

Minutes of a Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree, on January 20 2015 at 6-30pm

Couns.	Gerald Fletcher	Mike A Westwood
	Mrs Fiona Mason	Dave Gray
	Mark Hughes (A)	Miles Shipline (A)
	Nigel Bardsley	

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and Coun. Reg Adair, Notts County Council.

- 1] **Apologies for absence:** Couns. Hughes and Shipline
- 2] **Declarations of interest** There were none
- 3] **Minutes from previous meeting November 18, 2014,** were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] **Defibrillator**
Members were sent the mail from Community Heartbeat Trust manager Martin Fagan which provided comments in regard to the costing of the unit. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Fagan and ask for an item by item break down of the costing of provision of a unit in order the council could give further consideration to purchasing a unit.
- 5] **Items from the Public, limited to 15 minutes:** Coun. Adair spoke to the meeting on a number of items and was thanked for the information he gave.

The meeting was told of the untidy mess contractors had left after carrying out work of installing underground pipes on the green area on Cotgrave Road near to Clipston Lane. The clerk was asked to attempt to find who had done the work and ask them to return to clean it up.

- 6] **Clerk's report**
Woodlands Trust -- what type of trees would we require, they ask. Coun. Westwood said he thought he could obtain trees from his Fishing club and was left to progress this.

Platt Lane culvert has been reported – members were not aware if the work had been carried out.

- 7] **Correspondence**
Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree cannot take a booking for 2016 until they know if the dance class would be repeating, as they meet every Sunday. The council felt the idea of a food fayre on a Sunday could not proceed.

Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree advised there would be no price increase in rents for the hall until the end of 2015.

The clerk outlined the new rules which allowed filming of parish council meetings and produced a policy report provided by NALC and which members accepted.

- 8] **Planning matters including Keyworth Neighbourhood Plan**
Rushcliffe Borough Council planning application
1402577/FUL Mr Hobson, Chirton Lodge, Old Melton Road. Erect fence at rear of property, 5ft high. Object.
14/02678/LBC Nigel Bardsley, Grange Cottage, Back Lane. Replacement of sixteen timber casement windows. No objection. (Coun. Bardsley declared a prejudicial interest in this application and took no part in any discussions)
14/02625 PAM C P Burt, Wolds Farm, Laming Gap Lane. Conversion of redundant agricultural building to flexible uses B1 and B8. No comment.

The clerk explained a new ruling introduced by the government which was designed to make it easier to bring redundant farm barns back into use as dwellings. Coun. Mrs Mason said the new ruling was still in its infancy.

9] **Finance**

- **cheques for payment** were accepted as presented and approved

- **Budget and precept for 2015-6:** The council considered a report prepared by the clerk in which estimated expenditure for the coming financial year was provided. After discussion it was agreed the council precept for a sum of £5,641 for the coming year.

Clerk's salary: The council agreed that the clerk's salary continue to be paid at Column Point 24 as drawn up by the new NALC and the SLCC figure, and that his hours be increased by 1 hour per week. A recommendation from NALC and SLCC in regard to a one off payment for 2014 when no increase had been given was also approved.

10] **Amenities including tree provision and footpaths**

Coun. Westwood offered to obtain up to six Horse Chestnut tree saplings from the Angling Club he was a member of and was thanked for his offer. The clerk would only proceed to seek to obtain a similar amount of trees from the Woodlands Trust if Coun. Westwood was unable to obtain his supply.

The chairman said he was arranging with the council contractor to cut back an overgrowth of a blackberry bush on Old Melton Road.

It was agreed to stage a Litter Pick on Sunday March 22, with a 10am start from outside the home of the chairman. A newsletter would be published to advertise that event and also the election for a new parish council on May 7. Deadline for information for the newsletter would be the end of February. The clerk was asked to obtain a price for the printing of the newsletter in colour.

11] **Social events – food fare:** Nothing further was raised.

12] **Method of notification of meetings etc**

The clerk reported that parish councils were now permitted to send agendas and minutes to members by email and it was agreed this be put into action.

13] **Government Transparency code:** Members had been presented with a report on the new Code which the clerk said would become mandatory in March. To meet one of the requirements the council would publish expenditure items of over £100 on the Rushcliffe Borough Council website.

14] **Chairman's Matters:** No matters were raised.

15] **Date for Next meeting – Tuesday March 17, 2015 and parish meeting.** The parish meeting would start at 6.30pm to be followed by the parish council meeting.

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