

Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday October 13, 2014, at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7.00pm

Couns. David Martin (chairman)

Mark Bailey (A)

Fiona Carruthers

Adrian Kerrison

Jonnie Richards

Mike Clark

Gemma Louch (A)

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Mrs Fiona Mason (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and five members of the public.

- 1] **Apologies for absence**, Couns. Gemma Louch and Mark Bailey and the reasons approved.
- 2] **Declarations of Interest** There were none
- 3] **Minutes from previous meeting on July 28, 2014** were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman after it was pointed out the loose drain cover was on Main Road at the junction of Church Lane.
- 4] **Provision of a defibrillator**
 Members of the public took part in discussions with councillors on the question of a defibrillator for the village. It was suggested that the quotation received from Community Heart Beat was too high and the equipment proposed was more than required. The quotes received ranged from £2075 to £2225.
 The meeting was told by local resident Mandy Brailsford that she would provide the council with a quotation and that it would be a lower figure than the ones before the meeting.
 Members agreed that the project to provide a unit for the village should proceed and that it be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- 5] **Parishioners Reports** The clerk was asked to investigate a press report suggesting a passenger service might be reinstated on the rail line from Edwalton to Melton. The question of a litter problem on the Tollerton side of the village was raised. The chairman was to contact a local resident in regard to the need for a hedge obstructing the viewing of the 30mph sign on the Keyworth side of the village. An item would appear in the next newsletter appealing for residents to move their refuse bins once emptied by the Borough. A notice would also be displayed in the village.
 Coun. Mrs Mason reported Rushcliffe Borough Council were introducing a new planning portal on its website.
- 6] **Clerk's Report and update on previous meeting business**
 The clerk said he had attended the previous week -- as the only clerk invited -- a breakfast meeting of Rushcliffe Borough Council's new Streetwise organisation to learn about the service they are now offering and which includes a very wide range of tasks they can undertake on a commercial basis. The normal duties of the Borough Council will continue to be undertaken by the new Streetwise group and charged out to the Borough, while tasks not normally provided by the Borough could be undertaken by the new organisation and charged to the customer concerned.
 Neighbourhood watch: Paul Noone asked if the village wished to look at the possibility of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. No support was given to the idea.
 The clerk said he had received a Poppy Day wreath from the Keyworth RBL organiser but had returned it because he was aware a local resident had already received one on behalf of the council. There had been a mix up by the Legion last year which resulted in two wreaths being charged to the council.
- 7] **Correspondence**
 Notts County Council gave information on its new Supporting Local Communities Fund, replacing the Local Improvement Scheme. No scheme was put forward by the council for funding.
 Nottinghamshire NALC annual meeting Saturday November 15, Woodborough Village Hall 10-30, Kenneth Clarke guest speaker. No member volunteered to go.

Grant Thornton Accountants audit year ending March 31 2014. No comments raised other than showing the Rushcliffe Borough Council grant support cash in a different box in the annual report and not within the actual precept figure box. They had raised no queries on the actual accounts.

Greenwood Community Trust tree scheme offer. The council said it had no suitable land on which to plant trees. Notts County Council budget consultation scheme was reported and members were given the necessary consultation card if they wished to be involved. Notts County Council were again offering their free salt scheme to parish councils but it was decided none was required. The clerk said Coun. Bailey has volunteered to become the village snow warden.

Greene King, Griffin Inn: The clerk had obtained information from the Company which said they faced an annual bill for business rates and water rates of £28,000. They confirmed a new tenant had been installed after a short period of the premises being closed. The council discussed the need to continue to attempt to get permission from the Brewery for the proposed defibrillator to be sited on the outside wall of the premises. Coun. Kerrison would discuss the position with them and invite the area manager to a public meeting to be held in the public house when the future plans for the premises would be discussed. The clerk was asked to write to MP Kenneth Clarke with copies to Couns. Fiona Mason and Reg Adair to point out the concerns of the village in regard to the future trading of the public house and to ask if there were avenues available to help secure its future on a sound footing.

The chairman reported a letter via the website from Chilham parish council in respect of the council's emergency plan. Coun. Mrs Carruthers was to respond.

8] Highway matters

The clerk was asked to report a damaged road name sign on Church Hill near to the Church Lane junction.

There was a reported increase in the number of speeding vehicles on Bradmore Lane thought to be from a Nottingham car sales firm using the route for trial purposes. The clerk was to contact the firm in question.

The council confirmed it agreed to spending £30 if required on plants etc for each of the two existing floral displays in the village.

9] Planning Matters

Applications:

14/01900/ful. T Grainger, Laundry Cottage, Main Road. Single storey side extension, hard standing in front of property. Do not object

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There were none.

10] Plumtree Cricket Club

The clerk had been advised by the auditors that if at any time a grant was requested an actual item on the agenda must be included and accounts of the group making the request must be received. He would investigate if the council could make a donation without receiving a request.

Coun. Kerrison updated the meeting in respect of the development of the cricket ground and said the club were investigating grant opportunities. The clerk said a letter had been sent to the club congratulating them on finishing runners up in their league for the 2014 season.

11] Finance

a] to authorise payment of accounts as per schedule and accepted as the circulated list.

12] Environmental matters

Coun. Richards said plans were in hand to improve the condition of The Pinfold and the council agreed if necessary it would fund the provision of plants etc. It was agreed to place the matter on the agenda of the next meeting.

14] Chairman's matters

Coun. Martin said he would be attending the Police Prioritising meeting on October 15 at Gotham. No member was to attend the Rushcliffe Borough Council parish-town council seminar.

15] Agenda Items for Next meeting on November 24 , 2014.

Nothing further was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm