

Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on
Monday November 23, 2020 by ZOOM at 6.45pm

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

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott, and Notts County Council member John Cottee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were none
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Richards in respect of the nursery school.
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 were accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman when appropriate.
4. CLERK'S REPORT
Notts County Council Better Broadband for Notts through the Gigabit Broadband. The council voiced support for the overall idea. Residents concerned might be able to apply for up to £3000 in vouchers to help meet the cost improvement of the service to their property. The clerk was to supply details of the area in the parish where there could be a need for Broadband improvement to Coun. Burnett.
Western Power local supplies responded to the council's request for information on recent drops and a loss in power outages in the parish. They said there was no connection to such problems to the housing developments in Keyworth but instead came about because of a single high voltage cable problem in Keyworth that they were hoping to rectify in early 2021.
Rural Community Action have acknowledged the council becoming members.
Coun. Richards was to contact DGM Music in respect of the £300 deposit paid to them for the cancelled music event in May.
5. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
Coun. Cottee said the County Council were continuing to progress where they could during the continuing coronavirus lockdown situation. He spoke of the upcoming housing development schemes in Keyworth and said his authority had produced a roads programme for contractors to adhere to whilst delivering goods to serve the individual projects.
He also commented on the question of traffic speed restrictions within and round the parish and said ongoing consultations were still taking place.
The question of the work planned for the Bradmore Lane footpath was raised, with Coun. Cottee saying the appropriate County Council officers had been having discussions about the testing of the samples from the ditch and what was needed to be done to move the project forward. Coun. Cottee said he had been informed they do not need to take any additional samples and the existing samples have now been allocated a waste classification, which should satisfy the disposal site operators. He had been informed the appropriate department were currently discussing with their waste carrier a programme to complete the works and awaiting confirmation from the new disposal site operator that they are able to accept the waste, saying officers were hopeful the works can be undertaken before Christmas 2020, subject to waste carriers availability and approval of the road closure required.
6. DEFIBRILLATOR
Discussion took place on the question of a defibrillator being provided at the local nursery school and a suggestion the council should make an annual grant of £150 towards its running costs. The unit would be fitted to an outside wall of the nursery so it would be available for 24-7 use by residents in the parish. It was understood parents of youngsters at the nursery are currently undertaking a fund raising campaign. The question as well of a one-off grant from the parish council was raised but no decision taken.
The question of the possibility of the parish council at Normanton on the Wolds also making a payment was raised.

7. FINANCE

A) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT were approved as circulated and passed for payment with the exception of an account to Evenbrite in the amount of £32.44 which the clerk was asked to investigate.

B) BUDGET 2021-22

Members discussed the budget report presented by the clerk in which he was suggesting the need for a precept of £5,105 for the next 12 month financial year, compared to the figure of £4,942 actually raised in the current period. The chairman said he could not see any major point to raise in respect of the figures presented and members agreed unanimously to accept the recommendation.

The question of the site controller of the council website was discussed. The clerk confirmed that he was aware Fiona Carruthers, who undertook the work, was no longer a resident in Plumtree but said this was not a problem. He said his office forwarded items by email, and these were then displayed on the site.

8. BRADMORE LANE FOOTPATH UPDATE

The matter had been dealt with by Coun. Cottee earlier in the meeting.

9. BURNSIDE HALL

Coun. Clark said the Hall trustees had appointed a resident from Wysall to act as treasurer. Bookings for use of the building had been affected by the virus restrictions but it had coped well. A grant of £10,000 towards its funds had been received through Rushcliffe Borough Council

10. ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

20/02639/LBC Mr Fielding, The Old Rectory, Church Hill. Erect single storey side extension with ancillary alterations including removal of window and replace with door for access from existing building. Similar application for full planning. Do not object.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

20/01881/FUL. Mr Mitchell, Ambleside, Church Hill. Raise ridge height, include three new roof dormers, first floor window to rear. Approve.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING JANUARY 25 2021 was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.