

Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Thursday May 21, 2015, at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 6-30pm

Couns. David Martin (chairman)

Adrian Kerrison

Jonnie Richards

Gemma Louch

Mike Bylina

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott, and nine members of the public.

1] **Election of chairman and vice chairman** Coun. Martin was elected chairman and Coun. Kerrison vice chairman.

2] **Apologies for absence,** There were none

3] **Declarations of Interest** There were none

4] **Minutes from previous meeting on March 23, 2015** were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman

5] **Parishioners Reports** (the meeting being closed to allow this item to proceed)

The chairman said he had removed a number of advertising signs that had appeared in the village to advertise property valuation deals. Parking problems on Church Lane were discussed, caused by inconsiderate parking and overhanging bushes. Comment was also made on an overgrown hedge on Main Road at 2 New Row. It was creating a problem for motorists being able to see on-coming traffic at the junction with Church Lane. The chairman was to investigate the position.

The parking of a scrap iron vehicle on Old Melton Road had been drawn to the attention of the police, but the vehicle in question was correctly insured and licensed and was not breaking any laws.

Also an issue was raised about a possibly non taxed/insured vehicle parked on Church Lane.

A call was made for Notts County Council to be informed of a problem of flooding at the Tollerton end of the village road after a rainfall. An overgrown hedge at the side of the Main Road opposite the property Marlow House was again raised as was the continuing untidy condition of the gas sub station in the same area of the village.

6] **Correspondence**

Notts County Council advised of its annual civic service June 28 at Southwell Minster.

Notts County Council wrote in respect of suggested changes to speed controls on the A606 Melton Road between Tollerton and Stanton. The council felt it would wish to see the 30 mph section extended to the traffic lights and along Old Melton Road past the Nursery. Concerns were expressed about the speed of vehicles in the Pinfold Lane and Old Melton Road area and into the bend by the church.

7] **Planning Matters**

Applications: There are none

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council had advised that they are no longer to send out lists of planning applications to parish councils and that they would be required to check on them via the Borough council web site. The clerk was requested to contact the Borough to let them know that the parish council wished to be advised when planning applications were made in their area.

8] **Provision of a defibrillator**

A lengthy report was received from Community Heartbeat Trust. They said there were two options available, for the parish council to own the equipment or for them to take on a Managed service by CHT, with them owning and insuring the equipment and with the parish donating funds to the charity. Their recommendation was for the View defibrillator to be the one chosen as it was the best one designed for community use and which met the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) guidelines.

The chairman said he was not totally sure the council had all the necessary information in regard to the future costing for a unit and it was agreed he approach local resident Mandy Brailsford for further comment from her.

9] Finance

a] payment of accounts were approved as per the circulated list.

b] Bank signatories: It was agreed by the council that they approve a change in that only one member need sign a cheque in future, this now being allowed following a change in the law approved by the Government.

c] The council received a copy annual accounts report from the clerk. They had been approved by the Internal Auditor, Keyworth accountant Mr David Dixon, without any adverse comment and would later be sent to Grant Thornton, the external auditors. The council accepted the report and accounts as presented.

10] Environmental matters

The council approved payment of a move to replenish the planters. A sum of £30 per planter was approved.

11] Chairman's Matters to include items raised by members providing no decision is necessary. No matters requiring action were reported.

12] Agenda Items for Next meeting on Thursday July 20 2015

The clerk reported that the council were currently two members short following under subscribing of members in the elections on May 7. The vacancies had been advertised. If the vacancies were not filled with 35 days of May 11 the formal system for the vacancies would apply and the necessary notices would be erected. The matter would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.