# Minutes of the Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday 23 May 2022, in the Burnside Memorial Hall, at 7.00pm.

Couns. Mike Bylina (chairman),

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

Penny Perkins (A), Mike Clark, Richard Fielding

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott and Notts County Council member Coun. John Cottee and five members of the public.

1. Election of chairman and vice chairman

 Coun. Mike Bylina was re-elected for 2022/2023 saying he was happy to take on the position for one more year but would retire at the end of the term, by which time he would have completed five years. Coun. Jonnie Richards was re-elected vice chairman.

1. Apologies for Absence

 Couns. Penny Perkins, Andrew Burnett.

1. Declarations of Interest

Coun. Richard Fielding for a planning matter

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2022

 Accepted as presented, approved and signed by the chairman.

1. Open Session for members of the public (limited to 15 minutes, during which no decisions can be taken)

No matters were raised.

1. Clerk’s Report

 Rushcliffe is again to host the 2022 Tour of Britain cycle race, this time on September 8. When it came last in 2018 there were hundreds of people on the streets in the Borough to cheer the 120 cyclists from all over the world on their way.

 The annual Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village competition for 2022 has been cancelled due, say the organisers, to the pandemic situation.

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

 Coun. Cottee said Notts County Council had reverted to a Cabinet system of operation.

 He spoke of the forthcoming Tour of Britain race to be held involving parishes in Rushcliffe in September. He also said it seemed likely the route would again be included in the 2023 event. The county council member spoke of the work of Insp Rob Lawton, the new police officer in charge for the Rushcliffe area, and spoke of his enthusiasm and success in his work.

1. Correspondence

 David Dixon Accountants who look after the council accounts raised no monetary queries but asked for assurance that records were taken on a regular basis and stored in a secure place. He was assured they were.

 Mike Elliott’s, clerks’ resignation letter was discussed. The chairman said after 40 years’ work as a clerk in Nottinghamshire Mike was intending to retire at the end of August. He spoke of the efforts being made to appoint a replacement. The chairman pointed out the possible to[*sic*] increase funding for the position to bring it in line with today’s levels.

 Rushcliffe Borough Council gave a precept payment confirmation in the sum of £5365.

 Ruth Edwards MP Agent wrote re visiting a meeting. The council left the matter on the table for the time being but said it did not wish to enter into political matters.

 A letter from NALC advised that the Section 137 money for 2022/2023 was being increased to £8.82 per elector in the parish. The total could be used to cover expenditure not permitted under by other regulations.

1. HM The Queen – Platinum Jubilee June 2, 3, 4 and 5 2022

 The meeting was brought up to date with arrangements for the Queen’s Platinum celebrations. A beacon would be lit in the grounds of the parish church on the Thursday evening. The chairman said his firm was working to restore the actual beacon which was in a poor condition having been left in the open air for four years. The council were joining with neighbouring Normanton on the Wolds for a combined musical event in Burnside Hall on the Friday evening, June 3. On Sunday residents on Church Lane were holding a street party.

1. Finance

**Accounts for Payment** were approved as circulated.

The question of the council insurance policy was raised. Newcomer firm BHIB quoting £585 and Gallagher, the council’s usual firm, last year was £647 and for the new year will be £768. The matter of renewal, required in time for June 1, was left in the hands of the clerk and the chairman.

 Approval of annual governance statement was unanimously agreed.

 To authorise and approve accounts for 2021-22. After discussing the financial reports presented by the clerk Members agreed unanimously to accept the financial accounts for 2021-2022.

The council confirmed the appointment of David Dixon as Internal Auditor for 2022-2023.

1. Environment

The question of village vehicle parking was discussed at length, with continuing concerns expressed on lack of compliance by drivers along with many instances poor parking. Appeals to some of the parents of the village school pupils to park sensibly were ignored on a daily basis.

1. Insurance

 No further discussion.

1. Planning

 Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

 21/01787 R Fielding, The Old Rectory, Church Hill. Single story side extension. Grant.

 Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

 22/0572/FUL. Network Rail No. 20 Railway bridge, spanning Melton Road, Tollerton. Erect pedestrian access staircase to bridge including hard standing and fencing. No decision taken.

1. Date of Next Meeting

 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Monday 18 July 2022**

 There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.47pm.