# Minutes of the Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held on Thursday June 10, 2021, at Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree, at 7.00pm

Couns. Kay Cutts (chairman),

Aruna Day, Mike Westwood, Dawn Clements (A),

Jodi Gray, Vivienne Ives

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott and Notts County Council member Coun. Richard Butler.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

1. Casual Vacancy

An application for membership had been received from Mike Westwood for one of the two vacancies. He had not been able to attend during the pandemic and automatically lost his place after missing meetings for six months. Members were pleased to nominate the former member and he was unanimously co-opted as a member and after signing the necessary papers took part in the rest of the meeting.

1. Minutes from previous meeting May 4, 2021

Accepted as presented, approved and signed by the chairman.

1. Clerk’s Report

This was the first face to face meeting of the council since July last year. Everyone has worked hard to cope with the difficulties brought about by the Covid-19 situation and we are grateful to those who have always been on hand to give help where needed, both to and by residents and to the council.

Both Nottingham County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council have given an excellent service of help and advice throughout the lockdown period, and lots of people have good reason to be very thankful to them.

In respect of use of Burnside Hall this evening, they had Mr Mike Clark, a fellow parish councillor at Plumtree and an officer of the hall, to thank for his work and guidance in ensuring we are meeting the Government restrictions inside the building. We would not meet those restrictions in our usual meeting room here and so were tonight in the main hall.

The chairman asked for a note to be put in the minutes thanking the clerk for his additional work over the past 15 months during the pandemic situation

1. Report from the District and County Council Member

Cllr Debbie Mason was not able to attend as she was instead at a planning committee meeting at Rushcliffe.

Coun. Richard Butler presented a report on the new Notts County Council elected in May and said the Conservatives had a slightly increased majority. He said he was now chairman of Planning and Rights of Way at the county. The authority was continuing work ensuring they dealt with any necessary Covid-19 situations as well as their normal duties.

1. Environment

The chairman expressed concerns at the loss of some trees in the village, either by them being felled or seriously cut back. She asked members to maintain a watch throughout the parish and to report any continuing incident. It was agreed the matter of trees remain an agenda item. Coun. Gray reported she had been involved in some wildflower seed planting and was continuing to look for suitable areas for this work within the parish.

The clerk reported that the Government and Buckingham Palace were preparing to mark the 70th Anniversary in June next year of the Reign of HM the Queen making her the country’s longest serving monarch and the oldest serving monarch in the world. The country would mark the achievement of Her Majesty during a special four-day holiday from June 2 to 5 in 2022. The council unanimously agreed to be part of celebrations to mark the occasion and the clerk was to discuss with neighbouring Plumtree parish council possible joint events. The council had involved itself with the original planned events to mark VE Day in 2020 and had granted cash towards paying a band for a celebration dance that had to be called off because of the pandemic situation. It was hoped that could be revived with an event for the 70th anniversary.

The question of the council producing a celebratory drinking mug to present to each home in the parish was to be explored and the clerk was asked to bring forward possible designs. The item would continue on each agenda.

1. Correspondence

Rushcliffe Borough Council confirmed that it had agreed a formal decision for a Community Asset standing for the Plough Inn restaurant and pub the village.

The Information Commissioners Office had issued the annual Certificate marking the fact the council were approved as a public authority under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to the period April 2022.

Rushcliffe Borough Council proposed Public Space Protection Order to extend its control over dogs and their owners. The council agreed to give full support to the Borough’s action with the chairman saying there were continuing problem of dog fouling incidents in the parish.

Coun. Westwood raised the question of a need for signs to be erected in various parts of the village reminding dog owners of their responsibility regarding their animals causing a fouling problem.

Rushcliffe Borough Council were making an environment job opportunity available to further the council’s goal to be carbon neutral.

NALC advised of a Thank you Day on July 4 in connection with the activities of the many volunteers during the pandemic situation.

1. Planning Matters

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

20/02572/ful Mr I Rose, Willow Cottage, Back Lane. Construct two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension and alter rear patio. No objection

21/01610/ful Jill Rolt, The Chase, Cotgrave Road. Roof conversion to create additional bedroom. No objection.

The meeting was told that Rushcliffe Borough Council planning committee were discussing application 20/00810 from Michelle Woodward of Overgrown Acres. Cotgrave Road, Normanton on the Wolds at their meeting this evening.

Seasonal change of use, erection of 3 tipis each 10.3 diameter, to be used from May 1 to September 30 annually to allow for 28 events, part use of existing dwelling as bridal suite, limited to bridal use during the 28 event only.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

20/03042. Mr & Mrs Wright, 17 The Leys. Construct two storey front, side, and single storey rear extensions, two new chimneys. New Box dormer windows to front and rear including roof alterations. New external materials including rock panel cladding. Refuse

21/00021/CONARE Douglas Small, Back Lane. Fell birch (next to drive) and adjacent sycamore, fell tree adjacent to front corner of house Approve.

21/000210/CONARE. Land north of the Orchard. Fell tight group of multi-stemmed Ash Trees on land North of the Orchard.

1. Website

The clerk reported that he felt the present site operators continued to give a very service although the chairman felt the site needed some changes. It was agreed the council would work along with their counterparts at Plumtree who were continuing to use the same controller.

1. Finance

Payment of Accounts were approved as per the circulated list.

Coun. Westwood raised a question of the standard of work being carried out by the ground contractors, saying the ditch on Clipston Lane was not being attended to. The clerk would raise the matter with them.

1. Chairman’s Matters

The annual report of the chairman had been circulated. It was agreed at the suggestion of the chairman that an early item on each agenda of a council meeting should give the opportunity of the public to raise questions with the council members.

1. Date for Next Meeting was confirmed as September 21, 2021

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.