

**Minutes of a Meeting of Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council held at the Burnside Hall, Plumtree, on
Tuesday March 19, 2019, at 6.30pm**

Couns., Fiona Mason, Chairman
Aruna Day John Brook
David Page Mike Westwood

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and Couns. Debbie Mason (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and Richard Butler. (Notts County Council) and two residents.

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING JANUARY 22, 2019, FOR ACCEPTANCE were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES
Various matters were raised including how the council dealt with planning, comments on the accounts and footpaths and pavements.
There was discussion on the condition of the footpath between The Leys and the Brook and Coun. Richard Butler said he hoped the Highways department would be looking at this item.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT including Parish Elections
The parish elections are on Thursday May 2, with nominations having to be handed in to the Borough Council at the Arena at West Bridgford by 4pm on April 3. The clerk has the necessary nomination packs for anyone wishing to stand for the election for 2019-22. This meeting will be the final one for the current council, the four-year term of office coming to an end on May 6. New members come into office on May 7. Matthew Powell approached the council in June last year but was then not on the electoral list. He is now. The chairman said after 13 years as a member of the council she had decided to stand down and would not [be] seeking re-election in May.
The latest issue of the council newsletter came out as planned and was well received.
- 6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Debbie Mason reported on the recent Borough Council [sic] and said the turn out of councillors and clerks had been excellent. The scheme to donate trees by the Borough to parishes had been very successful and would be repeated again next year. Coun. Page said the trees ordered for Normanton had not yet arrived. Coun. Butler said the County had been busily engaged on its budgets for 2019-20. He said an increase had been necessary because of cuts by the government in grants to all Local Authorities and a big increase in the number of young children currently being included in the Child Care Programme, the figure being increased by several hundred in the last few years. He was hopeful the question of provision of a footpath between Melton Road and Cotgrave Road would be dealt with at some time in the future.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE
Vivienne Ives has thanked the council for publicity in the newsletter for her entry into this year's London Marathon, for the British Heart Foundation.
A letter from Mr Steve Waring re street lighting in the village was received. It was pointed out at the meeting previously the village had rejected a suggestion street lights should be provided. The question of a new survey being taken was raised but no decision reached.
Notts CPRE, Best Kept Village competition 2019. It was decided to make no entry this year.
PK Littlejohn auditors were organising a webinar on accounts for clerks and the clerk said he would participate.
Rushcliffe Borough Council announced a tree warden scheme The clerk was to give publicity to it in the hope someone could be appointed.

Police Inspector Craig Berry advised they were intent on improving public contact.

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of changes in the way they seek comment from parish councils on plans for their own area. Paper plans would no longer be sent out, details would be available at all times on the Borough planning website.

8] PLANNING MATTERS

There were no applications or decisions.

The chairman raised the question of work that was being carried out on the Listed property Normanton House. She had been in touch with several officers at Rushcliffe to discuss the work that was being undertaken and was aware their Enforcement Office was involved. No planning application had yet been received by the parish council.

9] FINANCE

– PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS were approved as per the circulated list

10] NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

The chairman said the intended newsletter for February had been distributed.

There were [no] problems with the website and the clerk said the notices for the election for parish and borough councillors had been sent to the controller.

11] AMENITIES & ENVIRONMENT

The chairman said the litter pick had taken place the previous Sunday. It was reported a boiler unit had been dumped in a ditch along with a box that appeared to have been sent to the owner for the supply of a new one. It was hoped that the Borough council could trace the offender through details on the box.

The matter of speeding traffic on Cotgrave Road was raised in a letter from Mr Gordon Newlands and the members agreed there was a problem. The resident said a number of residents had become very concerned by the speed of traffic on the road between the traffic lights on Melton Road and up to the top of the hill at Hoe Hill House and Hoe Hill Farm, the limit there being 60mph. The limit reduces to 40mph past the farm. Mr Newlands said 50 per cent [of] the 42 residents he had written to had responded saying they wished to have a speed limit imposed. Via East Midlands, a joint venture with Notts County Council, had looked at the accident record and said they did not intend to impose a restriction but would consider having the word 'slow' painted on the highway. The parish council would support provision of a 50mph limit on the road.

The question of elderly or infirm residents having a difficulty in climbing stiles on public footpaths in the parish was raised but it was felt there was little that could be done in the way of replacing them.

Concerns were expressed over the need to ensure that when planning applications for extension to properties in the village were being carried out efficient steps were taken to make developers avoid damage to roadside verges and not to create traffic hazards by irresponsible parking.

Coun. Westwood reported a tree had fallen across the Polsar Brook on Cotgrave Road and could cause a dam to be built upon the water course. Coun. Mrs Debbie Mason would report the matter to the land owner.

12] SOCIAL EVENTS The question would be dealt with after the new council had been elected.

13] DATE FOR NEXT MEETING, MAY 21 2019 which would include the annual meeting of the council; and the parish meeting.

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