

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 7th June 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor I Christie Smith (Chair)
Councillor M Cooke (Vice Chair)
Councillor A Byrne
Councillor S Chenery
Councillor K Wills
Councillor A Higgins

In Attendance Sue Norledge – Clerk

18/46 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Borough/County Councillor J Poland

18/47 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 3rd May 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

18/48 Public Forum

It was noted that the bench that was opposite the entrance to Manor farm needed some attention. The Clerk would speak to Derek Overfield.

18/49 Progress on outstanding items

a) Repair and Maintenance

- The new planters had been delivered and Peter French had filled them.
- The pot hole between Thrussington and Rearsby had been filled.
- The close gate sign had been ordered for the top of Gaddesby Lane.

b) Progress on Jelson Homes appeal

Councillor Byrne reported that;-

- Councillor Byrne had been working on the written evidence for the appeal and would circulate it for comments to the Councillors.
- The transport data was looking very interesting.
- The appeal dates would start to be published. There would be a double page in the Rearsby Scene. A flyer would go out a couple of weeks before hand to the whole village. It would go on the parish website and on Keep Rearsby Rural.
- Another meeting would be held with Karen Brightman before the appeal date.
- All Councillors to try and attend the hearing for as many days as possible.

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

Following the Limits to Development consultation exercise, the consultation statement is being updated. Martin Field is currently working hard on the updated version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

There was no further progress to report on this matter.

e) Progress on grind rail on village hall playing fields

Councillor Cooke had spoken to Syston Town Council and they had confirmed that their grind rail was installed by DT Leisure. He had contacted them to obtain a price for the installation of a similar one on the village hall playing fields.

f) Mobile vehicle activated sign

The sign was currently on the lamppost near to the Jelson Homes site for one more week. It would then be relocated to the Horse and Groom side. It was intended to put it back to the Jelson Homes side nearer to the appeal. However, during discussions an option of just switching off the until for 3 weeks without moving it. It would be decided by the MVAS persons's which they would do.

There was some concern expressed over the inconsiderate parking by some parents around school time and this had caused a near miss type incident. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the headteacher to see if he could write to all parents asking them to be more considerate when parking.

g) Future of goal posts on village hall playing fields

There was much discussion around the issue of the goal posts on the village hall playing fields. The mobile ones had been damaged beyond economic repair. Two new ones could be ordered. It was agreed to take the old ones away so that there was a period without them to see if this would result in more care being taken with the new ones.

It was also agreed to ask Derek Overfield to remove the old permanent goal posts and fill the holes in with sand.

h) Progress on installation of kissing gate in to Village Hall playing fields

This was being installed on June 14th.

i) Progress on Gladman proposals for East Goscote

There was nothing further to report this month.

j) Waste bins in the village

There was still an issue with the waste bins not being emptied often enough in the village. This was a particular issue on the two play parks. The Clerk was talking to CBC about this problem and they are talking to Serco about it. If overflowing bins are seen in the village, it would be helpful if villagers reported them to CBC directly on 01509 634563. The more people making reports, the more that CBC will appreciate the problems we are experiencing. The same applies to areas of dog dirt – villagers should report this on 01509634564. One of the criteria for the installation of dog waste bins, is the amount of reports that CBC have received regarding areas of dog fouling.

18/50 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

No report was made.

b) Police Report

It had been a while since the police had attended a meeting. The Clerk was to check with PC Freeman if the PCSO is still in post.

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 had undertaken a risk assessment. The main issues were;-

- The moss and bird droppings on the children's play area mats. A quote of £150.00 from Burnt Oak to clean them was agreed. It was also agreed to ask them to clean the bird droppings off the swing seats.
- There was some minor flaking of paint from the outdoor gym equipment. Councillor Cooke would look at this.
- The tree was still growing under the half pipe. The Clerk would speak to Burnt Oak about this.
- Councillor Christie Smith has the keys for the electricity box on the brook bank.

f) Village Hall

Councillor Cooke reported that;-

- At the AGM there was a full set of officers.
- The finances were good.
- A meeting was being held with a builder to look at relocating the entrance barrier further back and widening the pavement.
- John Malpas from East Goscote wants revive the car boot sales, with the proceeds going towards the community library. The village hall committee were happy with this. It was agreed that the playing fields could be used but that the village hall needed to make sure that their insurance would cover any damage.
- The outdoor gym was being well used.
- The Secretary was trying to find the paperwork that shows that the Parish Council is not responsible for the village hall, should the Village Hall Committee fail.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the account at 31st May was £26,017.85

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £299.53

LRALC – training, £40.00

Burnt Oak – mowing, £372.00

Community Heart Beat Trust – battery, £282.00

Redwood Pryor – internal audit, £182.16

Brook Leicester – NP printing, £120.00

P French – planters, £60.24

The bank reconciliation to 31.5.18 was signed by the Chair.

18/51 New Business

a) To approve the Annual Governance Statement 17/18

The Annual Governance Statement was approved.

b) To approve the Annual Statement of Accounts 17/18

The Annual Statement of Accounts was approved.

18/52 Planning

a) Planning applications

P/18/0797/2 14 Wreake Drive, erection of single and two storey extensions

No comments were made.

Some concern was expressed that there appeared to now be two entrances to the development next to the village hall. The Clerk was to check on the original planning application.

18/53 Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that he would be resigning from the end of June, He was hoping to be able to stay on as a councillor until September. A new Chair will need to be elected in July.

18/54 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 5th July at 7.30 pm, Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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

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