

## **Rearsby Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00 in Rearsby Village Hall**

**Present** Councillor Martin Cooke Chair for the meeting.  
Councillor Anthea Byrne  
Councillor Kerrel Wills  
Councillor Richard Metcalfe  
County/Borough Councillor James Poland  
Sue Norledge (Clerk)

**In Attendance** 22 members of the public

#### **19/01 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Simon Chenery and Councillor Alison Higgins

#### **19/02 Chairmans Report**

### **Parish Meeting notes 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

#### **Convent / Conker Field -**

Now the issue of the conker field compound has been resolved the new planning application has been submitted and once approved work will commence on the site. We expect that prior to actual development as per the section 106 agreement the builder has to serve written notice on the borough council that it proposes to transfer the land to the PC for a sum of £1.

They also have to serve written notice to us and we have 60 days in which to respond confirming we will accept the transfer. We then have 6 months to sort out the transfer.

The PC are waiting for details of services to be ran across the conker field which will be discussed once received.

A plan of the development is available to view afterwards.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan -**

We continue to develop the NP in preparation for submission to the inspector however, after the consultation period we have received a number of points which require further work / investigation after which the PC will consider the next steps. Unfortunately, public response to the NP was poor, less responses than last time 20 in all which is disappointing considering the number of Properties within the Parish.

#### **Litter Pick -**

A recent litter pick in the village collected a significant amount of rubbish but unfortunately, we only had 13 people turn up to help.

#### **New Projects -**

Done ~New kissing gate installed at rear of village hall for easier access to

playing field and outdoor gym.  
New mobile goal posts on the playing field.

Currently being considered ~

Upgrading of the vehicle speed sign & a possible second sign to enable more coverage for longer periods and key risk points.

More seats around the village

Parish Website

More facilities and better access to the playing field

Conker field enhancement

### **Maintenance -**

The PC are aware of the street lights out on Melton road and the electricity company are working to resolve the problem.

### **Local elections -**

Local Council elections take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 in case there is anyone interested in standing.

Simon Chenery is standing down after 12 years and we would like to thank him sincerely for his help and support over those years.

Finance update – the Clerk reported that a budget of £20,652 was set with the precept being £18,018. The balance of £2,634 being met from reserves. However, it is likely that expenditure will be around £18685.00 due to delays in the transfer of the conker field and the subsequent expenditure that will arise.

Following this report, several issues were discussed;-

- It was hoped that the current owners of the conker field, would not use Glyphosate type weed killer.
- Some concern was expressed that there had been some damage done to the wall in the conker field, when the temporary fencing had been erected. The Clerk would contact the site manager to report this concern.
- Concern was expressed about the state of the litter bins in the village. They were frequently overflowing. This had been reported on numerous occasions by the Clerk and Councillor Poland agreed to look into the matter.
- The footpath running alongside the children's play park was again overgrown. The Clerk would report this to LCC.
- A request was made for improved lighting near to the railway crossing. The Clerk would report this to LCC.

### **19/03 Reports from Committees and Working Parties**

There were no reports to make.

### **1/04 Reports from Parish Wardens**

It was still felt that the water cress needed to be removed from the brook by the Environment Agency.

There is a vacancy for a Heritage Warden. This is an important role in the village and any volunteers would be gratefully received!

## **19/05 Reports from other village representatives**

### **Borough/County Councillor James Poland**

Councillor Poland reported that:-

- The main issue facing both Councils but in particular the County Council was funding. The fair funding campaign, which was trying to give a fairer funding settlement for the Shire County Councils, was beginning to have some effect.
- The Unitary Status debate was ongoing in the County.
- He had enjoyed working with Parish Council and the Borough Council on the Jelson appeal and the work around the conker field.

## **19/06 Reports from other village groups**

### **Village Hall Committee**

Jane Friendship gave a report on the work of the village hall over the past year:-

- The Village Hall was very well maintained and was the only real community facility in the village.
- The Committee meet 6 times a year.
- The hall is let 3-4 times a day.

A member of the public commented on the poor acoustics in the hall but this would be an extremely costly item to improve.

### **Friends of Rearsby Church**

Martin Field gave a report into the work of the Friends of Rearsby Church:-

- They are a small group of 6 who fund raise for the fabric of the church.
- Events organised have included, a fashion show, a Xmas coffee morning, the harvest supper, the 'beating the bounds' and a ukulele band.
- The next 'beating the bounds' would be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### **St Michael and all Angels Church**

Rita Mead, Church Warden, reported that:-

- The village was very lucky to have a church service every Sunday, with a family friendly service, every 4<sup>th</sup> week.
- The very popular 'tots and tinies' was held every Thursday.
- Charnwood Borough Council had recently paid to have the entrance gates refurbished and an excellent job was done.
- The church is currently looking at the floodlighting.
- The church is not a museum and is often used for social and school events.

### **Table Tennis Club**

Alan Barnes reported that:-

- It was now 10 years since the new village hall opened.
- The table tennis club was very successful and now met 150 times a year. Sessions are held Monday and Wednesday 1-30pm to 4.00 pm and on a Friday between 6.00 pm and 8.30 pm.
- The club had over 65 members.

### **Rearsby Scene**

Barbara Standing reported that the Rearsby Scene is thriving, and they are very proud of the work and effort that goes into producing each edition. They would love some new members to help on the editorial panel.

### **Rearsby WI**

Barbara Standing reported that the WI stood for fun, friendship and food! They had 39 members and that number was increasing.

**Art Club**

Rita Meade reported that the group meets every Wednesday between 7.30 and 9.30 pm. It has 12 members and is a very friendly group. New members are welcome and any activity can be undertaken from painting to knitting.

**Indoor Kurling Club**

It was reported that this group, could do with some new members.

**19/06 Any Annual Parish meeting motions received**

None had been received.

**15/07 Public Forum**

No further comments were made.

Thanks were given to Hollie from Beardsleys for the excellent refreshments!