

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2015 at 7.30 pm
in the Village Hall**

Present:

Councillor Martin Cook (Chair)
Councillor Simon Chenery
Councillor Peter French
Councillor Anthea Byrne
Councillor Alison Higgins

In Attendance

Sue Norledge - Clerk
5 members of the public
David Rose - Network Rail

15/87 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christie Smith and Borough Councillor James Poland

15/88 Minutes of previous meeting

To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

15/89 Public Forum

It was noted that the village planters had been very attractive over the summer months.

15/90 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that;-

- LCC had cut back the vegetation on the footpath going to the Convent on Station Road.
- Rearsby Landscapes were to quote for topping up the entrance gate gravel.
- Rearsby Landscapes had quoted £224.00 for reseeding the football pitch at the top of the children's play area. A decision on this would be made in Jan/Feb.
- Regarding the trip hazard underneath the trees on the children's play area, it would cost £273 to build the ground up. It was suggested that one area is built up and the other sanded and see how it stands up over the winter.
- A quote of in excess of £2,000 had been obtained for the replacement of the park gates. This would appear to be prohibitively expensive.
- The final grass cut would take place on 23rd October.
- The new bye laws sign had been erected.

- The splits in the half pipe support needed to be welded. Councillor French was currently trying to find someone who was interested in carrying out this work.
- The Clerk was to try and find the name of the company who originally supplied the grinder rail to see if it can be modified to meet current standards.
- The notice board on Brookside needed its facing to be replaced. It was agreed to spend up to £40.00 in replacing the facing.
- The Clerk was to contact CBC to see if we could pay for a brown bin for the residents on Brookside to put the grass cuttings from the green in.
- There was an estate agent sign fallen into the entrance gateway to the village hall playing fields on Melton Road.

b) Progress on the proposals from Jelson Homes

There was nothing new to report.

c) Progress on consideration of installation of electricity supply on village green

A quote of £357.20 from CG Electrics of Syston was approved for the installation of a breaker point. Councillor French had tried to get further quotes but it had proved very difficult to obtain quotes.

d) Progress on consideration of vehicle activated signs

The details from MD Message Maker had been looked at and it looked like £2,500 per sign was a representative figure. The clerk was to contact them to see if they would be able to come to Rearsby and demonstrate some signs.

e) Progress on production of a Neighbourhood Plan

Martin Field reported that the working party had met on 25th September and had agreed:-

- To prepare a proposed consultation strategy for the village.
- To commence a chronological record of consultations to date and in the future.
- To submit funding application.
- To meet on the third week in the month, probably a Thursday.

f) arrangements for Christmas

A budget of up to £500 for the purchase of a Christmas tree and lights was agreed.

g) Progress on changes to trains going through the village

David Rose of Network Rail attended the meeting. The proposals were still only at the feasibility stage and could be read in more detail at

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/long-term-planning-process/east-midlands-route-study/?cd=5>

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/improvements/planning-policies-and-plans/long-term-planning-process/market-studies/freight/?cd=2>

It still appeared very unclear what the actual effect on the trains going through Rearsby would be. He suggested that someone from the freight section of Network Rail be asked to attend a future meeting.

h) Progress on nuisance problems from children's play area

Councillor French had obtained various quotes for the provision of planting alongside the fence of the neighbouring property and the provision of a further line of fencing. These quotes were coming in at excess of £1,000. It was agreed that a sign would be purchased to request no ball games in the play equipment area. The Clerk was to action this.

In order to discourage older children from using the football area it was agreed to remove the portable goals to the village hall playing fields. It was also agreed to

obtain a quote to move one of the permanent goal posts forward a few feet to make the pitch smaller and therefore more suitable for the younger children

i) Progress on future sale of convent

There was nothing further to report.

j) Progress on section 106 monies for youths/adults

Councillor French and Tony Crump had met with Jerry Jarman of HAGS.SMP and they had agreed to submit an itemised quotation for the middle of October. It was hoped to make a decision at the December meeting.

k) Progress on railings on Brookside

There had been no reply from Councillor Hampson on LCC's view on the railings. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Councillor Poland to see if he was able to find out any further information.

15/91 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

PCSO Brian Geeson had provided a written report.

'There had been a couple of burglaries to dwellings in Grange Avenue on the evening of 29th September. These two serious incidents occurred whilst the occupants were away. A witness reported seeing flashlights in an upstairs room and aware that the occupants were holiday. The police raced to the scene but unfortunately the perpetrators managed to get away.'

d) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

A budget of £80.00 was agreed for the winter planting of the village planters.

Tree Warden Report

There was nothing further to report.

d. Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

A risk assessment had not been carried out during the month. Councillors Chenery and Higgins would undertake one in October.

Councillor French had ordered some dog fouling notices for the village from CBC.

f) Village Hall

Councillor Cook had attended the village hall committee meeting. It had been reported;-

- The chairs were being replaced.
- There was some debate concerning the condition of the floor.
- The serving hatch is being replaced.
- The finances are in good order and the hall is fully booked.
- Councillor Cook is to contact Jane Friendship to look at an alternative entrance to the playing fields.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £15,060.25 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,543.38 The following cheques were approved S. Norledge, wages and expenses - £283.27

CBC, play inspection - £77.00
L&RALC, training - £35.00
Signhere, byelaws sign - £103.34
LCC, electricity supply - £604.90
Burnt Oak, grass cutting - £357.60

15/92 New Business

a) To consider cooption of new councillor

Councillor Alison Higgens was co opted as a councillor.
Thanks were given to Janette Jones for all her hard work over the past few years.

15/93 Planning

a) Planning application

P/15/1788/2 Two storey extension to residential nursing home, Station Road.

It was agreed to object to this proposal as although 16 parking spaces are shown, it is felt that in reality there is only room for 8. This could lead to parking on the road and lead to road safety issues.

P/15/1863/2/1863/2 Rearsby residential home, site for the erection of single storey extension for staff accommodation

This was not objected to, however it was noted that it should have been an integrated planning application, rather than the piece meal applications that have been submitted.

P/15/1841/2 28 Station Road, conversion and extension of garage to form a dwelling

This was not objected to however it was hoped that the neighbours comments would be looked at carefully by CBC.

b) Planning approvals

None had been received.

15/94 Chairman's report

There was nothing further to report.

15/95 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 5th November 2015
at Rearsby Village Hall
The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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

Dated.....