

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd August 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
Borough/County Councillor James Poland
PCSO Matt Harburt

18/72 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christie Smith. Councillor Cooke declared an interest in planning application P/18/1257/2 31 Wreake Drive as it is a neighbouring property.

18/73 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 5th July 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

18/74 Public Forum

No comments were made.

18/75 Progress on outstanding items

a) Repair and Maintenance

- Derek Overfield had reported that he felt unable to remove the large goal posts as they would need the concrete removing. It was felt that the concrete did need to be removed, otherwise they would create a trip hazard. It was agreed that the Clerk would try and get a quote for having the concrete removed.
- The benches in the village had been painted, however the Clerk was to check that the ones at the top of the children's play park had been painted.
- The clerk had reported the condition of the walk way between Rearsby and Thrussington to LCC. They had visited the site but felt that they were currently in a satisfactory condition but would monitor the situation.
- LCC had cleared the drains on Brookside of debris.

b) Progress on Jelson Homes appeal

The appeal had taken place between 17th and 20th July. It had been organised on the lines of a court, with the two sides sitting on either side of the inspector. Thanks were given to Councillor Byrne and Councillor Higgins for their excellent presentations. Thanks were also given to the members of the public, who had attended over the course of the appeal.

Further information had been received concerning the five year land supply. Using the Governments latest formula for calculating the supply, it was estimated that the supply for CBC was now at 5.93 years. This information will be passed onto the inspector.

Councillor Cooke had written a report, giving details of the appeal. It was agreed that this would go into the Rearsby Scene, onto the PC website and on the PC notice board.

As soon as any further information was received, this would be shared with the village.

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that Jelson Homes had indicated at the Jelson Homes appeal, that the Rearsby NP would need to go back to the beginning of the process as it had been withdrawn. This was incorrect – as it had been withdrawn, it could start the process at regulation 14 and 16.

Martin Field was going through the policy revisions. It was hoped to have the plan for consideration at the September meeting. It was agreed to speak to Martin, to offer any financial assistance that he may find useful. Councillor Wills indicated that he would be able to offer assistance around desk top publishing.

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

No further information had been received and it was unclear if the original sale was still going through.

CBC had reported that the Section 106 agreement had now been signed.

e) Mobile vehicle activated sign

It was agreed that the sign would stay at each location for a period of 9 weeks. This would include 3 weeks on, 3 weeks off and a further 3 weeks on.

f) Progress on Internal Auditors report

The Clerk had circulated the NALC model standing orders and financial guidelines. They looked to cover all items but the Clerk would go through in more detail and produce a draft for the September meeting.

It was agreed that a statement needed to go on the PC website concerning compliance with GDPR. Councillor Wills was to supply the Clerk with an example.

g) Update on entrance to housing development next to village hall P/15/0537/2

Concern had been expressed that the developer had made an additional entrance to the site. CBC had visited the site and confirmed that this was a temporary entrance and would be reinstated once the site was complete. Some concern was expressed that a hedge had been cut down to make this entrance and it was unlikely that it would be reinstated with a hedge.

18/76 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that the referendum for the Thrussington Neighbourhood plan was currently taking place.

Thanks were given to Councillor Poland for his support during the Jelson Homes appeal.

b) Police Report

PCSO Matt Harburt confirmed that there had been no reported instances of crime during July.

It was noted that the horses were still in the field on Grange Avenue but there had been no reports of them breaking loose.

c) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

No report was made.

Tree Warden Report

The Clerk had written to Trevor Drury to see if he had any suggestions as to locations for new trees in the Village. No reply had been received to date.

Flood Warden report

No report was made.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

Councillor Wills had undertaken a risk assessment. Several items were noted; -

- It was reported that the bins in the play areas had been emptied that morning, however the collector did not collect the bin at the top of the village hall playing field. The Clerk would report this to CBC as it was overflowing.
- Burnt Oak had jet washed the play mats but it was felt that further work was needed. It was agreed that the Clerk would request that the spray them with moss killer.
- There was a bolt missing on the climbing frame. The Clerk was to request that Playdale replace this.
- The Clerk was to request Burnt Oak to dig out the weed growing under the half pipe.
- The wood edge to the play mats appeared to be rotting – the clerk was to speak to Playdale about this.
- There was a fence leaning in on the footpath by the edge of the children's play park. The Clerk would report this to LCC.
- The Clerk had reported to LCC that the footpath by the edge of the children's play area was overgrown.

f) Village Hall

Councillor Cooke reported that there had not been a meeting during July. He had obtained a quote for the work to the entrance of the village hall car park of £3650.00. This would be passed onto the village hall committee for their consideration. The contract for the village hall broadband needed to be looked at as it was now out of contract. The Clerk would get a quote from BT and Councillor Wills would obtain a quote from Virgin.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the account at 31st July was £35,590.47

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £395.36

Burnt Oak – mowing, £552.00

Brook Leicester – printing, £220.00

The bank reconciliation to 31.7.18 was signed by the Chair.

18/77 New Business

a) To discuss the PC contribution towards Rearsby Scene

It was agreed that the PC would provide a news item for each edition of the Rearsby Scene. This month a contribution would be made introducing Councillor Cooke and also a report on the Jelson Homes appeal. The Clerk would continue to provide the notes from the meeting.

18/78 Planning

a) Planning applications

P/18/1409/2 14 Wreake Drive, erection of two storey extension

No comments were made.

P/18/1329/2 the Stables, 5b Brook Street, conversion of and erection of garage

No comments were made.

P/18/1468/2 31 Station Road, single storey extension

No comments were made.

P/18/1315/2 8 Orton Close, single storey extension

No comments were made.

P/18\12572/2 31 Wreake Drive, 2 and 1 storey extensions.

No comments were made.

18/79 Chairman's report

There was nothing further to report

18/80 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 6th September at 7.30 pm, Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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

Dated.....