

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Shelford, on Wednesday September 26 2018 at 6.30pm

Couns. Bev Bingham (Chairman)
 Brian Squires Heather Miller (A) Lee Smith Lesley Duffin

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Coun. Kay Cutts and three members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES There were none
- 2] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Coun. Bingham in regard to payment of accounts.
- 3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

The chairman moved item 14 on the agenda to this point so the matter could be dealt with.

14] CASUAL VACANCY

The clerk advised that the council had received one written application for consideration, being Mrs Lesley Duffin of Main Road, Shelford. He said she did qualify, being on the electoral list. It was proposed that she be co-opted and agreed unanimously. Coun. Mrs Duffin signed the necessary declaration of acceptance form, was welcomed as a member and took part in the remainder of the meeting.

Coun. Squires said he wished to resign as vice chairman and Coun. Lee Smith was appointed in his place.

4] CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk said the visit through the village of the Tour of Britain on September 8 was a success as far as residents were concerned, several of whom put out yellow and green decorations. Both Rushcliffe Borough Council and Notts County Council supported parishes in their efforts. A number of villages are producing a photobook of the event in their parish. It was felt the better way would be to put the pictures into a digital record. The clerk asked for help from members in regard to producing the photographs.

Notts County Council, through VIA, were now saying they would be happy to look at some road side verge tree planting as part of the Rushcliffe Borough Council ten-free-trees scheme for parish councils. Originally such plantings could not be considered. It was agreed to ask for ten trees, six on Manor Lane and the other four in an appropriate situation.

The cleaning work on the war memorial has been completed.

Rushcliffe Borough Council have highlighted the need for a protocol in the case of a Royal death and will advise parishes further shortly.

The Rushcliffe Borough Council Local Plan Part 2 has been submitted ready for inspection by the Government department with a resulting public inquiry.

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Mrs Cutts spoke on plans to close Trent Lane to traffic, leading to East Bridgford from adjacent to Gunthorpe Bridge. It should be still available for cyclists and certainly for pedestrians. She also advised that Oatfield Lane could receive some minor attention but it would not be resurfaced. She spoke of the current position in respect of proposals for a Unitary Authority to be established in Nottinghamshire and spoke of the need to be aware of financial problems that were having to be met under the current arrangements.

6] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

A local resident reported in depth on the bus service serving the village and said since the last council meeting had engaged in correspondence with the MP, the County Council and Trent Barton. In June had been informed agreement had been reached between the County Council and the bus company for the County to support the Rushcliffe Villager 1 service by meeting any operating deficit, if required, up to £60,000 per annum.

The resident said that as of the middle of August there had been no request made by the company. He later understood that the company would provide financial information about the service to the County on a quarterly basis and any payment made by the County to the bus company would be linked to that timescale. Also in August the County had said the service was still running at a small financial loss.

The resident stressed that it was seriously a case of 'use it or lose it' and he hoped residents in the village would take heed of that and make efforts to save what was a vital service for the village.

The chairman said the question of a survey of residents, to find their comments on what the bus service should offer, possibly using the newsletter, was something they should look at.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Notts County Council Great War Commemoration Service Tuesday November 6 at Southwell Minster at 4-30pm. Invite was for the chairman. The chairman said she would attend and Coun. Duffin would also attend if this was possible.

Notts Police Corporate Communication Department, hyper- news outlet contacts. The website, the village newsletter and the clerks office were to be put forward as contacts.

Notts County Council advised of two football matches on November 8 as Games of Remembrance and involving both ladies and gents Army football teams from England and Germany, aimed at replicating the incident on a Christmas Day during the 1st World War when during an agreed cease fire and truce on the battle front in France, English and German soldiers played a match against each other. The two games, are Notts County (ladies) and Nottingham Forest (men) aimed as being part of the Nottinghamshire effort through the power of football to bring WW1 stories of courage and sacrifice alive, 100 years after the guns fell silent. The County would appreciate support from parish councils in publicizing the games and supporting them.

The Environment Agency have reminded all councils in the area concerned of their Trees on the Trent scheme in which they offer native trees to be planted in the Trent Valley. The cost of the trees is being covered by the Environment Agency and the Woodland Trust. The clerk was to advise the Agency of the fact that the riverside land in their village was owned by The Crown.

8] PLAYING FIELD

The chairman spoke of the need to remove or replace part of the fencing alongside the edge of the grassed area. The clerk was to seek quotes for the required work.

9] VILLAGE HALL

A scheme to carry out plastering in the small room area was required, followed by some redecorating work. The council had accepted a price for the work. The chairman said she was in contact with a local person able to carry out the decorating.

10] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications. There are none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

18/00881/ful. Mr Mrs C Duffin, Walnut Tree Cottage, demolish outbuilding and part of existing dwelling, construct single and two storey extension and construct new garage with accommodation over. Grant.

18/00701/ful. Andrew Whittaker, Greenfield, Main Road. Two storey side extension, single storey side extension, porch (revised scheme) Grant.

11] WW1 COMMEMORATION AND WAR MEMORIAL REFURBISHMENT

All parishes have been asked to take part in special arrangements to mark the centenary of the ending of WW1 on the day of this years Remembrance Sunday, November 11. Parishes are asked to light a beacon or a bonfire at 7pm to coincide with one being lit at Buckingham Palace and to have church bells rung at 7-05pm, the same as they were rung on November 11 1918. Records show there were four Shelford residents who died in WW1 while serving in the Sherwood Foresters, being Albert Burton, George Fisher, Samuel Parker and James Riley.

The chairman said there would be a bonfire and if refreshments were required they would be served in church. There would be a difficulty in getting the church bells rung because of a shortage of ringers.

At the end of the meeting Coun. Squires said he wished to resign after serving 10 years as a member, including being vice chairman and chairman. He said he had intimated previously he would be standing down. The chairman said on behalf of the council they wished to record their appreciation of his work to both the council and the village in general. He was particularly thanked for his input into the necessary extensive work for the council to obtain grants involving such as meeting the cost of work on the village hall and equipment for the playing field.

He said he would continue his work for the Shelford Against Gravel Extraction (SAGE) group in the village and was thanked for this. Notts County Council member Coun. Kay Cutts added her thanks to Coun. Squires and said she was aware of the extent of his work for the council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7-40pm