## Minutes of a Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held at the Burnside Hall, Plumtree, on Tuesday September 17, 2019, at 6.30pm

# Couns. Kay Cutts, Chairman Aruna Day (A), David Page, Mike Westwood, Jodi Gray

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Coun. Richard Butler and three members of the public

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Page on the item involving a grant for Plumtree Burnside Hall.
- 4] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING JULY 23 2019, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 5] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES Comments were made on an overgrown hedge which Coun. Gray offered to deal with by talking to the owner who she was friendly with.

# 6] CLERK'S REPORT

The auditors have signed off the 2018-19 council accounts without they said any need to raise any comment. A resident asked if they could put an article in the council newsletter outlining their thoughts on untidy spots in the village. The clerk said the council would be happy to consider suitable items for the newsletter. New advice has been received from the Information Commissioners Office in regard to how parish councils have to deal with the new Data Protection rules. The information only came two days before the meeting and currently the office is studying to see where and if the council are involved. The clerk will present a report in due course for members as he would on the 18 page document from the Local Government Association in regard to parish council finances and what is needed to ensure they are within the law. Nottingham County Council highways are looking into our complaint of the state of footpaths alongside the A606 road it was suggested some of the necessary work had been carried out.

### 7] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Butler spoke concerning the Borough and said it was hoped the inspection work on the Local Plan Part Two would soon be complete and would be presented to a special meeting of the Borough. He also spoke of the move by Rushcliffe to offer parishes a source of income from the Community Infrastructure Levy and the free trees scheme which was being repeated again this year and which had attracted requests for 2000 trees from residents throughout the Borough.

In respect of the County Council he said the new all powerful Dragon vehicle for dealing with pot holes was now operating. As a result of the input of an extra £20m into the roads programme there were numerous schemes of improvements being carried out and although some inconvenience was being caused the end result would see great improvements to the road surfaces.

# 8] CORRESPONDENCE

Fiona Carruthers, website statistics and quote for work to ensure our website meets the requirements of the Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) No 2 Accessibility Regulations 2018. It was agreed to leave the matter over for the time being.

James Lowe and Gordon Newlands were continuing their efforts to extend the speed limit on Cotgrave Road. Mark Hughes, licensee at The Plough, Normanton, responded to the parish letter on the Beer Festival they staged and the traffic congestion caused when it clashed with the annual charity event held by Mrs Clements. The beer festival date would be changed in the future. The clerk was to write to thank the Licensee for his action.

The full Best Kept Village judges comments for 2018 had now been received in full and would be used as guidance in the future if an entry was made into the annual competition.

Burnside Hall wrote asking for a grant towards their funds after their expenditure of £7,000 on improvements. The matter was dealt with later in the agenda.

### 9] ENVIRONMENT

Neighbourhood Watch scheme was commented on but no decision taken as to action. The council confirmed that its VE75 Day 2020 activities should be held jointly with Plumtree parish council. The need to instigate the Co-option of two new members was discussed and members were asked to approach anyone they felt might be interested in joining.

### 10] PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

19/01696/ful. Andrew Smith, Beech Close, Old Melton Road. Retention brick pillars and erection of gates. Concerns were expressed by Coun. Page on the loss of trees to allow the scheme to proceed and the clerk was asked to seek a comment on this from the Borough planners.

19/01828/ful./ Mr Walker, Hollybrook, Old Melton Road. Remove pitched roof and replace with flat roof, single storey side and rear extensions, new front porch/canopy, raised patio to rear and external alterations include cladding of dwelling. No objection.

### Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

19/00969/ful. Spindles, Clipston Lane, Construct detached double garage. Grant.

19/00115/CONARE Douglas Small, Wolds House, Back Lane, Fell Sycamore and Beech, pollard Maple and crown lift 3 ash trees. Permit,

19/00145/conare Steve Waring Willowbrook, Old Melton Road. Prune back overhang and reduce height of neighbour's silver birch trees. Grant

The clerk was asked to check with the Borough on the question of parish council comments on removal of trees.in Conservation areas.

### 11] FINANCE

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS were approved as per the circulated list Members discussed a request for Grant funding from Burnside Hall and it was unanimously agreed to make a £1,000 grant. Coun. Page as a member of the Management committee did not vote.

### 12] NEWSLETTER WEBSITE, FACEBOOK

The clerk produced a proof copy of the next newsletter and after discussion its contents were approved with an added item to highlight Remembrance Day on November 10. Coun. Page agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of the council.

### 13] AMENITIES

The question of village maps being available in the book library service operating in the former telephone kiosk was to be investigated. The chairman said she would ask at the County Council if copies of village maps could be made available.

### 14] SOCIAL EVENTS

The clerk produced the Memorial Book to be used by residents to pay tributes on the occasion of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It was agreed that a suitable way to get residents together to sign would be to hold a coffee morning when the book, being held currently by the chairman, would be made available.

#### 15] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS No matters were raised.

#### 16] DATE FOR NEXT MEETING, NOVEMBER 19, 2019 was confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:10pm.