

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 6th June at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Public Forum

It was reported that the recently held 'beating the bounds' had been very successful with over 30 people attending.

Present Councillor M Cooke (Chair)
Councillor A Byrne (Vice Chair)
Councillor K Wills
Councillor R Metcalfe

In Attendance Sue Norledge – Clerk
1 villager
Borough/County Councillor James Poland

19/41 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Higgins.

19/42 To confirm minutes of meeting held on 4th April 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th May and the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 9th May were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

Councillor Cooke declared an interest in item 5d.

19/43 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance

- The notice boards had been installed.
- The 'no parking on the pavement' signs had been installed by the village hall.
- The condition of the footpath alongside the children's play area and the footpath between Thrussington and Rearsby had been reported to LCC.
- Thanks, were given to Peter French for the planting of the village planters.
- The Clerk had written to Fisher German regarding the bonfires on the allotments that appeared to be burning hazardous materials.

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

- Concern was expressed as to the condition of the fencing alongside the footpath running by the side of the children's play area. The Clerk was to report this to LCC.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the developer of the convent and ask them to put up some temporary Harris fencing at the gap that had appeared near to the gate on Station Road

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

A meeting had been arranged on 27th June between CBC and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Development Group and the Parish Council. This was to go through the comments that had been made by CBC.

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

It was reported that CBC enforcement officers had visited the site and had confirmed that no construction work was yet taking place. It was hoped that the reserved matters would be approved any day now. The process of transfer of the conker field to the PC would then be able to commence.

Some concern was expressed that Western Power had not informed local residents, when they started the work at the bottom of Station Road/Wreake Drive. The work had left a bump on the road and if this did not disappear, the Clerk would report it to LCC.

e) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update

Councillor Cooke reported that-;

- The current sign could be converted to blue tooth for £250.00
- A new sign would cost a total of £3,400.
- He was to go back to Westcotec to see what the weight of the batteries are on the new signs. Also, he would ask if a new lighter battery could be retro fitted to the old sign.
- The current sign is on Station Road and is switched on.
- Councillor Metcalfe and Councillor Higgins husband had volunteered to become involved and a meeting would be arranged between them and Simon Chenery and Peter French to arrange a hand over.

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.

There was nothing new to report.

g) Progress with application for affordable housing project in Rearsby

Martin Field had met with Fisher German and was to meet with the Pochins Estate on 7th June. If this all went well and there were no matters to be reported back to the Parish Council, then the application would be submitted.

h) Progress with parking issues at school and on Brook Street

Advice had been sought from both the Police and Charnwood Borough Council. It is permissible to park on double yellow lines for a very short period of time. However, parking on the pavement and causing an obstruction is prohibited.

The hatching yellow lines outside the school are not legally enforceable unless legislation has been passed by the County Council. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the school and ask if they had considered this option. There was also some discussion about putting the entrance back to Brookside.

As reported earlier, more visitors to Beardsleys appear to be using the wheel car park, which would help with the parking issues on Brookside.

19/44 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that-;

- The five year land supply was at 6.41 years which was good news.
- The members grants of up to £1,000 per year for relevant causes in the members ward were now available. Organisations had to have a constitution and a bank account. Applications were not permitted from Parish Councils, schools and churches.

- The Children in Care East Midlands partnership was underway. This was a partnership between local authorities in the East Midlands and voluntary organisations. It was hoped it would widen the pool of potential adopters for children in care.

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

PCSO Harburt had provided a written report and there had been one burglary in Rearsby during May. However, it was reported at the meeting that two cars had been stolen off a drive in Wreake Drive.

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) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report

Councillor Higgins had undertaken a risk assessment and would circulate it to Councillors.

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

Councillor Higgins had attended the Village Hall Committee. They had a healthy bank balance.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the account at 31.5.19 was £40,223.05

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £339.34

Burnt Oak – grass cutting, £372.00 x 2

Derek Overfield – painting railings, £193.20

George Walker – noticeboards, £1,050.00

Hickman Signs – no parking signs, £163.20

Peter French – planters, £50.00

The bank reconciliation to 31.5.19 was signed by the Chair.

h) Issues arising from LRALC reports

There was nothing to report.

19/45 New Business

a) To approve the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement

The 18/19 Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chair.

b) To approve the 2018/19 Annual Statement of Accounts

The 18/19 Annual Statement of Accounts was approved and signed by the Chair.

c) To receive the Internal Auditors report

The Internal Auditors report was received and will be an agenda item in July. There was some discussion around a reserves policy, and this will be firmed up at the next meeting.

d) To consider the damage done to grass verge on Wreake Drive by building work

There was some discussion around the damage done to the grass verge on Wreake Drive by building works. The works appeared to have finished and top soil had been placed on the verge. The Clerk was to check with the householder that the area had been seeded.

There was also some concern that a new gate had been put in on the fence line onto the grass verge. The Clerk was to check with CBC that this was permissible without planning permission.

There was a wider discussion around the possibility of open green spaces in the village being taken into the Parish Councils ownership and used for community purposes. The Clerk was to write to LCC to see what the process would be, if it was decided to go down this route at a later date.

19/46 Planning

a) Planning applications received for comments

None had been received.

19/47 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing else to report.

19/48 Chairman's report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene

The Chairman's article for the Rearsby Scene would cover security/safety of property.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 4th July, Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9,00 pm

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

Dated.....