# Minutes of the Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday 19 July 2021, in the Burnside Memorial Hall, at 7.00pm.

Couns. Mike Bylina (chairman),

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

Penny Perkins, Mike Clark, Richard Fielding (A)

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member John Cottee, Rushcliffe Borough Council member Debbie Mason and eight residents.

1. Apologies for Absence

Couns. Fielding, Richards and Burnett.

1. Declarations of Interest

Coun. Adrian Kerrison on the item dealing with development proposed at Plumtree cricket club ground on Bradmore Lane.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 April and 1 May 2021

Accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

1. Open Session for members of the public

(limited to 15 minutes, during which no decisions can be taken)

Various subjects were raised by parishioners including plans by the cricket club to develop their ground, a blocked drain, through traffic in the village from Keyworth housing development, blocked traffic signs and a street light caused by overgrowth.

1. Clerk’s Report and Correspondence

NALC are continuing to press the government to change their stance on not allowing zoom meetings for parish councils, but they are for their own purposes such as planning inquiries.

Parish councils are being advised by NALC to continue to observe safety distances at all events they stage including meetings.

1. Report from the Borough and County Councillors (limited to 15 minutes)

Coun. Mason raised a number of subjects including traffic speeds, planning, and the development known as Overgrown Acres.

Coun. Cottee highlighted traffic arrangements for the Redrow housing development in Keyworth, and generally the amount of traffic travelling into Keyworth to three major housing developments currently in progress in the neighbouring parish, commenting that the fact did of course create its own individual increases in heavy goods traffic. The provision of traffic speed lights was discussed.

1. Correspondence

Openreach and Round-Cube advised that the go ahead had been confirmed for the demand lead FTTP ultrafast broadband scheme for Plumtree and the surrounding area and it was hoped this would happen later in the year. Coun. Clark was thanked for his work in bringing about the success that had been achieved in this project.

Mr Jim Hatchett, Area Rights of Way officer for Rushcliffe, had responded to a complaint submitted by Mr M Hickley who said he had experienced difficulty while using a public footpath in Plumtree because of blockages. Mr Hatchett had explained the highways legislation and also commented that action was taken at times by land owners that could cause a difficulty for hikers when they carried out steps aimed at preventing access by dogs in to their fields because of a continuing problem of attacks on their animals.

A new resident in the village, Mr Stewart Jackson, spoke of his concerns on speeding traffic and the numbers of vehicles that travel through the village. He highlighted his particular concerns over the junction of Church Hill, Main Road and Bradmore Lane and the difficulties and danger caused by large vehicles making use of the highway at the top of Church Hill and having to manoeuvre the narrow sharp bend, causing danger to any pedestrians.

Resident Mr Martin Hollingworth, a subscriber to the village email addresses service, wrote offering help to the council in respect of occasional jobs that he might be able to undertake.

Midlands Rural Housing, who had carried out a housing survey in the village, had produced the results. The clerk was asked to email this out to members. It would be shown on the website.

Rushcliffe Borough Council revealed their scheme to introduce its Proposed public spaces protection order 2021 control of dogs and this was supported. There were no calls by the council for a change in the current electoral warding for the village, with Plumtree being connected to Clipston, Normanton on the Wolds, and Tollerton. The council felt there was no area in the parish that could benefit from a funded scheme to provide cash for purchase of hedging to fill gaps of at least 10 metres in length in existing hedges

1. Finance

Accounts for Payment were approved as per the circulated list.

1. Environment

The chairman said work had started on the renovation of the village notice board and should be completed by the end of the week. Coun. Clark advised of the need to give attention to two ornamental lamps in the grounds of the churchyard which provided assistance to the many people who walk through there. Coun. Cottee said he would be happy to help towards the cost and the council itself would look to assist. Coun. Clark said he would obtain a quotation for the necessary work. The clerk was to check if the route was a right of way.

1. Plumtree cricket ground development

21/01862/FUL | Extension of cricket ground involving change of use from Agricultural to Class F2(c) Outdoor Sport | Plumtree Cricket Club Cricket Ground Bradmore Lane Plumtree. The council agreed the project was well worthwhile and should overall be supported but the lack of parking provision included in it meant the actual application should be opposed.

1. Highways

A proposal suggesting for installation of speed humps on the road through the village following a recent fatal accident was not discussed in detail, it being agreed the police report was still awaited. The Highways department at the County has looked at the situation in the village and were saying on the question of traffic calming they had to ensure expenditure was to an area where there was a recognised need for action. At Plumtree, with the exception of the recent tragedy, the Safer Highways Team had no concerns with the road safety record of the stretch of road in question. They will assess the cause of the collision once the police report had been received and assess if any features or measures are feasible or required.

An approach by the parents of the young man who died for a brass plaque to be put on the seat was to be investigated.

The chairman said an investigation had been made into the cost of a sign to record the speed of traffic into the village from the Keyworth end and this would be in the region of £10,000. Its siting would have to be agreed by the Highways department. If funding was not available from the County Council, they would accept locally raised monies to meet the cost.

The question of the routing of school buses for pupils attending South Wolds at Keyworth from the Ruddington area was raised.

1. HM The Queen – Platinum Jubilee June 2022

The Government and Buckingham Palace are advising of the event next year when HM the Queen will be celebrating 70 years as our Queen, making her the longest serving and oldest monarch in the world. It is expected that every parish in the land will be staging events and both the Government and Buckingham Palace are preparing, with the latter having taken a very unusual step in giving out a telephone number for the office staff at Buckingham Palace, will be dealing with the UK’s events. A four-day national holiday on June 2, 3, 4 and 5.had been declared. Coun. Clark said there had already been a suggestion of a street party on Church Lane. The council agreed an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

1. Planning

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

21/01945/ful. Mr Mrs Grundy, 2 Bradleys Yard. Works to loft including extension of dormer window to the front elevation and the addition of two rooflights in the rear elevation. No objection

21/01423/rem Mr Mrs S Brook, Orchard Barn, Bradmore Lane for matters reserved under application 20/02388/OUT for the approval of appearance, landscaping and scale of the proposed erection of a single storey dwelling with accommodation in the roof space and associated access, car port, log store and parking. Reserved matter being applied for seeking consent on appearance, landscape and scale. No objection.

1. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Monday 27 September 2021**.