

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday January 23, 2017,  
at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7.30pm**

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

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Reg Adair (Notts County Council) and 2 residents

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Mike Bylina
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING ON NOVEMBER 28 2016 were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 4] PARISHIONERS REPORTS  
Coun. Adair informed members of the changes to the County Council wards which would mean if he was elected in May he would no longer represent Plumtree.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS  
Trent Barton, responding to concerns from the village, advised that bus diversions that are likely to be more than one day are immediately put on their Facebook and Twitter accounts. If they are aware the diversions are likely to be protracted they will post notices at bus stops but very often the highway authorities are not themselves aware of how long an emergency situation is likely to last. The company have tightened up on picking/dropping passengers at other than named stops but admit some drivers will do it to be helpful, although they had been told they shouldn't. In regard to timekeeping, drivers obviously do their best on this but traffic conditions in Nottingham are often so severe there is absolutely nothing they can do. If delays get very serious they do keep 2 drivers and 2 buses on call to supplement the service where possible.  
  
Notts County Council and grass cutting. They do not allow a parish council to take on work in a parish on a piecemeal basis. It has to be the total scope of the work in that particular parish which currently falls on the County Council. If they agree to give the power to the parish, the County pay 2p per square metre. They are not sure if the lengthman scheme (which it is called) is to continue. They have said they will look again at the pavement width on the road through the village but it is likely, even if it is agreed work is required, it would not be done until the new financial year. Legally a footpath has to be 1.2 metres wide. Coun. Adair would look at the matter and the council agreed to keep a close watch on the position.
- 6] CORRESPONDENCE  
Keep Britain Tidy Group, March 3-5 Make Britain tidy campaign. The council agreed to stage a Litter Pick day on Saturday March 4, with a 10am start at the Burnside Hall and a return there at 11am for coffee and biscuits. The village email system would be used and notices would be put up on the boards.  
  
A letter from the Burnside Memorial Hall said the 2017 charges for the council meetings would remain the same as the previous year.
- 7] HIGHWAY MATTERS  
No matters were raised.
- 8] PLANNING MATTERS  
APPLICATIONS  
There are none

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS

16/02744/FUL Jonathan Perkins, The Carriage Hall, Perkins Bar Bistro, Station Road. Erect new staff and storage area and new screen to terrace area. Permit.

16/02504/FUL. Mr and Mrs G J Fryer, White Cottage, Main Road. Two storey side extension. Permit.

16/02265/FUL Jonathan Perkins, The Carriage Hall, Perkins Bar Bistro, Station Road. Change of use to allow siting 3 Shepherd's Huts for overnight accommodation. Permit.

16/02001/FUL. Adrian Kerrison, Griffin Inn, Main Road. Erect 2 detached houses. Permit.

Coun. Kerrison said it was hoped the two property development on part of the car park at The Griffin would be making progress shortly and that they would be completed by October. There would be need for possible changes in regard to car parking provision as building work progressed. He understood there had been a slight delay in regard to refurbishment plans for the public house.

9] COUNCIL WEBSITE

The chairman said the report from the website hosts showed continuing good use of the site.

10] FINANCE

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

b] BUDGET FOR 2017-8

The council considered a budget report prepared by the clerk in which he had outlined the suggested income and expenditure likely for the coming 2017-8 year. After consideration of the figures presented the council agreed to seek a precept of £4,200 for the coming year, the same as in the current year.

The council agreed to bring the salary arrangements for the clerk into line with national recommendations, which would result in an increase of £233 for the year.

11] ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Further discussion took place on the condition of Footways in the parish, with particular concerns being expressed in relation to the path on Church Hill from the church down to the school. The surface was very poor in parts. The clerk would point this out to the County.

Contact was again to be made with Rushcliffe Borough Council in regard to out of date signs affixed to the exterior of the school.

Coun. Richards reported the gate to the Pinfold area was now working as it should and currently no action was required in regard to it.

12] CASUAL VACANCY. Currently the council had a vacancy for one more member and can co-opt if members wish. A new notice advising of this had been put on show in the village notice board.

13] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS:

The chairman reported the scheme by Mr Andrew Berresford for wildflowers had not been successful but another planting was planned this year.

Pot holes were still felt to be a problem on Main Road and Station Road. Consideration of entry into the Best Kept Village competition was to be left until 2018.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY MARCH 27, 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-15pm