

Minutes of a Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held on ZOOM,
on Tuesday September 15, 2020, at 6.30pm

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

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

The chairman commented on the fact the council were continuing to hold meetings on-line made necessary because of the current coronavirus pandemic situation.

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, Coun Mike Westwood, David Page
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING JULY 7, 2020 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] CLERK'S REPORT
NALC and the Society of Local Council Clerks were both strongly urging parish councils to continue to hold zoom meetings and with the position not getting any better over the coronavirus pandemic, the advice is even more important.
In giving apologies, Coun. Westwood had raised the question of overgrowth of weeds, bushes etc in the ditch opposite him on Clipston Lane, saying they are five feet tall. He has also mentioned the 30 mph sign on Clipston Lane had been knocked over. The chairman would look at the situation in regard to the overgrowth and the clerk and Coun. Butler the speed sign.
- 5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Butler gave a report on the problems being encountered by Notts County Council because of the coronavirus pandemic. It was having a great effect on the county finances, with much additional expenditure being experienced alongside a loss of income in the areas where takings were involved. He said all departments were affected but every effort was being made to ensure services continued as near normal as possible.
- 6] ENVIRONMENT
The chairman said she had received a complaint from householders in the village that a stile on her land was broken and that a ditch board at another stile required repair. In both instances she had paid for her contractor to rectify the situation.
The chairman has also received from the same household, a complaint that the footpaths were badly waymarked and she had therefore taken steps to purchase signs setting out exactly where the public rights of way in question were. Coun. Cutts pointed out the path's route at the point in question was, in fact, in a straight line and therefore it was [not] difficult. She said she was somewhat at a loss to fully understand the reason behind the comments received.
- 7] CASUAL VACANCIES
The council currently has a vacancy and was asked to publicise the fact on the notice boards and the web site. The clerk was to approach former clerk Mrs Vivienne Ives to see if she might be interested.

8] CORRESPONDENCE

Visitor analysis report Web Site to August 2020. In August, always a slow month because of holidays, 97 visitors. The highest number of visitors in one month was 186 in May and 180 in July.

Midlands Rural Housing are seeking to make a housing survey in the parish, to form a cluster programme with Plumtree. The purpose of the survey is to specifically establish the housing needs of local people who have a strong connection to the parish through birth, residence or work. The meeting felt with the large number of new houses being built on Platt Lane in nearby Keyworth there was not a need in Normanton and therefore did not support a survey.

Notts County Council appointment of a snow warden for 2020-2021. The chairman agreed to take on the position.

Nat West bank had advised of a reduction in the interest rate for the account held with them by the council, it being reduced from 0.20 to 0.01 per cent.

Rushcliffe Borough Council were again offering two free trees to all residents. The clerk was asked to publicize the fact. The chairman said she was not aware of any public land the parish could use to plant any of the ten trees that could be made available to them by the Borough.

9] PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

20/01322/ful. Stephen Waring, Willowbrook, Old Melton Road. Demolish shed and log storage rack. Erect timber outbuilding with cladding and white render. Grant

20/00095/CONAREA. Mr W Perkins, Lynbrooke, Old Melton Road. Reduce silver birch to previous pruning points. Fell Alder growing towards the property. Grant.

20/00126/ful. Michael Spencer, Little Lawn, Old Melton Road. Demolish garage and construct single storey side extension to create new garage, north and south side facing gables additions, south side facing rooflights, north side facing dormer alteration, entrance porch to front. Grant

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

20/01897/ful. Mr and Mrs R Stewart, Wynstay House, Old Melton Road. Demolish conservatory and erect single storey side/rear extension. No objection

10] WEBSITE

There was nothing further to report on the site itself. The clerk said he understood that the site controller, Fiona Carruthers, was leaving the district. The meeting felt as Plumtree would also be affected by this the clerk should work with them in regard to the matter of a successor being appointed.

11] FINANCE

Payment of accounts were approved as per the circulated list

12] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

No Matters were raised

13] DATE FOR NEXT MEETING November 17

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm