# Minutes of the Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held on Tuesday 16 November 2021, at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree, at 7.00pm

Couns. Kay Cutts (chairman),

Aruna Day, Mike Westwood, Dawn Clements,

Jodi Gray, Vivienne Ives

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Coun. Richard Butler and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Debbie Mason, and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

1. Declarations of Interest

Coun. Clements on planning application 21/02655/VAR.

1. Casual Vacancy

There was no report.

1. Minutes from previous meeting 21 September 2021

Accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

1. Open session for members of the public

No matters were raised.

1. Clerk’s Report

The clerk reminded members the annual meeting of NALC was taking place the following day on Zoom. The Government were still refusing zoom meetings for councils but make use of the system for their own Planning Directorate who hold planning enquiries by the system.

Standing Orders were accepted as circulated with changes proposed by the chairman, that meetings start at 7pm and that the 2 hour restriction on the length of a meeting could be extended by 15 minutes if the business to be discussed could be concluded.

The Newsletter had been published and printed and distributed. The chairman gave thanks to the clerk for his input to it.

1. Report from the District and County Council Member

Coun. Debbie Anderson [Mason] (Rushcliffe Borough Council) said there was little to report. She advised the meeting of the Christmas Lights switch on at West Bridgford on November 27.

Coun. Richard Butler (Notts County Council) said the Local Improvement Scheme fund operated by the authority was now named the Local Community Fund and could offer help on revenue funding as well as capital funding but had to be match funded by the applicants. He raised the question of the funding applied for by the council for two new planters and of the resurfacing work on Cotgrave Lane and the situation over the HS2 scheme on which he expected an announcement shortly.

1. Environment

There had been a litter pick and Coun. Ives said there had been five bags of rubbish collected.

The question of provision of a defibrillator was highlighted. The position of one was suggested either at the Plough public house or in the former telephone kiosk. The clerk was to check on the situation of a power supply to the kiosk and the matter would be raised as an agenda item for the next meeting.

The chairman asked that Peter James contact her on the question of the condition of trees in the village.

1. Correspondence

Notts County Council highways officer, Jim Freeman, had responded to the parish criticism of the untidy state of sections of the village due to damage by contractors’ vehicles. He said developers were expected to ‘make good’ on finishing work once their operation was concluded. Emily Dodd of the Rushcliffe Borough Council planning department said she had taken a look through the planning history for sites in the village over the past three years and could not identify any site where they had required a construction management plan or similar that would have given them any control over the matter of finishing work. The clerk was to write to her to say there had been major works permitted in the three-year period that had caused serious problems in the village.

Tony Darby, Churchwarden of Plumtree St Mary’s Church wrote asking for consideration of funding towards new lighting to be provided on the footpath through the church grounds. The clerk reported that NALC says such action was not permitted and that the National body had taken the position that legal principle stated specific legislation to override general legislation and there was specific legislation from 1894 when parish councils were formed preventing them from giving to churches. There was, it is understood, a case pending shortly when the court would be asked to adjudicate. Until then NALC advise against making a payment.

1. Planning Matters

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

21/00973/ful. Michael Spencer, Normanton Beck ,Back Lane. Construct double garage extension. Grant.

21/00805/VAR. Mrs Loraine Clements, Avenue Farm. Vary condition three of permission to amend the lighting scheme requirements for the menage.

1. Website

The site was being kept up to date by the office as required

1. Platinum Anniversary of HM The Queen June 2022.

Members discussed proposal for activities to celebrate next June, the 70th anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, with plans for such as a Sunday Lunch event on the final of the four days public holiday -- June 2, 3, 4 and 5 -- Coun. Day highlighted the work of the special committee involving the council and Plumtree. A dance was planned at Burnside Hall with proceeds going to the Royal British Legion. The number of tickets to be sold would be limited to 100. It was suggested a programme of events be produced for the whole village to be aware of the events being arranged

1. Finance

Payment of Accounts were approved as per the circulated list.

1. Chairman’s Matters

A problem over the amount of leaves covering footpaths and roads in the village was raised and the clerk was asked to write to Rushcliffe Borough Council to ask for work to be undertaken to clear them.

A vote of thanks was given to Coun. Gray for her work in erecting lamp post poppies for Remembrance Day and to Coun. Day for her work on the committee making arrangements for next June. Coun. Clements said she would be happy to help where necessary.

1. Date for Next Meeting was confirmed as 18 January 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.