

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 1^{2th} January 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor M Cooke(Chair)
Councillor P French
Councillor A Byrne
Councillor I Christie Smith (for part of meeting)
Councillor S Chenery
Councillor A Higgens

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
Borough Councillor Poland
4 members of the public

17/01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

No apologies were received.

17/02 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st December 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

17/03Public Forum

- There was to be an evening of classical music to be held at the village hall on Saturday 24th March at 7.30 pm
- It was hoped to organise another ‘beating the bounds’ walk in early May

17/04 Progress on outstanding items

a)Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that;-

- The mole hills were becoming a problem on the Village Hall playing fields and were also appearing on the children’s play area. He had approached various pest control companies. A quote for approx. £800 had been received for both areas. It was agreed to accept this quote as a one off and review the position in the coming months.
- The goal posts on the Village Hall playing fields had been damaged again. There were enough spares to undertake the repairs. It was agreed that a budget of £200.00 is available should more spare parts be needed.
- Councillor French had swept the play park mats and litter picked.
- It was noted that there was a redundant lamp post – LP3 on Church Lane. A new one had been fitted but the old one had not been removed. The Clerk was

to report this to LCC. LP5 on Station Road was being obscured by tree branches. This would also be reported to LCC.

- It was agreed that a further advert would be placed in the Rearsby Scene for an 'odd job person' to undertake small items of maintenance around the village.

b) Progress on vehicle activated signs

Councillor French reported that the figures for the second siting of the MVAS on Station Road, showed lower volumes of traffic but similar speeds. It was agreed that the sign would be moved to LP25 on Melton Road on 5th February. Two alternative sites on Melton Road had been discussed. It was agreed to trial outside the Horse and Groom going towards Leicester

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

- The information from the drop in on 19th November was currently being collated. The consultant was working on the draft text.
- Meetings were being undertaken with businesses including Fisher German as agents for the business park. This was to ensure that business concerns were taken account of.
- Once the draft document was ready, it would be printed off and delivered to every household. It was hoped this would be at the end of February.
- It is hoped that the document could be signed off by the Parish Council at the April meeting. The referendum would take place approx. 3 months after that.
- Some input was required from the Parish Council concerning the draft proposals for housing in the village.
- Martin Field had met with Richard Mugglestone, Rural Housing Enabler. It had been agreed that the survey into affordable housing needs would be undertaken in the Autumn so that it was not confused with the Neighbourhood Plan.

d)Progress on future sale of the Convent

Councillor Poland had reported that the District Valuer was looking at the application in relation to the measures to compensate for the lack of affordable housing. It was hoped that the application would go to the March Planning Committee.

e) Progress on the redevelopment of the Village Hall playing area

No more information had been received from the Architect.

f) Progress on the railings in Brookside

The posts were now available and the contractor had paid for them. A meeting was to be arranged to finalise the contract. Councillor Christie Smith was to get the licence for the work.

g) Report back on Christmas arrangements

The arrangements for the tree had gone well. It was noted that another tree had appeared whilst the tree was waiting for collection.

h) To consider the 17/18 precept

It was agreed to keep the precept at 16/17 levels at £18,008. The budget excluding contingencies was £26,730.00, therefore there would be a withdrawal from reserves, excluding £3,000 for contingencies, of £8,722.00.

17/05 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County Councillor

No report was made.

b) Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that:-

- The District Valuer was currently looking at the Convent planning application in relation to the measures to be taken to compensate for the lack of affordable housing.

c) Police Report

PCSO Brian Geeson provided a written report;-

- There had been a burglary to outbuildings on Hassell Mews on 9th December.
- There had been an attempted burglary on Auster Crescent on 30th December,
- The problem of the unauthorised grazing of horses on Grange Avenue was continuing with them escaping on numerous occasions. On 27th December they escaped towards East Goscote and were put in a field near to the bypass by a passer-by. They seemed to be more secure here.
- On the night of 1st January there was damage to vehicles in Rearsby and surrounding villages by vandals.

d) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

Councillor French reported that the History Society had provided a form of words to go on the proposed plaque on the seven arch bridge. It was agreed that Councillor French would liaise with the History Society over the wording, design and location of the plaque.

It was reported that the defibrillator had been taken by the ambulance service on 29th December. However, they did not need to use it.

Tree Warden Report

There was nothing further to report.

Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

No assessment had been undertaken during December. The Clerk was to provide a further schedule for inspections by Councillors.

f) Village Hall

There had been a meeting in December when it was reported that there would be 5 car boots, rather than 7, in 2017. Costs were being looked at for the installation of disabled ramps for the exits. There will shortly be classes for IPHones and IPads. The next meeting was on 17th January and Councillor Cooke was to report that the PC were struggling to get quotes for the new access from the architect.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £21,842.34 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,560.63

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £502.75

17/06 New Business

There was no new business.

17/07 Planning

a) Planning application

P/16/2782/2 9 Orton Close, single storey extension

No objections were made.

P/17/0004/2 2 Brook Street, change of use from residential to retail and tea shop

The Council were very supportive of this application. They did comment that thought needed to be given to the access drive to ensure that vehicles did not have to reverse out onto the road and that consideration needed to be given for parking in the area.

17/08 Chairman's report

There was nothing further to report.

17/09 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 2nd February at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm

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

Dated.....