

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Public Forum

- There was a general discussion around the consultation on the Draft Charnwood Local Plan 2019 -36. The consultation on this finish on 16th December and comments can be made online or by letter and email. The main area for concern was the inclusion of a site for 47 houses off Gaddesby Lane. This had been included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan as an exception site for a ribbon development for a small number of houses. The plan also included the resubmission of the Gladman site at the rear of Rearsby Roses for up to 223 houses. Residents were encouraged to submit their views on the inclusion of this site to CBC by 16th December.
- Simon Chenery thanked the Parish Council for its donation towards the cost of the village hall rental for the newly formed Wreake Valley Field Workers Group.
- It was noted that the drain, near the culvert, near the preachers stone on Mill road was blocked. The Clerk would report this to the appropriate authority.
- The Friends of Rearsby Church were to hold a coffee morning at the church.
- A member of the public asked for clarification over the area that was being retained by the developer of the convent for services. This was being discussed later in the agenda.
- There was some discussion around the possible release of water by Brooksby Quarry into the brook and the effect on this on water levels. It was felt that in fact the ponds at Brooksby Quarry had decreased flooding levels in the village. The problem with the flooding was a result of the ground water levels being so high. Dredging the brook would not have any effect as the ground water would just take its place.

Present

Councillor A Byrne (Vice Chair)
Councillor K Wills
Councillor A Higgins

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
Borough/County Councillor Poland
17 villagers
PC McCaffrey

19/81 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cooke and Councillor Metcalfe. Councillor Poland would be late to the meeting.

19/82 To confirm minutes of meeting held on 7th November 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

19/83 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance

- The new dog bin for the Village Hall playing fields had been delivered and would be fitted by Derek Overfield.
- The condition of the footpath and supports on the raised footpath between Rearsby and Thrussington had been reported to LCC. It had also been reported by Thrussington residents.

b) To report any new items of essential repair and maintenance and agree action to be take

- As mentioned under public forum the blocked drain near to the culvert on Mill Road would be reported.

c) Progress on the draft Neighbourhood Plan following the completion of the Section 14 consultation process

Councillor Byrne reported that the final draft was being produced by Martin Field and it was hoped to submit it in the new year to CBC.

d) Progress on negotiations with Davidson Homes over the transfer of the Conker Field

The contract for the transfer of the transfer of ownership of the conker field to the PC had now been received. It was agreed that it would be signed by the Chair and Vice Chair and returned to the solicitor. The area to be retained for the services by the developer had been clarified at the November meeting.

e) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update

The sign had been relocated to Station Road and would operate on a 2 weeks on and 3 weeks off cycle. Councillor Metcalfe was investigating the purchase of a blue tooth downloading system for the data.

f) Progress on request for new table tennis tables

The payment for the table tennis tables would be made at the meeting and the Village Hall had agreed to make a £500.00 contribution towards their cost.

g) Progress on arrangements for Christmas 2019

Thanks, were given to Councillor Metcalfe and Colin Simpson for the installation of the Christmas tree. It was looking very festive.

h) Progress on consultation on draft Charnwood Local Plan

Councillor Byrne agreed to produce the PC response to the consultation in time for the deadline of 16th December.

i) Progress on potential items of expenditure for 19/20

1. New Village web site – Councillor Wills

Councillor Wills showed the meeting the prototype for the new village website. He would meet with the Clerk to see how this fitted in with the PC website. It was likely to cost in the region of £150.00

2. Enhancements to the village hall playing fields – Councillor Higgins

There was nothing further to report.

3. New benches and tree enhancements – Councillor Byrne

There was nothing further to report.

4. Enhancements to the conker field – Councillor Cooke

This would be progressed once the ownership had been transferred to the Parish Council. Councillor Cooke has been seeking guidance on costing for all the street furniture that will be needed. A volunteer would be sought to help in the production of some historical information on the area.

j) Progress on precept request 20/21

The Clerk had provided some information on predicted spend to the end of the year and a possible budget for 20/21. This would need to be agreed at the January meeting.

k) Progress on request for flood depth markers

The Clerk had written to LCC to request depth markers for the road to Thrussington as it was noted that many cars seemed to get stuck there as they underestimated the depth of the floods. This request

was turned down for a number of reasons, no record of a depth gauge being there, depth gauges are usually used in fords and when a road was flooded it was usually shallower near the edges and it was difficult to locate a depth gauge where it could be seen by drivers to have any use.

19/84 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland had provided a written report; -

- CBC is giving away 3,000 free trees to residents. Residents can apply online at www.charnwood.gov.uk/freetrees for up to 3 trees. They can be collected in January.
- CBC is introducing CCTV cameras in fly tipping hotspots.
- LCC is offering a range of adult learning courses in 2020. Some of these courses are free to those seeking work and looking to gain basic skills. Details can be found at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/golearn ..

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

PC McCaffery visited the meeting and gave out details of the neighbourhood link which enables residents to receive the latest news, updates and events information from the police. This can be found at www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk . He confirmed that there had been no reported crime in Rearsby during November.

c) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

Steff Reynolds reported that there were grants may be available for the installation of a footpath around the overflow pond on Melton Road. It was still not clear who owned the land. The Clerk had written to Manor Farm to see if they knew but had not yet received a reply.

Tree Warden Report

No report was made.

Flood Warden report

e) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report

Councillor Higgins had undertaken a risk assessment and there was nothing of any note to report. The repairs to the wet pour on the safety mats in the children's play area had been completed.

f) Report back from Village Hall Committee meeting including risk assessment

There had not been a meeting during November.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the account at 30.11.19 was £50,566.97. It was noted that CBC had made a double payment of the precept and that would need to be repaid.

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £311.83

CBC – return of incorrect credit - £10,459.00

Home Leisure – table tennis tables - £856.00

HMC - £130.80

Ladywell Accounts – wage admin - £56.00

Richard Metcalfe – Christmas expenses - £943.56

The bank reconciliation to 30.11.19 was signed by the Chair.

h) Issues arising from LRALC reports

There was nothing to report.

19/85 New Business

a) To consider the future of the flood warning siren

There had been some research done over the past month on the history of the flood warning sirens. They were originally installed by CBC and when the EA took over the brook in 2013 residents had requested that they were left in place. The keys for them were with the flood wardens. After much

discussion it was agreed to leave them in place for now but in the event of it failing no attempt would be made to repair it.

Paul Matts, the new flood warden was happy to take over the responsibility for one of the keys.

19/86 Planning

a) Planning applications received for comments

P/19/2288/2 15 Gaddesby Lane, single storey extension and dormers to rear and side.

No comments were made.

19/87 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing new to report.

19/88 Chairman's report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 2nd January 2020 Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Signed..... (Chairman, Rearsby Parish Council)

Dated.....