

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor M Cooke (Chair)
Councillor P French
Councillor S Chenery
Councillor A Byrne
Councillor A Higgins

In Attendance

Sue Norledge - Clerk
5 members of the public

16/72 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christie Smith and Borough Councillor Poland. Councillor Byrne declared an interest in item 16/78.

16/73 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th August 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

16/74 Public Forum

- Concern was expressed that the minutes of the July meeting appeared to criticise the organisers of the Queens Birthday picnic for leaving rubbish in the bins. The Council fully supported the picnic and acknowledged what a successful event it had been. The issue of rubbish in the bins was an ongoing one and it was felt that it would be helpful if when an organised group wished to hold an event on the park, that they would be asked for a small deposit and given some guidelines on what to put in the bins. Any organisation that was non profit making could approach the Parish Council for a waiver of the deposit. Any village group was also welcome to approach the PC for a contribution towards their village event. It was agreed to put notices on the bins giving guidelines on what sort of rubbish was appropriate for the bins. It was also agreed to contact CBC and ensure that the bins were emptied more regularly.

16/75 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that;-

- MS Tree Care had undertaken the work outlined in the Symbiosis report to fell the beech and sycamore tree. The tree warden was keen to ensure that these are replaced. It was noted that the park should probably have been closed during this work on health and safety grounds.
- The goal frame nets had been replaced.
- Burnt Oak had cut back the hedges on Church Lane and at the top of the children's play park. A small piece had been left due to a wasps nest.
- The hedges on Station Road and on the raised footpath between Rearsby and Thrussington had been cut.
- The nut and washer on the play park equipment had been replaced.
- The wire netting on behind the goal posts on the children's play park needed to be repaired. A suitable tradesperson was being sought.
- Steve Barnes had quoted £100.00 to repair the railings on the village hall overflow car park.
- There was some flytipping near to the garages on Brookside. The Clerk was to report this to CBC.
- The defibrillator electrodes will need to be replaced at the end of September. Expenditure of £25.00 was approved.

b) Progress on Vehicle Activated Signs

The sign had been outside the old Methodist chapel for 3 weeks and had since been removed and the data downloaded. This showed lower volumes and speeds than the site on the Leicester end of the Melton Road. The sign was now on Station Road. It was agreed to repeat the three locations and compare the data once available.

c) Progress on production of a Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Byrne reported that a total of 138 responses had been received from the survey, which represented approximately a third of the village.

The group was now at the point where it needed technical help to find other documents, prepare the draft policies and produce the plan. An application for £6,000 worth of funding had been made to Locality. It was hoped that the public meetings would be held in Nov/Jan.

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

It was agreed to contact Karen Brightman to ask what CBC's views were on the proposals to transfer ownership of the spinney and conker field to the Parish Council. It was also agreed to reiterate that the PC would look favourably on the lack of affordable housing on the site given the other community provision, specially the transfer of ownership of the conker field and spinney to the PC

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

Councillor Byrne reported that she had been tracking the section 106 monies for the youths and adults play equipment. There is £9210.10 available and it needs to be spent by Feb 2019. Various quotes are being sought for outdoor adult play equipment.

The architect has been asked to get quotes for the revised disabled access arrangements for the village hall playing fields

f) Progress on railings on Brookside

The Clerk had placed an advert for tenders for the replacement dwellings in the Leicester Mercury. One quote had been received to date from Queniborough Construction.

g) Progress on website contract

The contract for the current website had been extended to September 30th to given the Clerk more time to get the new site established. It was suggested that the photographs on the new site should included the 7 arch bridge, the village hall and the church.

h) Progress on purchase of a laptop

The Clerk was to purchase a desk top computer as this was more suited to the work.

16/76 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County Councillor

No report was made.

b) Borough Councillor Report

No report was made.

c) Police Report

No report was made.

d) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

Tree Warden Report

There was nothing further to report.

Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

A risk assessment would be undertaken in September.

f) Village Hall

A meeting was due to take place on Tuesday 6th October 2016.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £11,835.4 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,553.31

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £424.95

MS Tree Care - tree cutting, £610.00

Ladywell Accountancy Services - payroll, £69.00

P French - parts, £22.66

CBC - bin emptying, £307.00

BT - village hall, £99.12

16/77 New Business

There was nothing to report

16/78 Planning

a) Planning application

P/16/1906/2 24 Bleakmoor Close, erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling

No comments were made.

P/16/1742/2 Rearsby Business Park, erection of dust canopy and installation of dust extraction

No comments were made.

P/16/1807/2 23 Wreake Drive, erection of single storey and 2 storey extension

No comments were made.

P/16/0987/2 Sacred Heart Convent, change of use to 8 dwellings and 8 new houses

Comments had been made previously.

P/16/1666/2 1a Station Road, erection of detached dwelling and replacement garden gates

It was agreed to object to planning application P/16/1662/2 1a Station Road as the dwelling would dominate the site and reduce parking. The replacement garden gate would spoil the rural feel to Brookside. (Councillor Byrne declared an interest in this application and did not take part in any discussions).

P/16/1558/2 1777 Melton Road, erection of single storey extension and new fence to Avenue Road

As the plans included proposals to reduce the height of the fence, no objections were made.

b) Planning approvals

None had been received.

16/79 Chairman's report

There was nothing further to report.

16/80 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 6th October at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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

Dated.....