

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday March 23, 2015, at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7.25pm**

Couns. David Martin (chairman)	
Mark Bailey	Fiona Carruthers
Adrian Kerrison	Jonnie Richards
Mike Clark	Gemma Louch

**Also present:** The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Fiona Mason and eight members of the public.

- 1] **Apologies for absence** There were none
- 2] **Declarations of Interest** Coun. Kerrison in respect of the item concerning Plumtree Cricket Club.
- 3] **Minutes from previous meeting on January 26, 2015** were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] **Parishioners Reports**  
Nothing was raised.
- 5] **Clerk's Report and update on previous meeting business**  
Plumtree WI: Coun. Clark reported the branch were giving consideration to providing a notice board outside Burnside Hall to mark the centenary of their national organisation. He said he had spoken to Mr Ken Bloor in regard to refreshing the telephone box. Transco Gas had been out to the site but nothing had been stated in regard to improvements needed to the station. There had been no progress in firm action from the Griffin Inn in respect of it being a site for a possible defibrillator.  
Church Hill road sign is now on order by Rushcliffe Borough Council with their contractors. New 30mph signs on Bradmore Lane have been erected.  
Website -- the chairman reported on a meeting of councillors held to discuss the council website now that Coun. Carruthers was not standing for re-election. He said she had offered to continue to look after the website. The clerk said he would be happy to provide the information needed for the site which would need to be under the control of the council. It was confirmed there would be two village websites, one controlled by the council and one independently.
- 6] **Correspondence**  
CPRE Nottinghamshire – Best Kept village competition. It was decided not to enter for 2015. Rushcliffe Barn Owl wrote seeking a donation to their funds. They said they had 4 nesting boxes in the village and in total had fledged 24 chicks from them. It was agreed a £100 donation be made to their funds.  
Wallis Grounds Maintenance of Keyworth wrote to advise of the service they give.
- 7] **Highway matters**  
The continuing problem of pot holes on Church Lane was discussed, with a suggestion that the work that had been carried out had been inefficient. The speed reaction sign on Station Road from the Keyworth direction was still not working correctly and the clerk was asked to report it again. The need for work to be carried out to reduce the overgrowth on the roadside pavements through the village was reported.  
All day parking on Old Melton Road was still occurring but as it was not illegal there was little that could be done. The council were aware there was a general problem, of parking in most villages with motorists taking space there to avoid having to park in Nottingham.
- 8] **Planning Matters**  
Applications: There were none  
Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions there were none  
  
Coun. Kerrison presented a report on the ongoing development at Edwalton and the effect it would have on traffic conditions for Plumtree. He was critical of the actual housing plans and it was agreed his report be presented on behalf of the parish council to Rushcliffe Borough Council. Coun. Kerrison was thanked for his report which members felt was excellent.

- 9] **Plumtree Cricket Club**  
Members discussed giving a grant to the club and were conscious of the service it is giving to many young and disabled players. The council agreed to make a grant of £500 for the 2015 season, to help meet the cost of cricket balls for all home games. During the coming season the council were told of several special events being organised by the club to mark its 200<sup>th</sup> season.
- 10] **Provision of a defibrillator**  
The chairman reported on the continuing discussions on provision of a unit for the village. The siting of a unit had still not been finalised, with a suggestion it could perhaps be fitted on an outside wall at the school. There had been no further response from Greene King as to use of an outside wall at The Griffin. The chairman would make contact with the School to discuss the matter again. The clerk was to contact the Heart Beat Trust to seek a firm price for provision of a unit to include its ongoing maintenance.
- 11] **Finance**  
a) to authorise payment of accounts as per schedule were approved as per the circulated list.
- 12] **Environmental matters**  
The Litter pick held on Saturday had been supported by 30 people and the council were grateful for this. The provision of bacon butties to them before the litter pick actually began had been popular.
- 13] **Parish elections May 7 2015**  
The clerk updated members on the May 7 election. Nominations had to be submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council by April 9.
- 14] **Chairman's Matters to include items raised by members providing no decision is necessary**  
The chairman said he had attended the recent Rushcliffe Borough Council Parish Town Forum and the police event at Keyworth which had unveiled new attempts to encourage drivers to keep to speed limits. The council were to seek use of the new portable flashing speed signs that were becoming available.  
A warm vote of thanks was given by the chairman to Coun. Fiona Mason, the Rushcliffe Borough Council representative who was not standing for re-election and to parish councillor Fiona Carruthers who was also not seeking re-election. Both the councillors had given excellent service to the village, the latter particularly in regard to the website.
- 15] **Agenda Items for Next meeting on Thursday May 21, 2015 (annual meeting of the council) 6.30pm.** Nothing was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.