

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillor I Christie Smith (Chair)
Councillor P French
Councillor A Byrne

In Attendance

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

16/99 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chenery, Councillor Cooke and Councillor Higgens.

16/100 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

16/101 Public Forum

No comments were made.

16/102 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that:-

- There had been some concern over the amount of time the flood alarm was in action for during the recent flooding. The EA no longer gives the flood wardens a key so they have to ring the EA and ask them to switch it off. Due to the volume of instances of flooding this took the EA some time.
- Thanks were given to Ann and Edward Palmer who delivered the sandbags to properties on Brookside.

b) Progress on vehicle activated signs

The sign is currently located at the Station Road site for the second time. The traffic volume data from the Melton end of the Melton Road, was significantly higher than the first time. However, the first time it was in this location, it was the school holidays. This would have influenced the traffic volumes. Traffic speeds were very similar.

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Byrne reported that;-

- The consultant is currently putting together the data.
- The drop in session held on 19th November was very successful and some useful ideas had been put forward.
- Policies were currently being drafted and a further public meeting would be arranged to share these.
- It was suggested that one of the big maps from the drop in session could be left at the village hall.
- The group was currently collating a spreadsheet of local businesses. These would be consulted on the emerging ideas.
- Richard Mugglestone, Rural Housing Enabler, had written to the Council with a view to undertaking another Housing needs survey in the village. The Council was very keen that this complimented the NP process.

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

CBC and the developer were still working on the affordable housing element of the application. It was hoped that it may go to the March Planning Committee.

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

Councillor Cooke was currently looking at progressing this.

f) Progress on the railings in Brookside

The railings are not due from China until this month, when it would be clearer if there had been any price increases.

g) Progress on removal of phone box

The Council had been unable to make any valid justification for the retention of the phone box.

h) Progress on arrangements for Christmas

The tree had been installed at a cost of £150.00. Councillor Christie Smith had erected a barrier around the tree at a cost of £137.80.

The lights would be switched on to coincide with the village lights festival on 10th December.

i) Progress on cleaning of safety matting in children's play area

Councillor French had swept the play mats. The Clerk was to speak to the 'handyman' in Seagrave to see if he was interested in undertaking a more thorough clean.

16/103 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County Councillor

No report was made.

b) Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that;-

- CBC had adopted Public Space Protection Orders across the Borough to try and prevent anti social behaviour particularly in respect of unruly dogs.
- The County Council was likely to be looking in more detail at the retention of uneconomic bus services in rural areas. The County Council was going to be under severe financial pressure over the next four years and would be assessing its priorities.

c) Police Report

PCSO Geeson had provided a written report. There had been two crimes during November – 9.11.16 a house being renovated on Gaddesby Lane, had some tools stolen and on 19.11.16 a property on Station Road was broken into, with entry being gained from a side downstairs window.

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

Councillor Byrne had undertaken a risk assessment. Items of note included;-

- Large numbers of mole hills on the village hall playing fields. It may be necessary to employ a mole catcher.
- The goal posts seemed to be moving but Councillor French reported that this was normal movement.
- The netting on the children's playing field needed to be mended.
- The bylaw sign was showing some damage. It may be necessary to reconsider the type of sign used.
- The defibrillator cabinet was now operational. It will be necessary to change the contact details on the play parks once the phone box was removed.

f) Village Hall

No meeting had been held.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £24,529.36 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,558.19

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £276.43

One A – NP consultant, £1,000.00

Anchor Print – printing, £292.80

S J Reynolds – xmas tree, £150.00

A Byrne – NP expenses, £27.16

Rita Meade – lights festival donation, £50.00

I Christie Smith – xmas tree barrier, £137.80

16/104 New Business

a) To consider 17/18 precept

The 17/18 precept would be approved at the January meeting. Consideration needed to be given to items such as the cost of maintaining the conker field. The Clerk was to write to the convent and see if they were able to give an approximate figure for the likely costs.

b) To consider the review of the Conservation Area

It was agreed to contact CBC to request that the Conservation Area was reviewed. This was particularly relevant with the likely developments at the convent.

16/105 Planning

a) Planning application

P/16/2580/2 Rear of 1872 Melton Road, installation of telecommunications mast

It was agreed to comment that the mast was likely to be very visible to the whole of the village and would intrude into the conservation area. Concern was also expressed that it was situated next to a public right of way.

P/16/2464/2 Brook Farm, Gaddesby Lane, formation of lake

It was agreed to ask for an extension in regard to this application as the Council had not been informed of the application.

16/106 Chairman's report

There was nothing further to report.

16/107 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 12th January at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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

Dated.....