

Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday November 25, 2019, at
The Burnside Hall, Plumtree at 7-00pm

Couns. Mike Bylina (chairman)
Adrian Kerrison Jonnie Richards
Andrew Burnett (A) Penny Perkins

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. John Cottee, Coun. Debbie Mason and three members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, WITH REASONS TO BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] DEFIBRILLATOR AND CPR TRAINING
The chairman said he would organise a training event on the Spring.
- 5] PUBLIC FORUM – 10 MINUTES - No matters were raised.
- 6] CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
Rushcliffe Borough Council Local Plan Part two has now been adopted by the Borough. Nothing to directly affect Plumtree but Keyworth is involved.
The office has studied the new Code of Practice for parish councils in regard to accounts and is satisfied we meet all the necessary requirements.
- 7] REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS
Coun. Mason reported on flooding incidents in Tollerton and elsewhere after 24 hours of intensive rain. Her own home had all but been flooded. The garage had been to a depth of several inches.
Coun. Cottee repeated the flooding story as it had affected the whole county. A good number of homes in North of Nottinghamshire had had to be evacuated. He advised the meeting that the County had decided to reinstate the start date for the Local Improvement Scheme before the end of the year after it had been stated because of the General Election on December 12 the date was being delayed until January. Coun. Cottee said of the original £1million allocated for the scheme had not been fully allocated and it would mean that the next budget would begin with 1.3 million pounds available.
The question of provision of double yellow lines on Church Hill and at the junction adjacent to the Griffin public house and school was discussed in detail. Cllr Cottee said he needed to take the opinion of the meeting back to Notts County Council who would be responsible for the final decision. Members were shown a map of the exact proposals being put forward by the County.
The Parish Council support the proposed No Waiting Restrictions around the junction of Main Road/Station Road/Church Hill and Bradmore Lane. This is an extremely busy junction particularly at peak times when traffic uses Church Hill and Bradmore Lane as a 'cut thorough' between the A60 and A606. The principal problems arise from traffic travelling West along Church Hill and East along Bradmore Lane, where there are currently significant and dangerous conflicts with parked cars in connection with Plumtree School. It would be very beneficial if the no waiting restrictions were extended in these areas as illustrated by the red lines on the attached plan. These extensions would enable sufficient stacking distances at the junction and help to ameliorate the current safety concerns. We would be pleased if you could consider this minor amendment.
The Council are less convinced by the need for restrictions around the junction of Church Lane and Church Hill, where vehicles rarely park. As an alternative of a dropped kerb to facilitate safer pedestrian crossing between the Church and the Burnside Hall would significantly improve the situation.
The Chairman reported on a site meeting that had been held with Coun. Cottee and the village cricket club regarding an extended footpath on Bradmore Lane aimed at provisions for visitors to the school. A meeting was being held the following day with the school headmaster.

- 8] CORRESPONDENCE
RMS consultants wrote in respect of a community led parish plan but members felt it was not warranted for Plumtree.
RBC parish forum, discussion on the Incredible Edible Initiative in Todmorden had led to the suggestions by the Borough Council of the Rushcliffe Roots Fund. The meeting felt that the scheme was ideal for an urban area but not for a particularly rural area such as Plumtree.
- 9] HIGHWAY MATTERS
The meeting confirmed the suggested extension of the yellow lined scheme for Bradmore Lane and Church Hill. The Chairman raised the question of the existing varying speed limits of 30MPH and 40MPH on the main road through the village and asked Coun. Cottee to look at the possibility of an all through limit of 30MPH.
- 10] PLANNING MATTERS
APPLICATIONS:
RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION
19/01367/ful. Ms Christine H James, land south of The Small Barn, Station Road, Refuse.
The applicant has appealed the decision of the Borough. The council did not comment on the original application.
- 11] FINANCE
a) Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list
b) Budget and precept 2020-2021.
The clerk circulated figures proposed for members to consider. The report gave the estimated expenditure for 2020-21 as £4,942, a figure of £19 higher than the current precept for 2019-20 and which included £500 possible expenditure for VE75 day, indicating there was still a considerable savings on current costs. Members were to be circulated with a financial report and then comment to the clerk with their recommendation.
The Chairman raised the question of reintroduction of a village newsletter and the possibility of having a council item in the Church magazine. He will discuss the matter with church leaders. He also raised the suggestion of using the Church for alternative meetings for the council, a move aimed at strengthening the contact between the two groups.
- 12] ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS – VE75DAY. The clerk said that Normanton on the Wolds parish council wish to share, it was agreed a meeting be held by representatives of the two councils. An idea being put forward was for a village tea on Friday May 08, a public holiday. The clerk will arrange the meeting.
Work was still planned for refurbishment of the village telephone box.
- 13] CASUAL VACANCY The Chairman spoke of the need to attempt to recruit two more members to make up the numbers on the council to the required seven.
- 14] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS Nothing was raised as a council matter but the Chairman did speak of the planned village Christmas meal at the Griffin on December 17.
He reported on the presentation to the clerk of a certificate from Notts Association of Local Councils marking his meritorious service to the local communities over a period of forty years.
- 15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2020, The meeting agreed a planned date of January 27 would not be convenient and the clerk was asked to check if February 03 could be submitted.