

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Public Forum

- Concern was expressed that the lamppost lights have not been mended near to the bus stop on Melton Road. LCC had written a few weeks ago to say that the problem was not with the bulbs but with the power supply. The supplier had been written to, to request the repair. The Clerk would chase this up again.
- Concern was expressed that the fence was still up on the conker field. The solicitor has, to date, not received a reply to their letter.

Present

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

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
Borough/County Councillor Poland
3 villagers

19/17 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Higgins and PCSO M Harburt.

19/18 To confirm minutes of meeting held on 7th February 2019

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

19/19 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance

- The surface under the kissing gate on the village hall car park, had been concreted and the sleeper had been repaired.
- The metal goal posts had been removed and the mobile ones had been erected.
- The Clerk had contacted CBC re the 7 arch bridge repairs but they were not able to help. The Clerk would contact LCC.
- Rob Knapp had looked at the paling fence at the back of the village hall car park. He felt that it only needed 6 palings replacing. This course of action was agreed.
- The Clerk had spoken to the Environment Agency about the weeds in the brook. Unfortunately, the only clearing that was now done, was debris that constituted a flood risk. They did say that if a phone call is made before next Christmas, they would try to clear that area of the weeds, so that the duck race could take place.

- There had been some repairs to the Church entrance gate which had damaged the wall along the footpath. This would be repaired by the church.

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

There was nothing further to report.

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

Councillor Byrne reported:-

- There had been some substantial responses from the statutory consultees and from Jelson Homes and Gladman developments. They concerned the ALC, Green spaces and exception site housing. These will need to be studied in some detail and a decision taken as to whether the draft Neighbourhood Plan needed to be amended before regulation 16 consultation began.
- Approximately 20 responses had been received from the public. This was less than during the first consultation.

It was agreed that all Councillors will study the responses and the matter will be discussed at the April meeting. It was suggested that the meeting be started earlier, to give sufficient time to discuss that matter fully. There is still some money left in the budget, if a consultant was needed to be employed.

d) Progress on negotiations with Davidson Homes over the transfer of the Conker Field

The solicitor had written to the developer to turn down their request to use part of the conker field as a storage compound. No reply had yet been received.

The Clerk reported that the discharge of conditions planning application was showing on the CBC website but did not yet appear to have been validated.

e) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update

The sign was operational on Station Road. Councillor Cooke had undertaken some investigations into costs of a new sign that automatically downloaded the data via blue tooth. He would put this information onto a spread sheet for the next meeting.

f) Progress on a potential affordable housing project for Rearsby

This would be reported to the April meeting.

h) 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.

- Councillor Wills had started to investigate the possibility of a new village website. This would be a gradual process over a number of years. He would report back to the next meeting.
- The Clerk had spoken to George Walker regarding the notice boards and they had visited the village to look at the locations. They felt it may be possible to reuse the existing posts. A quote would be sent shortly and could be discussed at the next meeting.
- The Clerk had spoken to Western Power concerning access to the village hall playing fields. They were happy to use the entrance from the car park and did not require the entrance from the main road.

i) Progress on Parish Council elections 2nd May 2019 including date for Parish Council Annual meeting.

The nomination papers should be out shortly. It was agreed to hold the Parish Council Annual meeting on Thursday 9th May to be followed by the May Parish Council meeting.

j) Progress on arrangements for Annual Parish meeting on Thursday 28th March 2019

This was to be held on Thursday 28th March. The Clerk would ask Beardsleys to provide some refreshments. The Clerk would try and get as many village groups and village wardens to come along as possible. It was hoped that Councillor Poland could also attend.

19/20 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that:-

- The overall council tax rises ranged from 1.3% for the parish council to 12% for the police and crime commissioner.
- LCC are still in a very difficult financial position with a further savings to be made. CBC is still in a strong position and had the 23rd lowest council tax in the country.

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

PCSO Harburt had provided a written report and there had been one vehicular crime in February.

c) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

No report was made.

Tree Warden Report

Councillor Cooke had tried to get hold on the tree warden but was not having any success.

Flood Warden report

No report was made.

e) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report

Councillor Wills had undertaken a risk assessment. There was nothing new to report. Councillor Higgins would undertake the March report and Councillor Cooke and Councillor Metcalfe would undertake the April report.

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

No meetings had been held.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the account at 28.2.19 was £35,498.95

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £294.24

M Cooke – expenses, £42.00

Derek Overfield – maintenance, £586.00

The bank reconciliation to 28.2.19 was signed by the Chair.

h) Issues arising from LRALC reports

There was nothing to report.

19/21 New Business

None was reported.

19/22 Planning

a) Planning applications received for comments

P/19/0270/2 Brook Farm, Gaddesby Lane, conversion of wood processing plant to holiday accommodation

No comments were made.

19/23 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing further to report.

19/24 Chairman's report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene

The litter pick was to be held at 10.00 on Saturday 9th March at the village hall. Councillor Chenery reported that he would not be standing at the next election and thanked his fellow councillors for the professional and collaborative way of working of the past few years.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.30 pm, Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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

Dated.....