

Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday November 24, 2014, at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7.00pm

Couns. David Martin (chairman)

Mark Bailey

Fiona Carruthers

Adrian Kerrison

Jonnie Richards

Mike Clark (A)

Gemma Louch (A)

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott, and five members of the public.

- 1] **Apologies for absence, with reasons to be approved by the council** Couns. Clark and Gemma Louch
- 2] **Declarations of Interest** There were none
- 3] **Minutes from previous meeting on October 13, 2014** were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] **Parishioners Reports** (the meeting being closed to allow this item to proceed)
Various items were raised including a need for a hedge alongside Main Road in the village and controlled by Sycamore Farm to be cut back and for the adjacent bank to be trimmed back to allow a widening of the footpath. It was reported the shelving in the telephone kiosk now used as a library was ready to be installed. A flooding problem on Mill Lane near the Test Track was to be reported to the Test Track operators. The chairman reported on a meeting he had attended at Keyworth when the Community Plan being produced there was presented to the parish council. No firm details as to actual sites for proposed housing development had been made clear. Concern was expressed as to the condition of the gas kiosk on Main Road and the clerk was asked to write to the owners to seek work being undertaken to smarten it up and to replace a fence at the front of the structure.
- 5] **Clerk's Report and update on previous meeting business**
The item regarding a defibrillator was a separate on the agenda.
The question of a resumption of a train service on the line between Edwalton and Melton that appeared in the press had been a mistake. The information used came from a file from 15 years ago.
Rushcliffe Borough Council have now introduced their new planning portal, after a few initial hiccups.
Poppy wreath: There was an account in the bills to pay and while the wreath was not ordered by the council the clerk said he had included it for payment. Last year the council received a bill from the church and paid it and then one from the Legion to the council which in the end was paid by himself.
The clerk said he attended the annual meeting of NALC and MP Ken Clarke was the speaker. He had spoken of the importance of seeking nominations for the 2015 elections to ensure proper representation. Mr Clarke is the new President of the Nottinghamshire branch of NALC.
The Griffin public house is still not operating on a regular basis. Notts County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council say there is nothing they can get involved with in regard to council tax and water charges. The damaged road name sign on Church Hill has not been repaired, but the clerk would try to progress it again.
Speeding traffic on Bradmore Lane. The car firm had been approached and say if they are given the car number, time and date they will be able to trace which member of staff was in the vehicle. All staff have been told that if using the lane when approaching the bridge from the direction of Bradmore they must tell the driver to travel at a reasonable speed. Notts County Council were approached but pointed out it was a public road and apart from any speeding problem which was a police matter it could be used by any driver.
- 6] **Correspondence**
Local Government Boundary Commission, electoral review of Nottinghamshire (letters circulated to members already) Plumtree is currently in the Ruddington division. No changes were to be sought.

Notts County Council Bradmore Lane proposed speed limit and gateway signs on Station Road and Main Street. The council welcomed the news that the speed limit on Bradmore Lane was to be extended to beyond the railway bridge and the clerk was to write to the County Council to support the plans. A letter was received from the Burnside Hall in which the council were told there were no plans in 2015 to increase the hire charge for the meetings of the council.

7] Highway matters

A hedge on Station Road was in need of being cut back and the chairman was to approach the owner. Parking on Church Hill continued at times to be a problem but the council said it would not support the provision of double yellow lines.

8] Planning Matters

Applications:

14/022148/ful. T Freestone, Hoe View, Main Road. Single storey rear extension. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions (if any)

14/01900/ful. T Grainger, single storey side extension, Laundry Cottage, Main Street. Grant.

9] Plumtree Cricket Club

The clerk said if an approach was made by the club to the council for financial support the matter would need to be placed on the agenda making that clear.

10] Provision of a defibrillator

The chairman said three quotations had been received and after discussion the council agreed to accept the figure of £1,392 from Zoll Ltd. The clerk was to write to the East Midlands Ambulance Service to advise them of the decision. The position of the defibrillator unit was discussed and it was felt the best position would be on the outer wall of the Griffin Inn, facing the car park.

The clerk was to progress the matter and make an order for the unit.

11] Finance

a) to authorise payment of accounts as per schedule were approved as per the circulated list.

12] Environmental matters Coun. Richards updated the council on plans for the refurbishment of the Pinfold. The council accepted a report from him indicating a figure of £1900 being required to meet the costs of the proposed work. Attention was needed to the entrance gate to the area concerned

13] Chairman's Matters to include items raised by members providing no decision is necessary: Coun. Mrs Carruthers had been unable to prepare figures of use for the website. The chairman reported on the Police Priority Setting meeting. The question of speeding traffic affected every village and not just Plumtree. He spoke about a move to introduce a new speedwatch project involving the general community.

14] Agenda Items for Next meeting on January 26, 2015

Nothing further was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm