

# REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

### Public Forum

- A member of the public asked that when decisions are being made about works to the conker field, that nearby residents are consulted on these.
- Concern was expressed that householders are tipping their garden waste onto Bog Lane. It was confirmed that this should not be happening as it was a public right of way and needed to be kept clear.
- There was a road sign at the bottom of Station Road, that appeared to have been left by LCC Highways. The Clerk would report this to LCC Highways.
- It was confirmed that the weeds in the brook would be cleared by the end of October.

### Present

Councillor A Byrne (Chair)  
Councillor S Chenery  
Councillor K Wills  
Councillor A Higgins

### In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk  
PCSO Matt Harburt  
6 villagers

### 18/89 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Cooke and Borough/County Councillor James Poland.

### 18/90 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### 18/91 Progress on outstanding items

#### a) Repair and Maintenance

- It was confirmed by the Clerk that the Christmas lights would not need a licence as they were not on a public highway.
- A budget of £100.00 was agreed for the planters. Thanks, were given to Peter and Wendy French for their continued work on the planters.
- Derek Overfield had placed duck tape on the various signs in the village that referred to the public pay phone.
- Derek Overfield would replace the rotting post on the overflow car park for £96.00. This was approved.
- A quote of £250.00 had been received from Knapster Landscapes for the removal of the old metal goal posts. They were being removed due to the frequent tying of objects to them. Two new mobile goal posts had been purchased to replace these. However, there was some concern that perhaps

some users did not want them to be removed. The village had been asked on several occasions if they had any views on this, but none had been received. It was agreed to put a notice on the old goal posts, to let users know what we were proposing to do and ask them to contact the clerk, if they had any concerns.

**b) Progress on Jelson Homes appeal**

The Parish Council had heard that day, that the appeal had been dismissed. This was great news for the whole village and thanks were given to all those, who had worked so hard, over the whole period of the planning application. The inspectors report had been put on the parish council website and notices were going up on all the notice boards in the village. An article would also be produced for the Rearsby Scene.

**c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan**

Martin Field reported that he had been waiting for the Jelson appeal decision before he finished the final chapter. He hoped to get the draft to the Councillors within two weeks. It was then hoped to send the draft to CBC for a 'health check'. It was agreed to leave the extension of the ALS in for the time being and review it when comments had been received.

Martin and Councillor Byrne had met with the Barkby Estates representative to begin initial discussions about the possibility of an exception site for affordable housing in the village. It was agreed to put potential exceptions site developments on the next agenda for a fuller discussion.

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

- The selling agent had recently confirmed that the site was sold subject to contract and would be following the original planning application layout.
- It was felt that the village would want to thank the sisters for all their contributions towards village life over the years. It was proposed, once the conker field was handed to the PC, the erect a bench, tree and plaque. It was suggested that the plaque could be made up now and presented to the sisters before the final church service. Kathy Ledger agreed to produce some wording for the plaque. It was also agreed to purchase some flowers.
- The principle of employing a solicitor, to help with the transfer of the land, was agreed.

**e) Mobile vehicle activated sign**

This was currently on Station Road for a period of 3 weeks. It would then be left for three weeks. Councillor Wills and Chenery agreed to get together to develop some proposals for the improvement of both the physical storage of the sign and also for the storage of the data.

**f) National Highways and Transportation Survey**

It was agreed not to fill this in as it only applied to the A46.

**g) Councillor Vacancy**

Richard Metcalfe introduced himself to the meeting and put himself forward to be co opted onto the PC. This would be formally considered in November, when Councillor Ian Christie Smith's formal resignation had been received.

**h) Progress on renewing Broadband contract for the Village Hall**

The Clerk reported that the order had now been placed. There would be no charge for installation and the monthly cost would be £32.00 with the first three months free. There would be about a 40 day lead in period. Virgin were able to provide free email addresses for the use of the Councillors.

## **18/92 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports**

### **a) County/Borough Councillor Report**

No report was made.

### **b) Police Report**

PCSO Harburt reported that there had been no reported instances of crime in Rearsby during September.

### **c) Village Warden Reports**

#### **Heritage Warden report**

No report was made.

#### **Tree Warden Report**

No report was made

#### **Flood Warden report**

No report was made.

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

Councillor Higgins and Byrne would undertake the risk assessment in October.

The clerk confirmed that Playdale had been approached in 2017 about an internal inspection of the bearing assembly of the overhead rota. They had confirmed that they did not feel that this was necessary.

### **f) Village Hall**

No meeting had been held.

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

The balance of the account at 30<sup>th</sup> September was £41,794.04

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £385.04

Burnt Oak – mowing, ££480.00

PKF Littlejohn – external audit, £240.00

A Corcoran – NP website, £115.06

The bank reconciliation to 30.9.18 was signed by the Chair.

## **18/93 New Business**

### **a) Parking on Brookside**

A letter had been received from a resident of Brook Street, expressing concern at the constant parking outside their windows, of visitors to the tea shop. The Chair had meet with the owner and various suggestions had been made, including the parking of the owner's vehicle outside the property. This would prevent the 'coming and going' all day of the vehicles. The resident had felt that perhaps a residents only parking scheme may help. However, these were only used in large city centres, in streets adjacent to the city centre. The Clerk would write to the resident regarding the outcome of the meeting.

### **b) To approve GDPR Privacy Notice**

This was approved and would go on the website. It would be renewed annual at the AGM.

### **c) To discuss new items of expenditure for 18/19**

Now that monies would not be required for the fighting of the Jelson Appeal, various suggestions were made for items of future expenditure;-

- Various items for the conker field, including a tree survey, a bench, tree and plaque.
- Benches in other areas of the village.
- Slab for the kissing gate.
- Disabled access for the village hall
- More equipment for the village hall playing fields

- New notice boards
- New railings on the approach to the convent.

It was agreed that Councillors would look in more detail at the following areas:-

- Councillor Wills – publicity and all village websites.
- Councillor Higgins – Playing field
- Councillor Byrne – trees and benches
- Councillor Cooke – kissing gates and the conker field.

The item would be put on the November agenda.

**d) Report back from forum on unitary structure for Leicestershire**

Councillor Cooke had provided a written report to Councillors, following his attendance at a forum to look at a unitary structure for Leicestershire.

**e) To discuss purchase of bench, tree and plaque for the convent**

As discussed earlier in the meeting, it was agreed to purchase a bench, tree and plaque to commemorate the contribution to the village of the sisters. This would be sorted out when the conker field was transferred. In the meantime, the plaque would be purchased and presented to the sisters at a suitable time.

**18/94 Planning**

**a) Planning applications**

P/18/1787/2 26 Church Leys Avenue. Erection of single storey extension to rear and double storey extension to front

No comments were made.

P/181771/2 6 William Everard Close, erection of dormer extension

No comments were made.

P/18/1774/2 7Bleakemoor Close, erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling

No comments were made.

P/18/1752/2 25 Mill Road. Variation of conditions to P/16/0823/2

No comments were made.

**18/95 Chairman’s report**

There was nothing further to report

**Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30 pm, Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm

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

Dated.....