

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor I Christie-Smith (Chair)
Councillor P French
Councillor M Cooke
Councillor S Chenery
Councillor A Byrne

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
PC Ian Perry
PCSO Jo Freeman
Borough Councillor James Poland
4 members of the public

17/19 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies had been received from Councillor Higgins, Councillor Byrne expressed an interest in item 17/25.

17/20 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

17/21 Public Forum

- There was still tickets available for the classical music evening on Saturday 4th March.
- The next ‘beating the bounds’ would be held on 13th May.
- The school Health and Safety Committee had discussed the issue of inconsiderate parking around school pick up and drop off times. They had discussed providing a disabled parking bay near the zig zags.

17/22 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that:-

- The removal of the moles on the village hall playing fields appears to have been successful.
- The defibrillator was deployed in February.
- Councillor French was compiling a list of potholes in the village to report to LCC.
- The trees and hedges on Bog Lane had been cut back. The trees on the village hall playing field had not been cut back yet by Western Power.

- There was no progress on the employment of a ‘handy person’.
- The storm had not caused too much damage to trees in the village.

b) Progress on vehicle activated signs

Councillor French reported that the sign would be re sited once the weather was suitable.

The VAS near to Rearsby Roses was currently going ‘through the system’ at CBC’s Planning Department

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

The draft Neighbourhood Plan was agreed by the Parish Council. It was to be printed and a copy delivered to every house in the village. Comments would be invited and a further public meeting would be held on April 1st.

It was agreed to give up to £600 towards the costs incurred if there was a shortfall in the Locality monies.

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

Negotiations were still underway over the commuted sum for affordable housing.

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

Councillor Cooke had met with a builder and was waiting for the quote.

It was noted that there was a possible trip hazard at the gate off the Melton Road. It was agreed to ask the builder for his suggestions on how to deal with this.

f) Progress on the railings in Brookside

The work is underway. It may be necessary to purchase extra posts for the area opposite the school. The extra expenditure was agreed.

g) Progress on parking problems on Mill Road

The householder had written to the Clerk to say that they would welcome an opportunity to meet with LCC Highways to discuss the issue of yellow lines on Mill Road. The Clerk would arrange this.

17/23 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County Councillor

No report was made.

b) Borough Councillor Report

Borough Councillor Poland reported that;-

- It was hoped that the planning application for the café on Brook Street would be determined by the end of the week.
- It was hoped that the planning application for the Convent would go to the April planning Committee.
- The Borough Council would be increasing their share of the Council Tax by 4.67%. They would also be making a contribution from their reserves.

c) Police Report

It was reported that;-

- There had been two burglaries during February on 2nd Feb and 24th Feb. Cash had been taken.
- Simple alarms for windows could be purchased at £11.00 from PCSO Brian Geeson.
- There had been 4 people charged with the vehicle damage in the area over the new year period.

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 Cooke and Councillor Christie Smith had undertaken a risk assessment in February.

f) Village Hall

Councillor Cooke reported that the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee was on 21st March and he was not available to attend.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £20,855.42 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,560.63

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £376.43

James Gamble Construction – railings, £6221.40 (replacement cheque)

2Commune – conference, £90.00

Community Heartbeat Trust – electrodes, £39.60

CPRE – subscription, £36.00

LCC -railings licence, £50.00

Pest Control UK – Mole removal, £864.00

BT – VH phone - £69.12

OneA – NP consultant, £2,300.00

17/24 New Business

a) Problems with gate at top of Gaddesby Lane

A letter had been received expressing concern that the gate at the top of Gaddesby Lane was often left open. This could cause a danger to children and animals. It was agreed to ask LCC if it would be possible to install a self closing gate.

b) Replacement of damaged notice board

It was agreed that the notice board had been damaged beyond repair during the recent storm. The clerk would make an insurance claim and source a new notice board.

17/25 Planning

a) Planning applications

P/17/0270/2 1a Station Road, certificate of lawfulness for use of land as residential curtilage

Concern was expressed over this application as it did not appear to have been used as a garden. Further information would be sought to see what options were open to the Parish Council to make comments.

P/17/0262/2 Brook Farm, Gaddesby Lane, single storey extension

No comments were made.

17/26 Chairman's report

There was nothing further to report.

17/27 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 6th April at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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

Dated.....