

Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on Monday January 28, 2019, at the Burnside Memorial Hall,  
Plumtree at 7-15pm

Couns. Mike Bylina (chairman)  
Adrian Kerrison (A)                      Jonnie Richards  
David Martin                                Dave Sumner (A)  
Andrew Burnett                             Glenn Whitley

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott, RBC member Debbie Mason, Notts County Council member John Cottee and two members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, Cllrs Dave Sumner, Adrian Kerrison.
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING on November 26, 2018 were accepted as presented and approved. The chairman brought forward item 12] on the agenda to deal with the CASUAL VACANCY and the council unanimously approved the co-option of Mr Glenn Whitley, Meadow Croft, Station Road to membership of the council. Coun. Whitley signed the necessary paper and took part in the meeting.
- 4] PARISHIONERS REPORTS  
No items were raised
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON PREVIOUS MEETING BUSINESS  
Tour of Britain sign for erection on the Burnside Memorial outer wall. Exact size of the sign will be 750 mm wide and 1500mm high. The council wished to have an image of the sign.  
The clerk said a report has come the way of the council which had apparently been on the stocks since the 1960s and which has now been made known to local authorities. It discusses the responsibility of councils to be involved in the instance of the death of an important State person, in this case Her Majesty the Queen. Following the official announcement of her passing, there will be ten days of state mourning between the day of the death and the funeral in Westminster Abbey. All councils are being asked to prepare themselves and be mindful that any meeting organised during the State Mourning would need to be cancelled. Flags should be flown at half-mast throughout the ten day of mourning except for Day 2, when the new King will be Proclaimed and when they should be flown at full mast and then the next day returned to half-mast. All flags to be returned to normal by 9am the day after the funeral.  
Parish councils are asked to compose suitable words for displaying on their website and this should be prepared before-hand.  
It is suggested the home page of the website should have a picture of the Queen with a black border around it. If pictures of The Queen are displayed in any council used buildings (like village halls) they should have black ribbon placed diagonally across one corner. Such photographs should be removed to another suitable site after one month and then be replaced by a picture of the King.  
The council should organise a loose leaved Remembrance Book and as well as placing this in a suitable place such as a parish church it should be taken by the council to any local schools or care homes. Once the exercise ends the book needs to be sent to the County Archives officer and Buckingham Palace advised of that action.  
The council should consider an area in which to lay flowers, taking into account the current trend to carry out such an action when any notable death or tragic accident occurs. All flowers should be removed on the morning after the State Funeral. The parish council may wish to purchase flowers.  
Parish churches supported by local councils will be encouraged to hold a special service on the eve of the funeral day and local councils are advised to contact their local churches to begin arrangements in advance. The day of the funeral will be a public holiday unless it falls on a Saturday.

- 6] REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
Coun. Mason reported on various topics including recently issued national figures which suggest Rushcliffe is best placed nationally for provision of doctors.  
Coun. Cottee reported on the recent Highways England exhibition showing details of work planned for the Edwalton and Nottingham Knight traffic islands and also on the fact Notts County Council were hoping to go ahead with the scheme for provision of a footpath from the village to the cricket ground which could cost up to £100,000. He also spoke of the problem of parking outside the village school and on Church Hill.  
A question was raised as to the number of pupils at the school and this was in line with any regulation that might exist. The question of the poor parking outside the school by parents taking children to the school was discussed at length, with incidents of parking that frequently broke road safety rules. The meeting was told by Coun. Cottee the question of double yellow lines was not one that could be supported.  
The clerk was asked to write to Insp Craig Berry to seek police assistance in ensuring the drivers concerned did not continually break the rules and create dangers as they do presently. It was suggested contact be made with the parish church – as owners of the school – to point out the dangers caused by the irresponsible parking near the school.  
The chairman moved a vote of thanks to Coun. Cottee for his ongoing efforts on behalf of the village.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE  
Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of planning consultation changes including the cessation of sending out paper copies of applications.  
VIA – Notts County Council advised of temporary road closure during most of the month of March in Plumtree and Keyworth to allow for road works. The clerk was asked to contact Trent Barton in regard to how the works will affect their bus service through the village.  
Historic England wrote in respect of the village war memorial. The clerk said the website mentioned by the national body was not accessible, but he would continue to deal with the matter.  
Prof James Lowe wrote in respect of a need for a footpath on Cotgrave Road. The chairman said it had been ascertained the houses on Cotgrave Road were not in Plumtree, but Tollerton and the letter writer had been informed of this.
- 8] HIGHWAY MATTERS  
A further effort was to be made to get Streetwise to agree to the re-siting of a litter bin on Main Road near Chestnut Farm. The need for the road sign on Old Melton Road to be either repaired or replaced.
- 9] PLANNING MATTERS  
There were no applications or decisions to report.
- 10] FINANCE  
a) accounts to pay were accepted as presented and approved  
b) Budget and Precept 2019/2020. The council discussed a report presented by the clerk and after consideration of it agreed to seek a precept of £4,923 00p for the financial year 2019-2020. The council noted there was no provision for capital items in the budget
- 11] ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS INCLUDING TRAFFIC/PARKING CHURCH HILL  
It was suggested that the council consider lottery funding for purchase of three ornamental village name signs and the clerk was asked to look into what might be available. It was agreed to also make an approach to the Duchy to find if they would also give support.
- 13] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS No matters were raised.
- 14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 25, 2019 Nothing was put forward

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.11pm.