

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday January 22 2018,
at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7-30pm**

Couns. David Martin (chairman)
Adrian Kerrison (A) Jonnie Richards
Mike Bylina Vonnie Daykin
Dave Sumner

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott, and six members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 27, 2017 were accepted as presented and approved
- 4] PARISHIONERS REPORTS
The chairman said it was hoped the hedge alongside Main Road in the village opposite dwellings at the Tollerton end of the village would be cut back in the Spring.
Speeding traffic was still a problem.
There was no definite date for the re-opening of the village public house, but it was suggested it might be June or July.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
Burnside Hall have been told they do not need permission for their plans to install PVC windows in the rear of the hall.
Currently there are discussions ongoing with NALC and the Clerk's Society in regard to the need for the council to appoint a Data Protection Officer to meet the requirements of Law by May 25. There are differing views being expressed by various bodies, but it seems the Clerk cannot be appointed to the post and neither should a councillor. The suggested fee for someone to take on the work would be a minimum £150 but the figure could be as high as £250. The person would have to be 'qualified' but in what no one seems to know. The council now has to register with the Information Commissioners Office which if we do tonight is £35, if we wait until May it will be £55, with that figure then being the annual fee the council will have to face.
The mini buses from the school seem to have moved from Church Hill but members said they were still often there.
The daffodil bulbs were delivered to Sycamore Farm.
The new electoral list for Plumtrees has 207 residents, compared to 205 on the 2017 list.
- 6] REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
The chairman said Coun. John Cottee had reported to him that hopefully the siding work on the pathway reported previously and on Station Road was due to be carried out in the not too distant future.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE
A request from the parish church asked the council to advertise their Lenten Lunches starting on Saturday February 17 for four consecutive weeks, from 12 noon to 2 pm.
East Leake Parish Council wrote in respect of their Neighbourhood Plan dispute with Rushcliffe Borough Council and said their advice to anyone thinking of creating a plan should in fact not bother to do so because the Borough seemingly took no notice of it. The council expressed their sympathies with East Leake.
Burnside Memorial Hall charge increase for 2018 was announced, with the meeting charge going from £22 to £24.50
Keep Britain Tidy Group Litter Pick weekend March 2-4. The council agreed to hold a litter pick but to wait until the grass had been cut before organising this.

The meeting agreed to ask Coun. Cottee to look at a question raised by Burnside Hall asking if the kerb outside the hall on Church Hill could be extended around the corner onto Church Lane to protect the bank which is regularly driven over and now in a very poor state. The Hall committee said if the kerb was extended the hall Trustees would repair the bank and turf.

Notts County Council has reintroduced its Local Improvement Scheme funding scheme.

8] HIGHWAY MATTERS

The condition of Old Melton Road was a concern, with large pot holes evident in numerous places. Coun. Cottee was to be informed.

9] PLANNING MATTERS

APPLICATIONS:

17/02814/ful, Laundry Cottage, Main Street. Single storey side extension. No objection.

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

There were no decisions.

10] CPR TRAINING

It was agreed to hold a training session and the clerk was to check with the availability of the village hall. The suggested date was April 24.

11] FINANCE

a) Payment of accounts were accepted as the circulated list and agreed.

b) Budget and Precept 2018-1. The council discussed a budget report presented by the clerk and were advised of the need to appoint a Data Protection Officer. The estimated required budget was £5,200. It was agreed to remove £500 set aside for grants and to precept for a figure of £4,800 for the 2018-19 year, compared to the figure for the current year of £4,200.

c) To confirm appointment of Data Protection Officer. The meeting accepted the need to proceed with the appointment.

12] ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The chairman said he had discussed the matter of the WW1 event with the Normanton on the Wolds Chairman and plans were progressing for events in the two villages. An informal meeting was to be held with Lottie Timmans in regard to use of her land for the event and a suggestion was also made on the possibility of using the Cricket Club ground.

13] CASUAL VACANCY The chairman advised the meeting that a new resident in the village, Mr Andrew Burnett, has expressed an interest in being co-opted to fill the casual vacancy. Members unanimously agreed to the co-option and Mr Burnett would become a member at the next meeting.

14] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Coun. Daykin said the WI were holding an event on February 11 as the organisation celebrated its centenary. The chairman said the Emergency Plan needed to be looked at and said he would undertake this and advise members of any changes needed.

15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 26 2018

Nothing was put forward

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.