# Minutes of the Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday March 22, 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 and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Debbie Mason.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held of January 25, 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 Government say currently that Zoom meetings come to an end on May 6 and as a result after that face to face meetings must be held again. There is a good deal of opposition to the stance taken by the Government and Hereford County Council have agreed to take court action against them to make them extend the time, probably to September. The clerk understood from the NALC chairman the Government were saying they will not attend court and it is therefore suggested the case could go through without opposition, meaning Zoom meetings can continue.

Like most councils, efforts are being made to get the statutory annual meeting of the parish council to be held in May before the Zoom system ends, and as a result our meeting will be held on Saturday May 1 at 10.45am, and will be limited to the three items that have to be taken, minutes of the previous meeting, appointment of chairman for the coming 12 months, and acceptance of the 2020/21 accounts which will have been audited by then. The zoom system will be booked for maximum of 25 minutes to assist the clerk who has six meetings that morning.

Keep Britain Tidy advised of their Great British Spring Clean campaign. Members agreed that they carried out a great deal of litter picking in the village throughout the year. It was not felt at this time an organised event was necessary.

The Plumtree emails addresses list: 29 people have applied for it out of the 111 houses in the village. It was agreed it should be used, amongst other things, for advertising meetings of the council.

Gary Crawford, Wilford Bowmen Archery Club wrote to advise their long-standing club were looking for a new home. Members were unable to put forward any firm proposal.

Rushcliffe Borough Council had advised that the application for the free 3kg bags of wildflower seeds have exceeded the supplies available. They are looking to finance provision of more seeds in the coming financial year

1. Report from the Borough and County Councillors

Coun. Mason updated the meeting on various aspects of activities from Rushcliffe, including the fact that Cotgrave Hub was the venue for a weekly virus test station. On the question of litter, she offered to help if there was an organised effort made. She said the Borough were to ban loud fireworks, pointing out the distress such can bring to people and animals.

Coun. Cottee reported on speed limit proposals. On the question of litter, he said he could provide the council with a few yellow, hi viz jackets. He would look at the question of transportation routes for students now expected to attend the Academy at Keyworth from Clifton and Ruddington.

1. Defibrillator

It was agreed there was no need for the item to remain on the agenda.

1. Finance

Accounts for Payment were approved as per the circulated list with the addition of a £300 payment to Wolds Day Nursery in respect of them housing the village defibrillator.

1. Notts County Council/ Broadband service

Coun. Clark updated the meeting on the situation in regard to the DCMS Gigabit Voucher Scheme and said currently 88 per cent of the people qualified to make a pledge in Plumtree, Normanton on the Wolds, Clipston on the Wolds and Tollerton, Plumtree Park, had done so, involving a total of £319,000 in pledges.

Coun. Clark said he was progressing the steps to attempt to get the pledges claim figure to 100 per cent and was in frequent contact with Openreach in order for him to kept up to date with the continuing situation. He was also in contact with Richard Whitby, chairman of Stanton on the Wolds, who had circulated a leaflet to the 51 houses that Openreach had put on the list for that parish.

The chairman gave a warm vote of thanks to Coun. Clark for the tremendous effort he was making to ensure the necessary amount of support for the scheme was secured.

1. Environment -- Notice board, Bradmore Lane footpath, Asset List

The chairman said the work was progressing on the Notts County Council scheme to provide the footpath and new drains at the side of Bradmore Lane and he hoped the work would be completed shortly. He pointed out the cricket club would in future be responsible for keeping clear the water course.

In respect of the village notice board the chairman said he had asked for a price for the necessary refurbishment work.

The question of replacing the existing board was also mentioned.

Discussion was held on the question of the council asset list, both on its contents and a need to update the current values of existing items on it. There was a need for the village planters to go on it. The clerk said the contents of the list were down to members advising the office as to whether each item listed was still in situ.

1. Planning

**Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications**

There were none.

**Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions**

20/02388/OUT. Mr R S Brook, Orchard Barn, Bradmore Lane. Erect single storey dwelling with accommodation roof space and associated access, car port/log store and parking arrangements (all matters reserved except for access and layout). Grant.

1. Date for Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting and parish meeting was confirmed as **Monday April 26, 2021** (by zoom) and status of future meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27pm.