensers, toilet roll holders and new door mats) and to Ives and Co solicitors £600 being in part payment for the land ownership at the substation. Also, the £32.37 for bulbs that the BIG group All previously agreed.

To agree this month -£180 quote for fitting of the above Amazon products and new shelves (not including clean of lights) AGREED in full £174.28 NALC annual subscription. AGREED IN Full Also to pay pre agreed invoice to Aart de Groot for tree work, and ADT another £272.21 for fire alarm.

We have also been asked by the contract caretakers if we can agree two new small pedal bins and a new door handle. AGREED in full.

It was also agreed to look at the projects that have been spoken about in the last few meetings. These include benches, new floors, new internal doors at the Village Hall, Bunny entry gate sign and WI-FI for the Village Hall. There are other projects that will also be looked at that will need costing in full.

A reminder was made that any funds that are required needs to go through the council first.

9. Financial Regulations and standing orders

The council AGREED in full to accept the updated financial regulations. The clerk will print off and bring to the next meeting. The council decided that more consultation must be done and will meet to discuss this separately.

10. Village Hall

Rental charges-

It was discussed if any reductions are to be made for community groups the attendance must be available to all villagers. The rental will also be simplified so no different rates for small or large hall. One rate only.

Weekend hire for anyone £15 an hour, Commercial hire during the week up to 6pm £10. After 6pm £15. Resident hire during the week anytime £5 an hour Not for Profit organisation £5 an hour anytime. The new charges are to be applied from 01 April 2024.

The school also wanted to hire the hall again for STATs and an art fair. It was agreed to charge them £5 for each hour.

Caretaker contract-The PC agreed to continue with the hire of the current Admin and caretaker role as it continues to be delivered at a high standard with two people attending to the village hall. If there are any tasks involved the cost needs to be agreed by the council first.

Risk assessments- Need undertaking and Cllr Canon has offered to help the clerk complete.

11. Community

It was discussed that the council would like to have a policy to reward members of the community of Bunny. To discuss again at a later date.

12. Rushcliffe Planning Applications

8/20/01279 Change of operations from Johnsons Aggregates
OBJECT see earlier in the meeting. Comments to NCC

23/02098/Agric and 23/02353/Agric Fairham Brook Lane letter- unable to comment.

23/01509/FUL side extension 184 Loughborough Road – no comment

24/00122/TP 3 branches Coach house Loughborough Rd

13. Highways and Environment

Flooding and roads discussed earlier in the meeting.

14. Bunny Energy Group

The recent energy event in the church was well attended. A report will be delivered at the next meeting.

15. Items for next agenda

Village Hall sub committee
Projects.

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