Couns. David Roberts (Chairman) Simon Stephens (Vice-chairman Charlotte James David Grenz Vicki Plant Helen Lewin

Also present: Clerk Mike Elliott

- 1] Apologies There were none
- 2] Declarations of Interest Thee were none

3] Minutes from previous meeting on November 5, 2013, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

4] Clerk's report

The council agreed to fund provision of mulled wine and mince pies for the village residents who will form the Mary Elston Choir in recognition of the former councillors involvement with the event over the years for this years village carol singing effort, on December 20. The clerk said he would organise the activity. Notts County Council have confirmed they have a replacement tree request in for the one felled on Main Street. It will be considered for the 2014-5 year because fundd for this year have been spent.

The council was represented at the annual meeting of NALC at Epperstone and the chairman received the necessary certificate and a cheque for £125.

The meeting discussed the funding of the restored church clock which received grants from the National Heritage lottery fund and Notts County Council. The clerk was asked to contact the Heritage Lottery to explain the position. The litter bin for the village hall was ordered from Rushcliffe Borough Council on September 4 when the council were told delivery was four weeks.. The clerk was asked to attempt to progress the matter.

5] Correspondence

Costock Parish Council wrote to seek support from the meeting in their effort to have traffic signals erected at the A60 crossroads following a recent fatal accident. The council agreed to support the request. Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in regard to the Parish Tax Base for 2014-15 and giving precept information.

Vista wrote in regard to the website usages and said there had been a total of 529 hits in November from 451 unique visitors.

6] Planning matters

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

13/02189/ful. James Logan, White Wheels, Wymeswold Road. Siting of timber shed to front of the property. Object. The council are concerned this would be a temporary structure erected in front of the building line. They were aware that neighbours were objecting.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

None

The clerk was asked to again contact Rushcliffe Borough Council to ask if planning conditions at Kingston Brook Farm, Wymeswold Road, Thorpe in the Glebe were being disregarded or if permission was needed for present usage, including a huge pile of a lime substance. It was also to be pointed out again to the Borough there were numerous journeys into and out of the site by waste skip vehicles.

8] Environment

Notts County Council have said that the Keyworth farmer who has been responsible for causing the main road through Wysall to suffer problems from mud will be charged for the attention that their highways department had to give to the position,. A number of cyclists came off their cycles after skidding in the mud and at least one needed hospital treatment.

Councils elsewhere in the country are moving towards planting poppies for 2014 to help mark the centenary of the start of the First World War in 1i914. Normal poppies, not perennial, cost around £2.50 for 1000 seeds. The council agreed that £20 worth of seeds be purchased and further consideration be given to where to plant them.

The clerk was to point out to the Highways department at the County Council that as at December 1 there had already been two vehicles in the ditch on Keyworth Road near to the horse stables property. The parish council are to again ask for action to reduce the dangers they say exist at this point on the road between the village and Keyworth.

9] Finance

Cheques for payment were agreed as per the circulated list.

10] Casual vacancy

The Borough council have confirmed that no one has asked for an election and the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs Mary Elston can be filled by co-option. Notices to this effect are on the notice board and the web site. The chairman said he was aware of one possible candidate.

11] Village Hall

The chairman reported that takings at the Christmas fair had totalled £1100 including £440 from the raffle, with those proceeds being donated to the two charities supported by the late Mrs Mary Elston.

The chairman said Smalley Designs had submitted a quotation for planned works at the hall. The clerk was asked to attempt to obtain two more quotations.

Discussion took place on the continuing problem of moles on the land at the rear of the village hall. Concerns were expressed at the possible danger being caused because of the uneven surface being created. The council voted 6-1 to take action to try to eliminate the moles, firstly through humane action for three months and later, if needed, to seek their extermination. Coun. Grenz asked for his opposition to the action to be recorded.

12] Chairman's Matters

No matters were raised.

13] Agenda Items for Next meeting on January 7, No further items for discussion at the next parish council meeting were put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm