

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council held on
Monday July 27, 2020 by ZOOM at 6.45pm**

Couns: Mike Bylina (chairman)
Adrian Kerrison (A) Jonnie Richards
Andrew Burnett, Penny Perkins, Mike Clark

Also present Clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. John Cottee, Coun. Debbie Mason

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Kerrison.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD OF JUNE 16, 2020 for approval which have been updated to include comments Coun. Clark was to make before the time ran out on the ZOOM programme and he was cut off. The minutes were approved and would be signed by the chairman at an appropriate time.
4. CLERK'S REPORT – VERBAL UPDATE
The clerk said NALC and the Clerk's Society were still saying the council should not yet hold face-to-face meetings. The Government have extended the time when ZOOM meetings can be held to the end of next May, having originally said they could only be held to October 1.
The council agreed to a request from Midlands Rural Housing to organise a Housing Needs survey for the parish in a joint scheme with Normanton on the Wolds. The questionnaires would be delivered to every home in the parish. It is planned the survey be sent out during the autumn or early 2021. The meeting agreed to support such a survey being taken.
NatWest Bank have advised the interest rate on our deposit accounts has gone down from 0.2 per cent to 0.01 per cent.
5. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
Coun. Cottee reported Notts County Council had so far spent £50m on its Covid-19 expenditure. The Government had given £30m and may be giving a little more.
He spoke on the problem of speeding traffic in Plumtree. The last time a police speed check had been taken was in May 2019 and as a result they were working on the basis of obtaining recorded speeds of 35mph before taking action. On the day of the previous check the average speed for traffic travelling on the north on the main road through the village was 33.9 and south was 35.5.
The clerk was asked to put in writing to Coun. Cottee, a request for a 30mph speed limit for the whole length of the road from Plumtree to Keyworth.
Coun. Cottee said if trees and other overgrowth covered road signs the responsibility for removing the obstruction was the owner of the growth. The chairman said the hedge at the village school still covered the Low Bridge sign.
Coun. Mason raised several Borough items including a decision by the National Health Service to make their own provision for a rehabilitation building alongside the new one for Armed services at Stanford on Soar. She also advised the meeting that she had left the Borough Council Cabinet after serving on it for 18 years.
6. FINANCE
Accounts for Payment were accepted as the circulated list
7. BRADMORE LANE FOOTPATH UPDATE
Coun. Cottee said the plans for the footpath towards the Cricket ground were still in hand for completion. The dyke at the side of the road would be cleaned out by the County Council but it would then become the responsibility in future of the cricket club.

In regard to the works on Bradmore Lane he said they are currently working with Via to look into a programme of works, they have provided a cost, however. He said they are ensuring that any potential works programmes match up and we are not creating any duplication of works in the area as they want to ensure they are being as efficient as possible.

He said he was still currently liaising with local residents and landowners to ensure everyone is getting the current guidance and advice in regard to any responsibilities they may have in managing the drainage ditches. The issue is still being looked into and is moving forward. Coun. Cottee said when he had any further updates to pass on, he will do so as soon as possible.

8. BURNSIDE HALL

Coun. Clark reported the Hall was to reopen after the coronavirus pandemic on July 29 but they did not anticipate bookings from organisations until September. He said Fiona and Les Carruthers had resigned from the Trustees of the hall and this meant there was a vacancy for both secretary and treasurer.

He reported the Hall had been in receipt of a £10,000 grant from Rushcliffe Borough Council of part of their pandemic payouts.

9. ENVIRONMENT

No matters were raised.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION – September 28, 2020 at a start time to be decided. The meeting would be held under ZOOM contact. The chairman said he would welcome a return to face-to-face meetings for the council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm.