

# REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillor M Cooke (Chair)  
Councillor S Chenery  
Councillor A Higgins  
Councillor A Byrne  
Councillor K Wills

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

### **18/01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christie Smith.

### **18/02 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

### **18/03 Public Forum**

- Some concern was expressed that a fish seller had been operating from a van on Church Leys Avenue and had not provided a satisfactory service. The Parish Council agreed to remind residents that there was risk associated with purchasing goods from ‘door to door’ salesmen.
- It was reported that the Christmas lights festival had been very successful and thanks were given to the organisers of this event .
- A query was made as to who maintains the Village Hall website. It was suggested that contact was made with the village hall.

### **18/04 Progress on outstanding items**

#### **a) Repair and Maintenance**

- A budget of £300 was agreed to fund the signs for the gate at the top of Gaddesby Lane and the uneven ground sign for the village hall playing fields.
- There appeared to be some damage to the telegraph pole near to the Virgin box on Melton Road.
- The Clerk had reported the damage to the railings on both sides of the road between Rearsby and Thrussington.
- There was some debris left on Wreake Drive from the recent work by the electricity company. The Clerk was to report this to LCC.

**b) Progress on mobile vehicle activated signs**

The MVAS would be moved to Station Road.

**c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan**

It was noted that the submitted Neighbourhood Plan had been withdrawn shortly before Christmas, following discussions with the Borough Council on information it had received concerning future needs for new development across the wider County area. A series of meetings are to be held with Borough Council Officers on the implications of this position on Neighbourhood Plans and on what additional work will be required to submit a revised Rearsby Neighbourhood Plan in due course. It was agreed that at the March meeting, a presentation will be made to the village to update them on the current situation. The meeting will start at 7.00 pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the Village Hall.

**d) Progress on future sale of the Convent**

There was no news as to the buyer of the convent.

It would be necessary for the Parish Council to engage a solicitor to deal with the transfer of ownership of the Conker field to the Parish Council. It would be necessary to appoint a solicitor who understood the legislation behind section 106. The Clerk had spoken to LRALC about this and they were to ask in their weekly newsletter for any recommendations from other parish councils. Provision would need to be made in budgets for this expenditure.

**e) Progress future housing needs survey**

It was hoped that the results of the survey would be available shortly.

**f) Progress on junction safety on the bypass**

A reply had been received from Stuart Bullen's, LCC replacement. The speeds on the bypass had been measured and were found to be in compliance with the speed limit on the road. The accident data had been examined and was found not be attributable to speed. However, LCC were currently conducting a review of all major connecting roads including the A606. As part of this review, they are considering reducing the speed limit in areas where the accident rate is above the national average. This may include changing the speed limits in locations such as Gaddesby Lane to ensure a consistent speed throughout the routes.

It was felt that this reply did not address the concerns over the road markings on the Gaddesby Lane junction and Councillor Cooke would follow this up.

**g) Progress on arrangements for Christmas**

The tree had been very successful this year and arrangements were in hand to remove it.

**h) Progress on replacement sign for Marie Curie Field of Remembrance**

No more information had been received.

**18/05 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports**

**a) County/Borough Councillor Report**

Councillor Poland reported that;-

- CBC had just heard that Jelsons were to appeal the planning decision for Melton Road. This would be by the means of a public enquiry. The deadline for further comments was 13<sup>th</sup> February.
- LCC still had to find an additional 54 million pounds of savings and this was leading to some very difficult decisions regarding budgets.
- Councillor Poland was to ask if it would be helpful to have a letter of support from parish councils in support of their 'fairer funding for Leicestershire' campaign.

## **b) Police Report**

The new PCSO had been seen around the village. The Clerk would obtain his contact details.

## **c) Village Warden Reports**

### **Heritage Warden report**

No report was made.

### **Tree Warden Report**

It was agreed that the new plaque for the relocated Jubilee tree should face the playpark.

### **Flood Warden report**

There was nothing further to report.

## **e) Risk Assessment and village safety**

Councillor Chenery and Higgins had undertaken a risk assessment. The following items were noted;-

- The bolts on the see saw needed tightening – the Clerk would ask Derek Overfield to look at this.
- The moss on the play mats was now becoming a problem – the Clerk would ask Derek Overfield to look at this.
- The wooden seats would need some attention this Spring – the Clerk would ask Derek Overfield to look at this.
- The table by the basket ball net was rotting and needed some attention – the Clerk would ask Derek Overfield to look at this.
- There had been a unauthorised grind rail erected on the village hall playing fields. This would need to be removed. However, it was felt that it would be a good idea to purchase a grind rail that met current H&S regulations to put into the area. The clerk would write to the youths who had contacted the PC previously about this. Councillor Chenery would put a sign on the grind rail to request the owners remove it by 31<sup>st</sup> January or the PC would have to remove it.

## **f) Village Hall**

There had not been a meeting during December. Some concern was expressed as to what the Parish Council's responsibilities were in the unlikely event of the village hall becoming insolvent. Councillor Cooke would look into this.

## **g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)**

The balance of the account was £11,609.71.

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £484.59

HMRC – PAYE, £157.80.

## **18/06 New Business**

### **a) To approve Precept 18/19**

After discussion it was agreed to increase the precept by £2,500.00 to £20,508.00.

This was due to the transfer of ownership of the conker field to the Parish Council and the costs that would be associated with this including maintenance, improvements and legal costs.

## **18/07 Planning**

### **a) Planning applications**

P/17/2575/214 Auster Crescent, erection of single storey extension

No comments were made.

**18/08 Chairman's report**

No comments were made.

**18/09 Correspondence box**

No comments were made.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm

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

Dated.....