

BRADMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH Meeting held in
the Bradmore Community Hall at 8 pm on Wednesday 4th May 2016

PRESENT Councillor R Adair (Chair)
 Councillor R Colwill (Vice Chair)
 Councillor F Cattell (Snow Warden)
 Councillor S Maxwell
 Councillor J Nathanson
 Councillor C Skoyles
 Councillor K Buksmann (co-opted)
 The Clerk

9 members of the public were present

- 1 APOLOGIES: None
- 2 The Chairman welcomed Mr Andrew Pegram, the Rushcliffe Borough Council's Communities Service Manager to give a talk on "Recent changes in planning". Due to delays in registration of planning applications, service improvements had been made with the launch of a new online planning system which replaced the Blueprint system for viewing and commenting on planning applications. A new "Consultee Access System" was available to Town/Parish Councils enabling users to comment directly from the application page and upload additional documents if necessary. The new system is more comprehensive and carries much more information regarding each planning application. Access can be password protected in order to preserve confidentiality of certain parts of applications. Three levels of access would be for Council employees, Councillors and the General Public. A handout was given to Councillors showing the procedure for registering on line as a "Consultee".

The Government has extended the scheme for "permitted development rights" which covers the amount of work which may be carried out on properties before full planning permission is required. Limits to the physical size of development has been increased. Rushcliffe BC has introduced a set of regulations which allow them to maintain the impact on neighbours; proximity of developments to boundaries, usual appearance etc.

Further talks by RBC on the technical details/processes of planning would be given to Town/Parish Councils by way of "cluster sessions" involving 4 or 5 Councils.

Cllr Colwill asked what were the implications regarding planning now that Bradmore was to be classified as "inset". Mr Pegram said that rules and regulations for "inset" parishes were slightly more relaxed than for "washed over" with regards to infill developments within the village, although development outside the village envelope, in the designated green belt, would continue to be controlled as stringently as in the past. He could not foresee any major housing developments in Bradmore in the near future.

Mr Pegram was asked about agricultural developments. Mr Pegram replied that special rules applied on farms and farm related business in order to allow them to develop and adjust to the changing needs of agriculture. He said that this was necessary for the strategic needs of the nation's food supply. He was aware that certain decisions recently had been somewhat contentious.

Mr Pegram gave a brief talk on the "Core Strategy 2014, 2nd Part of Phase II. Review of green belt", which covers:

- Purpose of the Green Belt Review;
- Proposed insets for washed over villages;
- Proposed minor amendments to existing boundaries;
- Key settlements review: Bingham, Cotgrave, Keyworth, Radcliffe on Trent and Ruddington.

The Guide to the consultation which closed in March 2016 can be found at the following website:

http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/media/rushcliffe/media/documents/pdf/planningandbuilding/planningpolicy/lapp/Draft%20Rushcliffe%20GB%20Review%20part%202b%20Final_low%20res.pdf

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Adair presented his report. There were no questions relating to the reports (attached).

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes dated 13th May 2015 were approved and signed with the following amendment: Page 2, Item 2, Line 8: The word Chair to be replaced by President.

5 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Copies of the End of Year Accounts 2015-2016 were available at the meeting. The Clerk reported the year began with a balance in hand of £5,249.41, which was split between two accounts (HSBC Community and Business). The reserve account, previously held with the NS&I Bank had now been transferred to the HSBC bank due to a number of inefficiencies by for which the Parish Council had received compensation totalling £155. The Precept had been raised from £2,900 to £3000. Rushcliffe BC would not be passing on the council tax support funding from 2016/2017.

The total receipts in 2015/2016 were £3,442.72 which included a grant from Councillor Reg Adair's Environmental Fund for plants and bulbs. Payments totalled £3,311.37, leaving a balance to be carried forward to 1st April 2016 of £600.94.

Parish Councils with gross receipts and payments not exceeding £25,000 pa, are required to adopt the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The Parish Council had received a grant of £1,120 from the Department for Communities and Local Government for a website to make Parish Council documents available for parishioners.

6 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 £100 was available for help towards the purchase of books etc in connection with their studies. Mr Ackroyd suggested the sum be further increased. Mr Peregrine would make the request to the Charities.

Parish Footpaths (*Councillor R Colwill*)

Cllr Colwill would raise the matter of the uneven surface along Moor Lane with Nottinghamshire CC.

Bunny with Bradmore Womens' Institute

The report was presented by the President, Emily Hardstaff.

This year was a big year for the Women's Institute which celebrated its centenary year. Unfortunately Bunny with Bradmore Women's Institute is not one of the founding institutes but it's not far behind and will be celebrating its centenary in only 6 years!

The year was packed full of a wide range of speakers and centenary celebrations (which we shared with three Diamond wedding celebrations!). We heard from Rebecca Adlington's mother, learned how soap was made, had another excellent floral demonstration from Jane Walden and Dr Rami Seth shared with us some hospital survival techniques. We were unfortunately stood up by the fire service but at least we can be rest assured they were off fighting fire - a much worthy cause and our plan B quiz was enjoyed by all.

Outside of our monthly meetings we enjoyed outings to the Millennium Gardens and the theatre to name a few.

Unfortunately amongst all the merriment within our WI family this year there has also been sad times with the passing of Rita Cooper and worrying times with members who were taken seriously ill. The support provided by the members never ceases to amaze me and its touching to see this side of the WI in action.

This year is sadly my last year as President so I won't be enjoying the Parish Meeting next years as a Bunny resident. Thank you for making me welcome!

It is also the last year for the Secretary, Helen Carson and Treasurer, Jackie Oldham who have both selflessly dedicated their time for the last 4 years in ensuring the WI functions like clockwork! I hope they enjoy their well deserved break and cannot thank them and the rest of the committee enough for all their hard work.

We have a very busy and exciting year planned next year `with tea tasting, chocolate tasting, a visit from the team at the St Ann's Heritage Allotments and lots of outings including Stonebridge City Farm, the Geological Society and Bunny Vineyards. Guests are always very welcome.

Finally, an advance date for your diaries - 13th September 2016. We are hosting a pop up café in Bunny Village Hall 2:00pm to 4:30pm. Cakes, tea, coffee and sandwiches will be available. We hope to see you there!

7 WEBSITE

Cllr Adair reported that the Parish Council documents were now available on the village website. Cllr Colwill reported that, of the £1,120 received from DCLG, only a small proportion had been spent in 2015/2016. Unspent monies would be ring fenced for 3 years rental of the website (£120 pa) and the purchase of a printer/scanner.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No volunteers came forward to organise the "Best Kept Village" in 2016.

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm

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Date _____