

FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of a Meeting of the parish council held in the Village Hall, Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6.30pm**

Couns. David Cartledge (Chairman)

Ken W Russell (Vice chairman) Debra Pennington

Sue Clayton

Paul Brookes

Scott Miller

Matthew Wakefield

Also, present: The clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Coun. Francis Purdue-Horan, Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Sarah Bailey and 11 members of the public.

1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were none

2] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2017 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

4] CLERK'S REPORT

There had been no response as yet from the Ministry of Defence re land ownership on Coney Grey.

The clerk said currently there are discussions ongoing with NALC and the Clerk's Society in regard to the need for the council to appoint a Data Protection Officer to meet the requirements of Law by May 25. There are differing views being expressed by various bodies but it seems the Clerk cannot be appointed to the post and neither should a councillor. We are told the suggested fee for someone to take on the work would be a minimum £150. They have to be 'qualified' but in what no one seems yet to know.

NALC were suggesting perhaps a group of councils could join forces and the clerks go to an adjoining one and be their DPO, but not on a reciprocal basis, ie, Widmerpool to do Bunny and Bunny to do Widmerpool. While saying that they also say they would doubt if the clerk would be sufficiently qualified to do the work anyway so if a clerk isn't who else is? Emails for councillors should not be on their own email addresses and the council needs to have its own site.

The clerk said he had organised a seminar with a gentleman who was well versed in data protection and would meet the cost by sharing it with all his 15 councils. The same guy would most likely take on the post of DPO.

Current electoral list for 2018 shows 494 electors, compared to 484 a year ago.

5] REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Sarah Bailey reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council were making £50,000 available for planting trees in the Borough. Coun. Purdue-Horan said Notts County Council were making funding available to parishes and also for refurbishment of roads in the rural parts of the County.

6] CORRESPONDENCE

Flintham Village Hall bookings had been made for the year. The meeting agreed the council would progress with its Keep Britain Tidy Litter Pick on Saturday March 3. The clerk was asked to order 7 litter snatchers from the Borough council.

Notts County Council Local Improvement Scheme application for MUGA project had been submitted. A letter from BT/Openreach rejected the call from the council for removal or re-siting of telephone poles erected on Spring Lane. The clerk was asked to seek the price for moving one pole that was felt to be a danger from a road accident point of view. It was agreed to support the comments that Sir Robert Hildyard had made to BT in regard to the poles.

East Leake Parish Council wrote in regard to their Neighbourhood Plan and their discontent at the way they had been treated by Rushcliffe Borough Council in regard to its comments. The clerk was to write in support of the Parish council. Notts FA had responded in regard to the possible use of Flintham sports field by an area youth side..

Richard Scriven of Fisher German wrote to update the council in respect of access over Parish council land between Coneygreys Spinney and the A46 road.

7] PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

18/00225/TPO. Hannah Minton, 111 Coneygreys Spinney. Remove three large branches of tree. No objection.

The chairman moved that Standing Orders be suspended at 7.16pm to allow discussion on the following application and this was agreed unanimously. Standing orders were reinstated at 7-29pm.

18/00030/ful. J Webster, Fletcher and Charlotte. Material change of use of land for stationing of caravans for residential occupation with associated hard standing, internal access road, fencing, package treatment plant, utility buildings and additional landscaping. Not to comment.

17/03026/ful. Norse Development Co Ltd, Fosse Way, Flintham. Proposed new International aviation academy, land for proposed Aviation Academy RAF Syerston. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

1702778/LBC Sir Robert Hildyard, Flintham Hall. Removal of 20th century stud wall and bathroom suite, removal to first floor landing to return hallway to original plan and change sitting room usage to bathroom. Grant Listed building consent.

8] SPORTS GROUND AND PLAY PARK

Coun. Brookes presented his monthly report on the play equipment and said overall there were no serious problems. He did comment on the soggy condition of the land at the Pavilion site and the need for some treatment to the concrete bench there.

The chairman said the cricket club were giving the council £1370 to cover the deficit on grants towards the scheme that had been completed to improve the drainage on the sports ground.

9] ENVIRONMENT, including FORMER ISLAMIC SCHOOL, WW1 COMMEMORATION

The chairman reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council were seeking court action to get the former Officers Mess building at the entrance to the village demolished. Coun. Pennington said there were strong concerns by many residents that the site was unsafe and could easily be the cause of serious injury or worse.

It was agreed that an event for a bonfire or beacon to mark the centenary of the ending of WWI on November 11 1918 be held and that some type of reception be held either on site or elsewhere afterwards. The clerk reminded the meeting that they had been asked to trace a family with connections from the period 100 years ago and invite them to be involved in the lighting ceremony.

10] SEPTEMBERFEST

Coun. Clayton reported the marquee had now been used on three occasions for private hire and another booking was in hand for April. The meeting was told there would be no homes games for the cricket club in the coming season after September 1 and therefore it should be possible for the Septemberfest event to be held on the sports ground after that.

11] FINANCE --

a] Payment of Accounts were approved as per the circulated list

b] Budget and Precept. The council considered a financial report presented by the clerk in respect of expenditure for the 2018-19 financial year and after discussion agreed to set a precept figure of £13,260 on a proposal from Coun. Pennington which was not opposed. It would create an increase of 2per cent on the current figure.

Audit --The clerk reported if the council had less than £25,000 expenditure and income in the coming 12 month period the external audit situation would not come into effect. But if there were comments on the account the charge by the auditors could be up to £340 an hour.

12] NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE

Coun. Wakefield was told that there was £580 available from Government granting to meet on going costs for the website. He said he was happy that the information on the site met all the requirements of the new Transparency Act.

13] ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS FROM COUNCILLORS – MARCH 19, 2018

Nothing was put forward.

14] PUBLIC SESSION

Concerns were expressed by a resident on dog fouling incidents. The chairman said Rushcliffe Borough Council had informed him they would carry out a thorough cleansing operation of all paths in the village to deal with continuing g complaints of dog mess problems. The resident asked the council to consider the erection of signs on the question of fouling incidents using less formal wording, and suggested such as 'Thank you for looking after your dog' rather than 'No dog fouling'. The resident was asked to bring forward firm suggestions to the council in order the matter could progress.

The ongoing problem of parking by parents near the school at arrival and going home times was a serious concern but one which it was accepted was prevalent near any school. The head teacher was to be asked to again bring the matter to the attention of parents and not to park dangerously or without consideration for other road users.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

