

**Minutes of a Meeting of Plumtree Parish Council
held on Monday September 28, 2020 by ZOOM at 6.45pm**

Couns. Mike Bylina (chairman) (A)
Adrian Kerrison (A) Jonnie Richards (in the chair)
Andrew Burnett, Penny Perkins, Mike Clark

Also present: Clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Debbie Mason

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Bylina, Coun. Kerrison
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD OF JULY 27, 2020 were accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman when appropriate.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported that the Website, while perfectly usable, does not meet all the requirements of accessibility as defined under the international WCAG 2.1 AA accessibility standard. Common problems include websites that are not easy to use on a mobile or cannot be navigated using a keyboard, inaccessible PDF forms that cannot be read out on screen readers, and poor colour contrast that makes text difficult to read - especially for visually impaired people.

The council could be breaking the law if the public sector website or mobile app does not meet accessibility requirements. The clerk said the office recommend that our website provider Fiona Carruthers bring the site into correctness and this was agreed. The question of control of the website would be looked at during a future meeting.

Notts County Council have been told they are not fully compliant with the new regulations.

The office recommended that the council become members of Rural Community Action and pay the annual £94 sub, and this was agreed.

The clerk was asked to forward progress in support of the What3words app.

Rushcliffe Borough Council community tree scheme. The parish council were being offered ten free trees and residents two. The council said it did not have a suitable site for planting any additional trees.

Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan papers had been circulated -and Ruddington parish council had written to point out the possible effect it could have on them and Plumtree. The clerk was asked to circulate the papers that had been made available and to look to commenting at the second opportunity later in the year.

Rebuilding Communities was a NALC initiative which in a letter chairman Mike Bylina said the council ought to subscribe to at least one of the zoom meetings their parent body were organizing between October 26 and 30. The clerk was to circulate the meeting details for the council to choose the most apt subject and would then be asked to attend that session.

Speed limit between Plumtree and Keyworth, requesting 30mph. Coun. Cottee has raised the matter and the County Highways are looking into the position. The clerk was asked to write again to Coun. Cottee and the county authority.

Miles King of Midlands Rural Housing in conjunction with Rushcliffe Borough Council advised they are planning to progress a housing survey arranged for Plumtree to ascertain the needs of local people on housing requirements and members agreed to give it their support as needed.

Notts County Council were again offering five free bags of salt as in previous years. The meeting agreed there was no call for such provision for 2021.

The accountant had raised the payment made by the council of £300 to DGFmusic, for a proposed event to mark the VE Day anniversary but which had not gone ahead because of the coronavirus pandemic. The clerk was asked to ascertain the position regarding the deposit that had been paid as a deposit for Society Jazz Band to attend the event. in May.

5. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Coun. Cottee gave apologies, for family reasons. Coun. Mason said she no longer served as deputy leader of the Borough council or as a member of the Cabinet but had gone on to the planning committee. She spoke on various aspects of the council's work during the continuing virus situation.

6. FINANCE

Accounts for payment were approved as per the circulated list

7. BRADMORE LANE FOOTPATH Coun. Cottee had confirmed progress being made regarding the clearing of the ditch and work was planned to start shortly.

8. BURNSIDE HALL

Coun. Clark said the trustees were still looking for a secretary and a treasurer.

The use of the hall was beginning to increase following the necessary virus lockdown, but said some groups were still not meeting and would not do so until the New Year at the earliest.

9. ENVIRONMENT

In a letter the chairman had said some grass verge and hedge cutting, was required, particularly in relation to the stretch of hedge and verge from Melton road into the village. It is, he said, very overgrown and an eyesore. Coun. Clark said the hedge in question on the left-hand side of the road entering the village from Melton Road was currently being dealt with.

The clerk was to ask Notts County Council to look at the question of the need for verge grass cutting to be carried out, expressing concern at the appearance currently of the area concerned.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 23

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.