

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday September 5, 2016,
at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7.30pm**

Couns. David Martin (chairman)
Adrian Kerrison Jonnie Richards
Mike Bylina Vonnie Daykin
Dave Sumner (A)

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and 11 members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Dave Sumner
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Adrian Kerrison re planning application 16/02001/ful
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING ON JULY 25, 2016 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] PARISHIONERS REPORTS
The question of possible road dangers being caused by the presence of peacocks in the village was discussed and the chairman said he would again talk to the owner of the birds which are frequently seen in the village.
The clerk was asked to contact Notts County Council to outline a need for work to reduce the overgrowth of grass, nettles and weeds on the footpath leading from the village to Tollerton. It was also to be pointed out to them that the Plumtree village sign along the same road was partially obscured because of the overgrowth of a tree.
The planning application for two dwellings to be built on the car park of the Griffin Inn was discussed in detail. Concerns were expressed on parking problems that may occur during the construction period. The applicant told the meeting he hoped the public house would be taken over by a brewery but if not he may look to converting it into a house and then look to having another property on what is currently earmarked as the car park for the pub.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS
The accounts of the council are with Grant Thornton the audit commission accountants. Not heard to the contrary so understand all is well with them.
Notts County Council have the requested repair needed to the roadside sign on A606 in hand. The refurbishment work at the entrance to Burnside Hall was carried out over the last couple of weeks and the results can be seen for themselves. The work was not quite complete, with a proposed wall near the entrance yet to be built.
The chairman said he would contact the owners of the hedge opposite the Old Melton Road junction in regard to having it cut back.
- 6] CORRESPONDENCE
Notts branch of the Association of Local Councils gave notice of its annual meeting on November 16, at Epperstone Village Hall, 7:30pm. All councils were asked to be represented.
Notts Police, Outreach and Experian advised they are organising a showcase event 'Tackling Fraud in Nottinghamshire' aimed at older people to raise awareness and how to spot potential fraudulent activity. It is being held at the Council House in Nottingham on Tuesday September 27 from 9:30am. The organisers had asked for parish councils to make details of the event known to their parishioners.
- 7] HIGHWAY MATTERS
The clerk was asked to investigate the matter of the council undertaking some of its own grass cutting work after comment was made that currently much of the work is not getting done.

8] PLANNING MATTERS
APPLICATIONS

For the following item Coun. Kerrison declared a pecuniary interest and left the council table and took no part in the discussion.

16/02001/ful. Adrian Kerrison, Griffin Inn, Main Road. Erect two detached houses.

Members discussed the application and on a 3-1 vote agreed they had no objection to it. The council would ask for normal arrangements for times of work permitted on the site and that contractors' vehicles all be parked within the site and not on the village roads.

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

There were no decisions.

9] COUNCIL WEBSITE

A number of changes were made to the site during July and August including on the local Crime Page. Members were asked to check on their biographical details on the website in case they were in need of updating.

In July there were 315 users of the site and in August 186, traditionally lower because of the holiday period. It was felt overall use of the site was good.

10] FINANCE

a] PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS were approved as per the circulated list.

11] ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Coun. Daykin said she had submitted to the County highways department a list of pot holes in various parts of the village but after an inspection of them they had said they did not reach the level that warranted action by them, pointing out the difficult financial situation the County were currently in.

The council agreed to the purchase of signs saying 'Please clear up after your dogs' for erection on the entrances to the footpath starting from opposite the parish church.

12] CASUAL VACANCY.

The clerk reminded members that currently the council had a vacancy for one more member and can co-opt if members wish.

13] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

The chairman raised the question of possible provision of 20mph signs in the vicinity of the private village school. The meeting was told that Notts County Council were providing them outside state schools but not currently outside private schools.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2016.

Nothing was put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.03pm.