

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Public Forum

No comments were made

Present

Councillor M Cooke (Chair)
Councillor A Byrne (Vice Chair)
Councillor K Wills
Councillor A Higgins
Councillor Metcalfe

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
Borough/County Councillor Poland
3 villagers

19/73 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

No apologies for absence were received.

19/74 To confirm minutes of meeting held on 3rd October 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

19/75 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance

- It was agreed that the new dog bin should be a plastic one.
- The drains on Brookside and Station Road that had been reported blocked had been cleared out and seemed to be working well.
- Councillor Poland had confirmed that the position re the sandbags was as reported at the last meeting and CBC only have sufficient stock to provide them for vulnerable residents. He did report that he is due to meet with LCC to explore the possibility of making a bid to the Environment Agency for property resilience measures which could potentially included sandbags. He understands this is a lengthy process.
- A resident had written to the PC concerning the floods. They enquired about the flood siren on Brookside. The Clerk was to check on the status of this. They also expressed concern that during the construction of the Bluestones development, approx. 30cms of hardcore was put onto Mill Lane and this could potentially have forced the flooding back onto Mill Road. No one had any recollection of hardcore being put onto Mill Lane so it was therefore felt that it was unlikely that this was contributing to the current flooding in the village.
- A resident had also expressed concern that the ford was sometimes flooded even when there had not been any rain during that day. They wondered if this could be due to the quarry releasing water into the brook. It was felt that this was unlikely as the quarry used their balancing ponds for the storage of water and did not release water into the brook.

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

- It was reported that the pillars on the raised walkway between Thrussington and Rearsby were badly eroded and could collapse. The Clerk would report this to LCC Highways.

- The footpath sign just over the 7 arch bridge towards the church was loose. The Clerk would report this to LCC Highways.
- A quote had been received for the safety inspection of the outdoor gym from Caloo of £395.00. This included any necessary maintenance work. This quote was agreed.

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

Martin Field reported that the responses to the consultation are currently being worked on and Gary Kirk would undertake a basic condition statement audit.

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

A meeting had been held on the site and the area that was being retained by the developer had been explained. The northern most corner of the site was being retained by the developer for the provision of services. This had been included in the Section 106 agreement. A gate into the conker field for the grass mowing could still be installed. This would need to be slightly along the footpath on Station Road, but it was felt that there was sufficient room for the grass mower to access the field. The developer would probably install a fence along the boundary.

The Clerk would ask the solicitor to progress the contracts as soon as possible.

e) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update

Councillor Metcalfe reported that the sign was now operational on Station Road for 3 weeks. It would then be switched off for a week. Once he was familiar with the data download system, he would consider if the purchase of a blue tooth system for downloading the data would be useful.

f) Progress on request for new table tennis tables

It was reported that the club had 65 members of which 25% were from Rearsby. It was therefore agreed that the PC would offer to purchase the 2 table tennis tables at a cost of £712 plus VAT. This was subject to the Village Hall Committee agreeing a donation of £500.00 towards the cost. The Village Hall is the recipient of the fund raising from the table tennis club.

g) Progress on arrangements for Christmas 2019

Councillor Metcalfe reported that; -

- The tree has been sourced and should be delivered on 28th November.
- New lights are to be purchased.
- Hopefully the key for the electricity box could be found.
- The Clerk was to let Rita know the date for the tree to be switched on.

h) Progress on appointment of new wardens

It was agreed to appoint Stef Reynolds as the Nature Warden and Paul Matts as an additional Flood Warden. The PC looked forward to working with them.

It was agreed to advertise for a snow warden that would be funded in part by LCC.

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

1. New Village web site – Councillor Wills

This would be reported on at the December meeting.

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.

19/76 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that; -

- As mentioned earlier on in the meeting he was to meet with LCC Officers to discuss a potential bid to the EA for Property Level Flood Resistant measures.
- The consultation on the CBC draft Local Plan until 2036 is taking place until December 16th.
- LCC Cabinet have agreed proposals for a unitary form of Government and this will be presented to the full County Council in December.

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

No report was made.

c) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

No report was made.

Tree Warden Report

No report was made.

Flood Warden report

e) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report

No risk assessment had been undertaken. The annual safety inspection of the play areas had been undertaken. The main issue was the lifting of the safety mats and this work was due to be undertaken by Playdale. They had provided details of safety signs that should be put by the equipment on the Village Hall playing field. The Clerk would progress this.

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

No meeting had been held.

Councillor Wills reported that the fire access door should be unlocked before every village hall booking. It was also felt that users of the meeting room should be given the key to the kitchen so that they could access the kitchen in the event of a fire in the entrance hall.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the account at 31.10.19 was £54,686.31. 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 - £308.14

Playdale – deposit for wetpour repairs, £2513.50

Burnt Oak – grass cutting, £744.00

Peter French – planters, £51.00

The bank reconciliation to 31.10.19 was signed by the Chair.

h) Issues arising from LRALC reports

There was nothing to report.

19/77 New Business

a) To start to consider the 20/21 precept

The 20/21 precept needed to be agreed at the January meeting. The Clerk would circulate a draft budget for Councillors to consider.

b) To consider the draft Charnwood Local Plan

The consultation had begun on the draft Charnwood Local Plan up to 2036. The consultation finished on 16th December. The main concern was a proposal for 47 houses on land off Gaddesby Lane. This site had been included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan but only for a small ribbon development. It was agreed to begin the December meeting at 7.00 and invite members of the public to discuss the draft plan. It was agreed to see if representatives from East Goscote PC would be interested in attending as they were facing similar issues with the inclusion of the site to the rear of Rearsby Roses.

19/78 Planning

a) Planning applications received for comments

P/19/2136/2 4 Hassel Mews, single storey extension to rear of property.

No comments were made.

19/79 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing new to report.

19/780 Chairman's report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 5th December 2019 Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

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

Dated.....