

# REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

### Public Forum

No comments were made.

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

**In Attendance** Sue Norledge – Clerk  
3 villagers

### 19/49 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Byrnes, Councillor Metcalfe and Borough/County Councillor Poland.

### 19/50 To confirm minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

### 19/51 Progress on outstanding items

#### a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance

- It was agreed to purchase a ladder up to £100.00 for the removal and installation of the mobile vehicle activated sign. Councillor Wills will purchase this.
- It was confirmed that the Clerk in conjunction with the Chair can approve up to £500 for any urgent expenditure.
- The Clerk would chase up Rob Knapp regarding the replacement palings on the village hall car park.
- The Clerk would report to LCC Highways that there was still a bump in the road near to the railway crossing from when the electricity cables were laid to the convent.
- Playdale had visited the children's play park to review the play mats. They needed the edges replacing and they were waiting for a quote from the 'wet pour' specialists.

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

- The Clerk of East Goscote had written to the PC concerning the defibrillator and enquiring if the code for the box could be put in the pub. This had been explored before but was not necessary as the ambulance service supply to the code if they feel the defibrillator will be of use

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

Martin Field and Councillor Byrne had met with CBC officers last week, and they were very helpful and supportive of the draft and advised on a number of things that could strengthen it. One key suggested revision is to decrease the proposed size of possible 'exception site' schemes to no more than 8, to have it in line with other planning policy that defines 'larger development' schemes as 10 or above

The N P Group are due to meet next week and will make some suggestions for how to engage someone, using the balance of the grant, to work on the getting a further draft and other documents into a final form.

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

The offer of the conker field had now been formally received from Davidsons solicitors'. It was agreed to accept the offer subject to the following being resolved-;

1. Clarification was needed concerning the northern most tip of the site being excluded from the offer of transfer.
2. Although the PC was aware that the developer wished to route the services through the field, we would be grateful for a more detailed plan of exactly what this will entail. We are concerned that the installation of the services does not affect the ridge and furrow of the field.
3. Regarding the path that is to be installed from the development to meet up with the path going through the conker field, is this something that Davidsons may be prepared to install at their expense?
4. The PC would like to see if we could have a right of access up the developer's driveway for the purposes of getting the mowing equipment into the conker field. At present there is a gate at the top of the drive that accesses the conker field. This would be very useful for us to get the mowing equipment into the field.
5. The PC would like to investigate further the boundaries shown on the map in relation to the trees. Very recently the occupier of number 55 Station Road, installed some fencing that goes through the middle of the trees on their boundary. This does not really match up with the plan enclosed. We do need to get this sorted out, as many of the trees may require work and we need to have clearly stated which trees are within our ownership.
6. The PC wondered if there was any information on the ownership of the fencing that goes along the boundary with the houses on Church Leys Avenue. Again, this needs to be clarified so that we are clear on what fences are our responsibility.

**e) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update**

Various items were discussed concerning the MVAS-;

- Councillor Metcalfe and Justin Higgins were to take over the maintenance of the MVAS. They will arrange to meet with Peter French, who is still happy to assist with the data downloading. It would be helpful if another home could be found for the spare batteries.

- Councillor Cooke had contacted Westcotec about the batteries several weeks ago and will chase them up.
- As previously mentioned, a ladder will be purchased to re site the sign.

**f) Progress on potential items of expenditure for 19/20 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.**

- Councillor Wills will progress the village website.
- Councillor Cooke is in discussion with Westcotec concerning a new MVAS
- Councillor Cooke has started to prepare a budget for the improvements to the conker field. At the next meeting, a quote will need to be agreed for the cost of a tree survey.

**g) Progress with application for affordable housing project in Rearsby**

Martin Field had held a further meeting with the Barkby Estates manager. The estate is still considering committing to the scheme. Councillor Cooke was happy to meet with them again, if it was felt that this would be helpful.

**h) Progress on outstanding items on Internal Auditors report**

- A reserves policy will be considered when the budget for the conker field is decided.
- When considering the precept, the precept request and the budget should be shown separately in the minutes.
- The bank mandate would be reviewed in August.
- The kissing gate has been added to the asset register and this will be published on the website.
- The internal and external auditors' reports will be included in the minutes.

**19/52 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**

No report had been provided. Councillor Cooke reported that he had witnessed car racing late at night on the A46. He had reported this to the police.

**c) Village Warden Reports**

**Heritage Warden report**

Steff Reynolds reported that-;

- The overflow pond from the bypass would make a nice walk. The Clerk was to try and find out who owned the field.
- There were still some bin bags of rubbish on the other side of the hedge in the field with the overflow pond in. The Clerk was to report these to LCC.
- Steff kindly offered the use of his wildlife camera for any interested villager, to see what wildlife was visiting their garden at night.

**Tree Warden Report**

No report was made.

**Flood Warden report**

No report was made.

**e) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report**

Councillor Higgins had undertaken a risk assessment in June. The main issues were the play mats in the children's play area.

The Clerk was to resend the timetable for the undertaking of the risk assessments.

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

No meeting had been held since the last Parish Council meeting.

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

The balance of the account at 30.6.19 was £37,503.55

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £478.93

HMRC - £105.40

Burnt Oak – grass cutting,

Redwood Pryor – internal audit, £206.16

The bank reconciliation to 30.6.19 was signed by the Chair.

**h) Issues arising from LRALC reports**

There was nothing to report.

**19/53 New Business**

**a) To begin investigating the feasibility of the transfer of common land in the village, to the Parish Council**

Tentative investigations had begun to look at the possibility of the PC taking over some areas of highway land in the village, for community use. This would be a long term project, once the conker field transfer had been concluded.

Some concern had been expressed that a resident on Wreake Drive, had installed a new garden gate onto the highways grass verge. The concern was that this could eventually form a new right of way. The Clerk had written to LCC Highways to clarify the position.

**19/54 Planning**

**a) Planning applications received for comments**

None had been received.

**19/55 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

There was nothing else to report.

**19/56 Chairman’s report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene**

There was nothing further to report.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

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

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