

Minutes of a meeting of Sutton Bonington Parish Council held in Sutton Bonington Village Hall Library Room on Monday February 4, 2019 at 7.30pm.

Couns. David Etherton (Chairman)

Charles Hellier, Terry Holt, Nigel Scriven (A), Miles Raven, John Bradshaw, John Barton,
Bill Pickering, David Franklin, Rob Ereminowicz, Frank Clarke`

Also, present: Locum Clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council councillor Andrew Brown and four members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES Coun. Nigel Scriven
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] CLERKS REPORT

Rushcliffe Borough Council are pushing for all parish councils to do their utmost to ensure there are nominations in the parishes for the election on May 2. Chief Executive Allen Graham is taking part in the campaign to promote the situation and appeals to parish councils to do the same.

Sutton Bonington FC and their pitch – the chairman reported the initial work to improve its condition had not been a total success and the contractor had returned. The football club representative Patrick Hood had expressed satisfaction at the condition of the pitch.

The chairman said the council laptop jointly owned with Normanton on Soar parish council had now been received from the home of the former clerk and information on it had been removed. The council agreed to remove the item from its asset list and present it to the former clerk's husband. Normanton had agreed the same action. The printer was to be included in the asset write-off.

A report has been provided to parish councils which 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 would be ten days of state mourning, between the day of the death and the funeral in Westminster Abbey. All councils were 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 days 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. 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 office and Buckingham Palace advised of that action.

The council should consider an area in which to lay flowers, considering 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.

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.

5] POLICE MATTERS The clerk had not been advised of any but it was reported there had been an incident of cannabis growing dealt with by the police. The chairman said there had been an incident the night before the meeting.

6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER: Coun. Brown reported on the budget situation at the County and said there would be an increase in the council tax claims as there would be in the: Police requirements. He advised there appeared to be a lack of requests other than from cricket clubs to the East Midlands Airport community fund.

He said the plan by the County to introduce a Unitary Authority had not been written out of forward plans and could be re-presented sometime the future. From a Borough point of view there would be an increase in the council tax requirement.

7] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council Applications

19/00057/ful Mrs Svandelikova, 22 Rectory Close. Construct front porch. No objection.

19/00009/ful. Mr Russo, 40 Melton Lane. Erect single storey glazed extension with green roof. No objection

18/02897/ful. Ashley Roberts, The Dairy Centre, University of Nottingham Sutton Bonington campus, Melton Lane, Construct new building for accommodation of calves and associated landscaping. No objection.

18/02754/ful. 97 Park Lane, Construction of single storey and two storey side extensions, cladding and rendering of the property. Object.

18/02632/ful. 5 Pasture Lane. Object. Application withdrawn.

18/02746/ful. 54 Park Lane, Partial demolition of dormer bungalow and construction of single and two storey extensions to form two storey dwelling (revised scheme). Object

1802829/ful. Mr Mrs Dunn, 82 Melton Lane. Erect attached garage, utility to side of dwelling. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

18/02625/LBC Ellis Glynn, Treetops, Sutton Fields, works to create connection of Sutton Fields House north wing, east wing and Treetops to private pumping station. Grant LBC.

18/02505/ful. Steve Reedman, AKA Coach Builders, Hathernware Industrial Estate. Erect general purpose storage buildings. Grant.

Rushcliffe Plan 2 The chairman said nothing further had yet materialised.

8] CORRESPONDENCE

Rushcliffe Borough Council proposed changes to consultation on planning applications. The Borough said they were to cease provision of paper copies of planning applications but they would of course be available on line to view. The long established practice of reporting comments from parish councils in officer/committee reports in verbatim was to be ended, and only a summary would appear. The full comment would still be on the website.

Notts County Council highways, wrote in respect of the need to apply for licences for seasonal decorations and hanging baskets. Streetwise had responded to a report submitted by the clerk on a large Pasture Lane tipping incident. Nikolas Clarke wrote asking for permission for playing field and pavilion use for a social gathering on June 2. The chairman would check on cricket fixtures and if the booking was possible a charge of £25 would be made.

Leicestershire County Council advised of a temporary traffic regulation order on Zouch Road at Hathern from March 18 up to 30 weeks to allow work by Severn Trent to install a new foul sewer mains. The clerk was asked to contact Leicestershire County Council to ascertain the situation of work on the proposed bridge replacement at Zouch.

9] TRANSPORT and HIGHWAY MATTERS

The chairman said Mr Steve Foulks had said he would be giving attention shortly to the matter of clearance of dykes in the parish.

Coun. Holt gave a report in which he said he had submitted his timetable change recommendations for East Midlands Parkway to EM Trains at their stakeholder conference in December. It was given careful consideration by their timetable planning team but rejected because the Dept. of Transport have apparently resisted any further changes following the fiasco in May. Although only about plus/minus 2 minutes in any service were involved, planning involved two other franchises Cross Country in Nottingham and Govia Thameslink south of Bedford. He said he found this very disappointing, but hopes the new franchise gives an opportunity to reconsider!

10] ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

The clerk was to seek copies of insurance held by Kents, Steve Foulks --- and Toot Hill , contractors for the council. These should be provided each time on their renewal.

11] PARISH CLERK VACANCY

The meeting was told there had been four applications. Deadline for such was the end of February. The chairman, vice chairman and two other members would form the interviewing panel.

12] PARISH ELECTIONS MAY 2, 2019 The Parish meeting was to be held on April 10 and the village hall had been booked.

13] DOCTOR'S SURGERY

The chairman commented on East Leake Medical Practice applying for accreditation in the programme for Armed Forces Veteran Health as part of the Armed Forces Community Covenant., explaining there will be an exclusive coding for veterans on their health records.

14] FINANCE

– Receipts and payments were approved as per the circulated list
-- Appointment of Internal Auditor. The council agreed to re-appoint Mrs J Siddy. The clerk pointed out the advice from NALC and the Auditors was for such appointments to be no longer than four or five years in succession and the current appointee had served eight years. The advice was not heeded to.
-- Agreement to confirm Chairman's Allowance of £200 per year.
-- Duties and payment to pavilion cleaner were to be looked at. No payments had been made by the Locum clerk since his appointment in December during which time there had been no football games played because of the condition of the pitch.

15] STANDING ORDERS. No discussion until the new council had been elected in May.

16] PUBLIC SESSION AGREEMENT This was approved as the first item for the commencement of the monthly meeting and be limited to 15 minutes. No decisions could be taken during this session.

17] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS AND MATTERS OF REPORT

Coun. Etherton commented on the forthcoming election for new parish councillors in May. Coun. Barton had informed the meeting he would not be standing for election again and gave his apologies for the next meeting.

The question of students from the Sutton Bonington campus of Nottingham University parking on the highway near to the tennis club was raised and the clerk was asked to write to the University to express concerns.

18] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING, MARCH 4, 2019.

None were put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-10pm.