# Minutes of the Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday April 26, 2021, at 7.00pm, by the Zoom system.

Couns. Mike Bylina (chairman),

Adrian Kerrison (A), Jonnie Richards, Andrew Burnett,

Penny Perkins, Mike Clark, Richard Fielding

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Coun. Adrian Kerrison (meeting clash).

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on March 22, 2021

Accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman as appropriate.

1. Open Session for members of the public

There were no members of the public present.

1. Clerk’s Report and Correspondence

The clerk said there was still no firm news in regard to Zoom meetings. Currently the last time a Parish Council could hold one was May 6. The court case seeking an extension to either September or December has been held, the verdict had not yet been made known. Hundreds of councillors UK wide still seeking the extension, with many saying they will not attend face to face meeting in May. If the Zoom rule is not changed, a parish council cannot hold a meeting until near the end of May because the UK rule of not allowing more than six people in a room will obviously stop gatherings to include meetings as well as personal ones for residences.

The Plumtree email list now has 30 names on it. There are111 properties in the village.

It is Nottingham County Council and Nottinghamshire Police Commissioner election on Thursday May 6 with voting from 7am to 10-pm. There are three candidates for the Police position including the current post holder Paddy Tipping (Labour). Plumtree is in the Keyworth division for the County elections and there are four candidates for that seat, including again existing member John Cottee (Conservative) of Keyworth. The count for the County Council election will take place on Friday May 7.

1. Report from the Borough and County Councillors

Coun. Cottee said he had little he could report because of the purdah restrictions but would take any matter back to the County Council if they were raised.

1. Correspondence

Nottingham County Council Minerals Local Plan, Inspectors report and adoption statement were presented. Plumtree and its immediate area were not affected.

Midlands Rural Housing – Housing needs survey was being circulated to residents and a report would be expected to be prepared and made known in June.

Notts County Council Director of Public Heath John Gribbin gave thanks for the continuing efforts of residents to assist others during the Covid-19 situation.

Luke Hall M P and Minister of State for Regional Growth and Local Government, wrote in regard to Local Authority Meetings and said while parish councils did have a legal obligation to ensure members of the public can access most of its meetings, he was encouraging them to provide remote access to minimise the need for public to attend meetings physically until at least June 21, at which point it was anticipated all restrictions on indoor gatherings will have been lifted.

Royal British Legion Centenary May 2021 was mentioned. The chairman said the excellent work of the organisation needed to be recorded. He said there was a need for more lamp-post poppies to be on show in the village in November to mark Remembrance Day and he would check the stock currently held.

1. Finance

Accounts for Payment were approved as per the circulated list.

Coun. Clark raised the subject of the deposit paid by the council for the VE Day event that had been planned but which needed to be cancelled because of the Covid-19 situation. The meeting was told the band had agreed to hold over the £300 deposit for a period to cover a duplicate event if one was to be arranged.

1. Notts County Council/ Broadband service

Coun. Mike Clark gave an updated report on the situation and was continuing to carefully monitor the position. He said there was still a need for residents to return their pledges if they had not done so yet. The chairman gave a vote of thanks to Coun. Clark for his work in connection with the Broadband situation in the parish and commented also on the input made by Coun. Burnett

1. Environment -- Asset List

The chairman commented on the council’s Asset List and commented on the two planters that had now been added to the list. The estimated replacement value was to be entered as £250 each.

Coun. Penny Perkins volunteered to take on the responsibility of keeping the village notice board up to date with information and was thanked for her offer.

The chairman said he had given some attention to improving the actual notice board and it was agreed work he was arranging by a colleague to refurbish it at a price of £250 be proceeded with. He was also arranging for a new cork backing to be installed inside the board’s doors as the current one had hardened over the years, making it difficult to insert drawing pins.

The question of promised signs in respect of construction traffic for the Redrow housing development at Keyworth to direct them away from a direct route through Plumtree was to be looked at by Coun. Cottee.

1. Planning

There were no planning issues raised.

1. Special meeting Saturday May 1, 10.45am

The chairman reminded members of the meeting on May 1 when the appointment of chairman of the 2021/2022 year would be confirmed and the approval sought for the acceptance of the council accounts for 2020/2021.

Status and date of the next meeting will be decided when the future of meetings is agreed by the Government. Currently the next meeting is in July 26. But there was a suggestion it be changed to July 19 because of difficulties of some members in attending the original date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.57pm.