

BRADMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH Meeting held in
the Methodist Community Hall at 8 pm on Wednesday 13th May 2015

PRESENT Councillor R Adair (Chair)
 Councillor F Cattell (Snow Warden)
 Councillor S Maxwell
 Councillor J Nathanson
 Councillor C Skoyles
 The Clerk

- 1 APOLOGIES: Councillor R Colwill (holiday); Mr K Ackroyd; Mr & Mrs B Dickinson; Mr J Starling

- 2 The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming John Scott-Lee, Managing Director of Streetwise. Mr Scott-Lee gave an interesting and informative talk on the aims and objectives of Streetwise. The Company was recently devolved from the Borough Council in order to make its operations more cost effective and also to enable it to operate more competitively in the commercial world. Streetwise is split into five divisions – Environmental, Landscaping, Playgrounds, Trees and a Direct Learning scheme which is designed to give training to the unemployed with the possibility of full time employment in all aspects of their work. Mr Scott-Lee offered help and advice on any of the above aspects and added, they would be happy to help with litter picking. Fly tipping was a regular occurrence and residents and the Parish Council were encouraged to contact the company via the Clerk or the website. Persons caught on camera committing this crime would be prosecuted.

Mr Scott Lee was asked if the street cleaning and grass cutting programmes could be published. He agreed that the Clerk could be supplied with the relevant dates.

The problem of weeds on footpaths was raised. Mr Scott-Lee said that this was a complicated matter due to responsibilities being shared between Streetwise and the Borough Council. He said that Streetwise would always try and resolve problems, even in cases where responsibility lay with the Borough.

- 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Copies of the Agenda and Chairman's Report were available at the meeting. There were no questions relating to the reports.

- 4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
There were no comments from residents and the Minutes were approved and signed.

- 5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
None.

- 6 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
Copies of the End of Year Accounts were available at the meeting. There were no questions relating to the Accounts.

7 ANNUAL REPORTS

Bunny & Bradmore Charities (*M Peregrine*)

Mr Peregrine gave his report outlining the object of the Education Charities which was to provide educational benefits to young persons in the Parishes of Bunny, Bradmore and Costock. The sum of £75 for help towards the purchase of books etc in connection with their studies had been increased to £100 as requested by Cllr Ackroyd (now retired) at the Annual Parish meeting in 2014. Mr Ackroyd suggested the Parish Council write a letter to the Charities again encouraging them to increase the sum of £100.

Parish Footpaths (*Councillor R Colwill*)

Copies of Cllr Colwill's report were available at the meeting.

Bunny with Bradmore Womens' Institute

The report was presented by the Chair, Emily Hardstaff.

Bunny with Bradmore Women's Institute has had yet another fantastic year. The year was packed full of a wide range of speakers. Some of my personal favourites being the given the chance to make our very own fascinators with Annie the Hatter, an evening of watching master chocolatier Cathy Wright in action and of course the chance to taste the little bit of chocolate heaven without the Sat Bains price tag! An evening of flower arranging with Jane Walden as well as some more sobering topics from Save the Children in Cambodia.

We also had a few outings this year, taking a trip to Denby pottery and to Bradmore Garden Centre for afternoon tea as well as having the honour in advance of the WI centenary this year of receiving the WI baton which is making its way to every WI Federation in advance of our June celebrations. You may have seen a very hot pink Morris dancing Bunny in the village in June and wondered why...well wonder no more!

We continued to welcome more members in the year but have sadly lost more than we have gained this year mostly due to family commitments and two members reached the landmark birthday of 90 and decided to retire from WI after a long and enjoyable membership. We hope that the centenary year welcomes more members to our WI.

I personally have yet again loved every minute of it has been a fantastic way to make new friends and get involved in the village life which attracted myself and my husband to the area. It is not just a group that meets monthly to listen to a speaker it's a valuable support network. This is something I have really seen in action this year when I badly burnt my leg in an accident and also welcomed to the world my second child (albeit 8 days ago!) joining the two under two club!

I can't wait for the next year, we have a very busy and exciting year planned celebrating our centenary including an evening with some firemen!

8 WEBSITE

Cllr Adair reported that the Parish Council documents were now available on the Rushcliffe Borough Council's website.

<http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/councilanddemocracy/yourrepresentatives/parishcouncildocuments/>

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Residents expressed anger at inconsiderate parking and vehicles travelling at inappropriate speed through the village which continues to be a problem. Residents would be asked to cut overhanging hedges on narrow roads and footpaths. A flyer would be delivered to households.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm

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Date _____