

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

Couns. Kay Cutts, Chairman
Aruna Day, David Page, Mike Westwood
Jodi Gray, Dawn Clements, Rachael Hughes

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

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. There were none
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING SEPTEMBER 17 2019, FOR ACCEPTANCE were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

The meeting agreed that item 15 to be brought forward in the agenda to deal with Casual Vacancies. Two nominations had been received for the vacancies, one from Rachael Hughes of The Plough and one from Dawn Clements, of Old Melton Road. Both the nominations were proposed and unanimously agreed by the council. The chairman welcomed the new members and thanked them for putting their names forward. The new members signed the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms and took part in the remainder of the meeting.

4] ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC, LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

The question of numerous flooding incidents in the village in recent days was discussed at length, with particular criticisms being made against Severn Trent Water who it was suggested had not done enough to tackle problems at their water pumping station in the parish. The question of who had the responsibility of issuing flood notices was raised.

There had been a number of incidents where raw sewage had been seen in gardens and on other land and these incidents had caused strong concern.

The meeting was told that both Rushcliffe Borough Council and Notts County Council had worked long hours to help deal with the problems over the recent weekend and large number of sandbags had been issued to those in need.

New residential development that the Borough Council had approved on Platt Lane at Keyworth was a possible cause of some of the flooding.

A resident raised the question of the way the parish council deal with planning applications. The chairman pointed out that individual members of the council were able to make their own comments if the time to do so was too restrictive for the council itself. Coun. Mrs Cutts said that the council meet every eight weeks and often this did not allow sufficient time for a full council to meet and make a decision because of the time restriction imposed by the Borough. It was pointed out the parish council were only consultees on planning matters and did not of course take the actual decision issued by Rushcliffe.

5] CLERK'S REPORT

The report from the Information Commissioners Office in regard to revised Data Protection regulations for local councils has been studied and as a smaller council we are meeting all the requirements.

Rushcliffe Borough Council have said their Local Plan Part Two had now been approved and is in place. There is no direct mention to Normanton on the Wolds Parish Council.

David Page laid the Remembrance Wreath on behalf of the Council at Plumtree Church on November 10.

6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Mason reported on floods in the area and spoke of the suggestions that the Platt Lane housing development could be at least partly responsible for the problems. She also spoke of the very successful free trees scheme being operated by the Borough Council.

Coun. Butler also reported on the flooding situation, pointing out they were countrywide following an enormous amount of rainfall in a short period of time. He said the County Council had been working closely with the Environment Agency during the problem period.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Rushcliffe Borough Council had announced the establishment of its Root Fund 2019 following the recent Parish Forum when Mary Clear from the incredible edible Todmorden initiative had presented a report on behalf of her area in which she had explained many initiatives that had been introduced to create self supporting groups to provide food growing projects available to all their local residents.

Rushcliffe Borough Council were progressing with its consolidated parking regulations scheme, affecting West Bridgford and the larger villages including Keyworth.

RMS Consultants wrote in regard to a parish plan. Members felt it would not be of help to them.

8] ENVIRONMENT

VE75day. It was agreed that the council support the suggested move of organising commemorative events with nearby Plumtree parish council in May next year. The clerk was to write to the neighbouring council to offer their help including looking at assisting with funding of events held. A flyer would be produced to advise the residents of plans being made.

Water Management – Flooding. The clerk was asked to write to Seven Trent Water to ask for its response to claims the local pumping station was unable to meet the demands on it and that it was no longer fit for purpose because of the large amount of housing development that was being currently progressed.

9] PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

19/02195/ful. Mr Sinder Singh, land south east of The White House, Old Melton Road, construct two detached dwellings with associated access and parking arrangements. Refuse permission.

10] FINANCE

- Payment of accounts were approved as per the circulated list

- Budget / precept 2020-2021. It was agreed that the matter be dealt with at a meeting in January.

11] NEWSLETTER WEBSITE

It was agreed the council produce a paper for displaying on the website giving advice to residents on actions possible to combat flooding problems, including advising of the emergency numbers available to residents. Information would be shown on the VE75Day commemorations for May 8, 9 and 10 next year and it was agreed that an initiative be undertaken to advise all residents of the existence of the website.

12] AMENITIES

The continuing use of the former telephone kiosk as a book exchange service was discussed. The possibility of a defibrillator being provided for the village was to be explored. Coun. Hughes said the British Heart Foundation were offering units at a specially reduced price. She also said that it would be possible for a unit to be sited on the exterior wall at the Plough public house in the village. The matter would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

13] SOCIAL EVENTS

The meeting was told of a coffee morning being staged at Clements farm on December 8.

15] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

No matters were raised.

16] DATE FOR NEXT MEETING, JANUARY 21, 2019

Items to be raised would include the possibility of a defibrillator being provided and the plans for the VE75Day events with Plumtree.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7-50pm.