

Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday September 28, 2015, at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7.00pm

Couns. David Martin (chairman)

Adrian Kerrison

Jonnie Richards

Gemma Louch

Mike Bylina

Vonnie Daykin

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Debbie Mason Rushcliffe Borough Council and 23 members of the public.

1] APOLOGIES There were none

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Jonnie Richards and Adrian Kerrison on item 11 in respect of the Griffin Inn.

3] MINUTES OF MEETING ON JULY 20, 2015 were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman

4] CASUAL VACANCY

The council had received an expression of interest in joining the membership from Mr Dave Sumner, of Westfield Barn, Station Road, Plumtree NG12 5NA. The clerk said he could be co-opted in his absence. His letter had been circulated to members. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Sumner as a member of the council.

5] ROB STINTON and FRANCES CUNINGHAM, OF NETWORK RAIL attended to give a presentation on their proposals to extend the electrification of the rail line from Perkins restaurant for 0.8 mile through Plumtree in the direction of Edwalton on the Old Dalby Test Track. The application seeks permission for up to 18 passes on the line per hour from the current figure of 12.

The meeting was told the planning application which had been submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council but not yet been validated involves 23 new structures / stanchions and the alterations of two structures and the provision of overhead power lines.

Concerns were expressed on the effect the proposals could have on the village and a number of technical questions were raised which the visitors agreed to investigate and advise answers to the clerk.

6] PARISHIONERS REPORTS

Matters raised during the public session included the future of the Griffin Inn site and the Network Rail planning application. The meeting was told there had as yet been no planning application submitted by Greene King in respect of the public house site although they had confirmed they were intending to seek permission for two houses on part of the car park. The village group formed to consider seeking a Community Asset standing for the site was invited to submit a report to the parish council as to their intentions and suggestions, to include how and if they would ask for parish council involvement.

An application had been submitted by Network Rail in regard to the Test Track but it had not yet been validated.

7] CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

The police had said they would try to keep an eye on pavement parking but said it was not one of their priority items unless it was a serious obstruction matter.

8] CORRESPONDENCE

The Notts branch of the Association of Local Councils advised of their annual meeting on November 18 at Epperstone 7pm. Rushcliffe CVS advised of their annual meeting on Tuesday October 20, Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent, at 11.45am. The Keep Britain Tidy group gave details of a Clean for the Queen national tidy up scheme for March 4 – 6, 2016. The information on these events was to be circulated to members.

Tim Dring of Notts County Council updated the council on the optic broadband position for Plumtree, confirming that another cabinet had gone live enabling village residents to access the system.

Notts County Council advised of the closure of Bradmore Lane, Plumtree, 8-30am to 5-30pm on November 9 to allow safety examinations of the railway bridge.

9] HIGHWAY MATTERS

There was still a problem of rain water forming on the surface of the main road at the Tollerton end of the village. The clerk was asked to advise Notts County Council highways. The condition of footpaths alongside the village highways was still a concern because of overgrowth of grass and again the matter was to be reported to the County Council, as was the need to repair the footpath surface on Church Hill between the school and Bradleys Yard.

10] PLANNING MATTERS

APPLICATIONS There were none

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS There were none

11] THE GRIFFIN PUBLIC HOUSE

The question of a further village meeting to discuss the matter of the future of the Griffin was left on the table and the council agreed to wait to be approached by the village group as to their intentions as to involvement of the council and then discuss the matter at a council meeting.

12] COUNCIL WEBSITE,

Figures of use had been received from Fiona Caruthers showing in the period July 1 to September 27 there had been 563 users of the site for 785 sessions.

13] FINANCE

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS PER SCHEDULE were accepted as presented and approved.

The council asked the clerk to begin arrangements for the council to pay accounts by the BACS system.

14] ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The council gave approval for the chairman to spend £30 on purchase of more plants for use in the second planter in the village.

The chairman agreed to progress the matter of organisation of CPR training for the village and to approach Mandy Brailsford in respect of being responsible for the training. The matter would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

15] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Coun. Martin said he would not be able to attend the next Police Priority Setting meeting at Gotham on October 21 at 2pm and asked if any other member would be interested in attending.

16] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2015

Items would include CPR training and the Griffin Inn.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-10pm.