

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillor I Christie Smith (Chair)
Councillor A Byrne
Councillor A Higgins
Councillor K Wills

In Attendance Sue Norledge – Clerk
County/Borough Councillor Poland
7 members of the public

18/10 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Cooke and Councillor S Chenery..

18/11 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 4th January were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

18/12 Public Forum

No comments were made.

18/13 Progress on outstanding items

a) Repair and Maintenance

- There was a blocked drain on the Melton Road at the top of Brook Street. There was also a blocked drain on the left hand side of Station Road coming down towards the bridge. The Clerk would report these to LCC.
- The litter bins had again, been full. The Clerk would report these to CBC and request a more frequent emptying of the bins.

b) Progress on Jelson Homes appeal

- The date for the hearing was 17th -20th July and the village hall had been booked to hold the hearing,
- There was considerable discussion around the issue of the representation that CBC will be instructing. It was felt that it was essential that CBC instructs the best possible representation. Councillor Poland was to speak to the planning officer around this subject.
- It was agreed that Councillor Poland would speak to the Head of Planning regarding a meeting between CBC and the Parish Council to discuss the hearing.

- There was discussion around the possibility of the Parish Council instructing its own legal representation for the hearing. This would be reviewed when it became clearer what representation CBC was to make.
- It was reported that CBC were in the process of reviewing the settlement limits in the Borough. Councillor Poland would check the time scales involved.
- It was suggested that Keep Rearsby Rural work closely with the Neighbourhood Plan group. Every effort would be made to get the Neighbourhood Plan submitted.

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

Martin Field reported that a meeting had been held with CBC concerning the additional information that could be put into the Neighbourhood Plan. The notes from the meeting had been circulated.

Initial results from the Housing needs survey were showing a small need in the village.

The possibility of having a larger 'exception site' for affordable housing was discussed.

The March meeting of the PC would start at 7.00 pm to give an update to the public on the Neighbourhood Plan.

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

Councillor Byrne had circulated three quotes for solicitors to assist in the conveyancing of the conker field. Councillor Poland was to ask CBC if they could provide any legal assistance. No firm decisions were made.

e) Progress future housing needs survey

The provisional figures were in the region of 10 smaller houses needed for people downsizing.

f) Progress on grind rail on village hall playing fields

This would be discussed at the next meeting. Councillor wills pointed out that the PC had already agreed with the young people of the village that this should be replaced and that this should not be delayed if possible

g) Progress on replacement sign for Marie Curie Field of Remembrance

No further information had been received.

h) Mobile vehicle activated sign

The sign had been moved to the Melton Road near to the village hall.

18/14 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that LCC is running a 12 week consultation period on proposals to merge early help and prevention support into one. The consultation runs from 22nd January to 22nd April. This proposal would save 3.8 million.

b) Police Report

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

CBC were currently updating their Charnwood Flood Plan and were consulting parishes. The information had been passed to the flood wardens for their comments. It was noted that Brookhouse Close was shown as potentially flooding and this had not happened in living memory

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

Councillor Wills was to undertake a risk assessment in February.

f) Village Hall

Councillor Wills had attended the last village hall committee meeting. Finances were in good shape. They did have issues with getting new people to become involved and take the place of retiring members. There was perhaps some scope to improve the way in which the Parish council and the village hall worked together.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the account was £20,177.71

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £284.55

LRALC – training, £40.00

18/06 New Business

a) Report back on councillors training

Councillor Wills had attended the new councillor training at LRALC. It was desirable for councillors to have a separate email address for parish council business as emails could be required in the event of a FOI request. Councillor Christie Smith was to look at the BT account and see if free email addresses were available.

18/16 Planning

a) Planning applications

There were no new planning applications

18/17 Chairman's report

A letter had been received from a concerned resident on Brookside concerning the construction traffic at the building site on Brookside. The pavement was being blocked by mud and concerns were expressed about the noise from early starts. These issues had been reported to CBC who suggested that contact be made with the builder. Noise concerns could be reported to Environmental Health at CBC if they were a persistent nuisance

18/18 Correspondence box

No comments were made.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 1st March at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

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

Dated.....

