

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday March 26, 2018,
at the Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree at 7-30pm**

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

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. John Cottee (Notts County Council) and six members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Vonnie Daykin
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING ON JANUARY 22, 2018 were accepted as presented and approved.

4] PARISHIONERS REPORTS

A resident from Bradley's Yard advised the meeting of safety issues arising from parking on Church Hill, for both road users and pedestrians. The resident said that headmaster and staff of Plumtree school parked their cars and two school mini buses on Church Hill, usually between the hours of 8am and 5pm, causing poor visibility for road users and a lack of parking for parents when dropping their children off at school. The parking on one side of the road means that Church Hill is effectively reduced to one lane, making it especially difficult for residents who need to either exit or enter their premises. The resident suggested a possible agreement between the School and Plumtree Cricket Club for use of their ground for parking and said she had been told by the school headmaster that would be a too expensive exercise to be viable for them. Coun. Kerrison said he was not aware finance had been discussed when the two parties had discussed the matter.

Coun. Cottee agreed to investigate the situation and to hold a site meeting with a County officer during an early morning school day. The resident would approach the school PTA for comments on the current situation.

Comments were made on the continuing need for work to be undertaken on cutting back overgrowth on pathways.

The condition of highways in the parish was raised, with concerns expressed over the number of pot holes which motorists had to contend with. Coun. Cottee informed the meeting that the Highways department of Notts County Council had attended to 20,000 pot holes in two months, compared with 7,000 in the same period last year.

Concerns were expressed about the parking habits of contractors attending at the Griffins Head [sic] public house and adjacent housing development.

5] CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS

Litter pick, the council said it would hold a litter pick on a later date than the March 3 national event. Coun. Martin said he had been picking up litter earlier in the day.

The council confirmed the appointment Adrian Fretwell of A2 Squared to set up the individual emails for each councillor – e.g. Bill Smith @ plumtree parish email - at a charge of £5 per year per address. The same firm were willing to take on the Data Protection Officer (DPO) post for the council, at a charge of £150 a year and this was agreed.

A council agreed on a Retention Policy for all papers and emails of two years. The clerk would read through anything older than the retention time and decide if it can be shredded or if kept, establish an on-line file to record what is being kept over the time and why. The meeting also agreed to the purchase of a lockable two drawer filing cabinet for council papers.

The clerk said the work required for the council to meet the new Data Protection law could not be undertaken within the normal hours he was paid and the council agreed he should present an account when the necessary work had been carried out.

- 6] REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Cottee said he had been a member of Notts County Council for 17 years and the current one was the first time he had voted for an increase in the council tax figure. He said the council had allocated £20m for the work of pot holes repairs in the next four years.
Coun. Cottee said a village tour meeting was being arranged for himself and a highways officer and the parish chairman.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE
Notts CPRE, Best Kept Village competition 2018. First round judging June 5 to 26. The council agreed it could not enter for the 2018 competition.
The clerk reported on the need to update the Asset Register. It was agreed to delete the word 'new' in the description for the village notice board and to add the half-share the council had in the beacon held jointly with Normanton on the Wolds parish council.
Website usage January 140 users and 815 page views February 128 users and 468 page views.
- 8] HIGHWAY MATTERS
No new comments were put forward.
- 9] PLANNING MATTERS
APPLICATIONS:
1800460/HYBRID Aldi Stores, land scout[south] of Landmere Lane, Edwalton. Full planning permission for the erection of an Aldi food store and outline planning permission for a Care Home. No objection.
18/00042/ful. Shell UK Ltd, Lane End Garage, 95 Melton Road, Tollerton. Demolish existing premises and construct new. No objection.
- RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS
There were none
A suggestion had been put forward for a phone mast at the church to improve mobile telephone connection and the council agreed it would support such an idea if the church progressed with the move.
- 10] CPR TRAINING
Burnside Hall not available on our suggested dates in April. Agreed to progress the idea later in the year.
- 11] FINANCE
a) Payment of accounts were approved as circulated and signed by the chairman
b) Appointment of David Dixon as Internal Auditor was confirmed
c) To confirm the appointment of Data Protection Officer as being A2 Squared at a payment of £150 per annum.
- 12] ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS including WW1 event November 11 2018
Normanton on the Wolds PC did not require the joint-owned Beacon they share with Plumtree for the event on November 11 they are staging. The meeting agreed that it would support the lighting of the Beacon in the grounds of Burnside Hall at 7pm as requested nationally and for a reception to be held in the hall. The church bells would be rung at 7.05pm. The council agreed to the purchase of large Royal British Legion red poppies for displaying on lamp-posts etc in the village. The clerk was asked to determine the number needed. They cost £3 each.
- 13] CASUAL VACANCY No comments were made.
- 14] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS No report was made.
- 15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON MAY 21 2018 (Annual meeting of the council and Parish Meeting)
The WW1 event would be an item.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-08pm.