

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Public Forum

- It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the developer to ensure that they have removed the concrete from the holes made to erect the temporary posts.
- Some concern was expressed over the proposed route for the new A46 bypass route. It was unclear if this would affect Rearsby. It was felt that it would not, but this would become clearer when the more detailed map was issued.

Present Councillor M Cooke (Chair)
Councillor A Higgins
Councillor K Wills

In Attendance Sue Norledge – Clerk

2 villagers

19/25 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Chenery, Councillor Poland, Councillor Metcalfe and PCSO Harburt.

19/26 To confirm minutes of meeting held on 7th March 2019

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

19/27 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance

- It was reported that the Environment Agency had been clearing the brook of weeds. This was excellent news.
- The litter pick had taken place on Saturday 9th March. This had been very successful. The Clerk was to report some bags in the ditch near to the junction with the bypass.
- A villager had been undertaking some maintenance work in the conker field. Whilst this work was appreciated, there was some concern that perhaps the hedge was being cut back too far and Councillor Cooke would talk to the resident concerned.

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

There was nothing new to report.

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

Following the receipt of the comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan, there was considerable discussion as to the next steps. It was agreed that the first steps would be:-

- To arrange a meeting with CBC, to go through their comments. The Clerk would contact them to arrange a date.
- The Neighbourhood Plan sub group would get together to discuss the comments in more detail.
- Consideration needed to be given to the employment of a consultant to assist with any necessary amendments to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

d) Progress on negotiations with Davidson Homes over the transfer of the Conker Field including planning application P/19/0361 discharge of conditions

The developer had found an alternative location for the storage compound and had removed the fencing on the conker field. The Clerk was to contact the site manager to ensure that they removed the concrete from the post holes they had made.

e) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update

The sign is now activated on Station Road. Councillor Cooke will circulate the information he had, concerning the purchase of a new MVAS and updated methods of recording the data.

The Clerk was to contact LCC to see which suppliers they would recommend for the new MVAS.

There was a need for more volunteers for the re location of the MVAS between village sites.

f) Progress on potential items of expenditure for 18/19 including new village notice boards, new village website, enhancements to the village hall playing fields, new MVAS, new benches and trees and enhancements to the conker field.

- George Walker had provided a quote of £875.00 for the replacement of four notice boards in the village. This included the removal of the old ones and the fitting of the new ones onto the existing posts. This was approved and the Clerk would arrange the installation.
- Councillor Wills had been talking to the Rearsby Scene about the possibility of taking over their website and turning it into a village website.
- There had been a request from a villager for the installation of a bench on the grass verge on Station Road, near to the post box. The Clerk needed to write to all residents around the areas proposed for new benches, to seek their comments.

g) Progress on Parish Council elections 2nd May 2019

Five of the existing Councillors had completed nomination papers for election. There had been no further nominations, so the election would be uncontested. This left a vacancy for a Councillor and the new Parish Council would seek to co opt a new member.

h)) Report back from Annual Parish Meeting

This had been very successful with 22 members of the public attending. Reports were given by the Parish Council Chairman and by Borough/County Councillor Poland. Reports were also given by many village groups, including, Friends of Rearsby Church, the WI, the table tennis club, the church, Rearsby Scene, the art club and the village hall. Thanks were given to Hollie from Beardsleys for the excellent refreshments.

19/28 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

No report was made.

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

PCSO Harburt had provided a written report – there had been no reported crime during March.

c) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

No report was made. Councillor Cooke reported that a villager, Stef Reynolds had been undertaking a wildlife survey using cameras. It was felt that it would be very interesting if Stef would be able to provide the Parish Council with a report of his work. Councillor Cooke would speak to him.

Tree Warden Report

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Trevor to see if he wished to carry on in the role as Tree Warden.

Flood Warden report

No report was made.

e) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report

No assessment had been undertaken in March. Councillor Cooke and Councillor Metcalfe would undertake an assessment in April.

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

There had not been a meeting in March.

It was agreed that Councillor Cooke would mention concerns that not all the electrical equipment and plugs in the Village Hall appeared to have been certified.

There was again concern expressed at the inconsiderate and dangerous parking by some parents at school pick up and drop off times. They were parking on the verge by the village hall despite there being yellow lines there. It was agreed to let Councillor Poland know about this to see if the area could be visited by an enforcement office from CBC.

Councillor Cooke would also speak to the village hall to see if they may be prepared to install a no parking sign outside the village hall.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the account at 31.3.19 was £33,969.83

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £385.04

HMRC – tax, £123.00

CPRE – membership, £36.00

LRALC – membership, £313.08

BHW Solicitors – conker field, £630.00

Bearsdleys – refreshments, £80.40

CBC – litter bin emptying, £987.61

Knapster Landscapes – goal posts, £360.00

The bank reconciliation to 31.3.19 was signed by the Chair.

h) Issues arising from LRALC reports

There was nothing to report.

19/29 New Business

None was reported.

19/30 Planning

a) Planning applications received for comments

P/19/0361/2 discharge of conditions, the Convent, Station Road

It was noted that now the storage facility on the conker field had been removed, there was no need for any further comments to be made.

19/31 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing further to report.

19/32 Chairman's report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene

Councillor Cooke would circulate his article to councillors prior to submission to the Rearsby Scene.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 9th May 2019 Annual General Meeting at 7.00 pm, to be followed by the May Parish Council Meeting, Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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

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