

# REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillor I Christie-Smith (Chair)  
Councillor S Chenery  
Councillor A Higgins  
Councillor A Byrne  
Councillor K Wills

**In Attendance** Sue Norledge – Clerk  
3 members of the public  
PC Peter Stacy  
PC Jo Freeman

### **17/91 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cooke and PCSO Brian Geeson.

### **17/92 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

### **17/93 Public Forum**

No comments were made.

### **17/94 Progress on outstanding items**

#### **a) Repair and Maintenance**

- It was noted that the gate at the top of Gaddesby Lane was still being left open. It was agreed to order a sign to put on both sides, requesting that the gate be shut.
- It was agreed that the two ‘uneven surface’ warning signs for the village hall playing field, should be erected at the top of the steps and near to the foot path exit bridge.

#### **b) Progress on vehicle activated sign**

It was agreed to move the sign to outside the Horse and Groom, when the next move was made.

#### **c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Byrne reported that:-

- The Locality grant of £3,600 needed to be spent by 14<sup>th</sup> November. Councillor Byrne would complete the end of grant monitoring form.
- It was looking like the report would be available for consideration over the next few weeks.

- It was agreed that if it is available by 15<sup>th</sup> November, an extraordinary PC meeting would be arranged to consider the contents.
- It was felt that it was not necessary to send the whole document out to the villagers again prior to referendum. It was felt a two sided summary of the report could be delivered to all villagers. It was felt that it would be a good idea to put a couple of copies of the full document in the village shop. This would then be available for people to look at.

**d) Progress on future sale of the Convent**

Councillor Byrne reported that;-

- It had been noted that the map being used in the sales particulars was not correct. It did not show the conker field extending beyond the footpath up to the convent wall. Councillor Christie Smith had spoken to the Architect and following conversations with the Sisters this had been clarified to be a mistake.
- The Clerk had written to CBC, concerning this mistake and had enclosed the correct map of the conker field boundary.

**e) Progress future housing needs survey**

This was currently being delivered to all householders. It was stressed that it was important that this was completed. It was noted that some of the questions were quite personal and may put some people off completing the form.

**f) Progress on village planters**

After discussion it was agreed to;-

- Take up Peter French's offer to remove the damaged planter near to Grange Avenue.
- It was agreed to replace the damaged planter with a similar one as a short term measure. A budget of £100.00 was agreed.
- The Clerk was to contact Thruxington Pc to find out more information about their planters.

**g) Progress on junction safety on the bypass**

Nothing more had been heard from LCC. The Clerk would chase up LCC for the next meeting.

**h) Co option of a new councillor**

There had been no requests for an election from villagers, therefore it was agreed to co opt Kerrel Wills as a new councillor.

**i) Progress on Jelson Homes application**

Councillor Byrne reported that;-

- The application had been unanimously turned down by CBC Planning Committee on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.
- Concern was expressed at the loss of the CBC 5 year land supply. It was felt that possibly this was a deliberate tactic by developers, so they were free to develop alternative sites. It was agreed that Councillor Byrne would draft a letter to Edward Aggar MP to see if he could raise this issue as a question in the House of Commons.

**j) Progress on changing bank accounts**

The Clerk reported that the account was now open and the registrations for internet banking were in hand. Unity Bank were experiencing some delays in getting the balances transferred from Barclays. They had agreed to wait until the cheques from the meeting had been cleared before transferring the money. The Clerk would inform them when the cheques had been cleared.

**k) Progress on Section 106 monies for adult/young persons play**

An extraordinary meeting had been held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to approve the purchase from Caloo of their community bundle at a cost of £9,500. This was subject to the approval of the expenditure by CBC out of Section 106 monies. The documentation had been sent to CBC and it was hoped that confirmation would be received within 7 days.

**l) Progress on purchase of a new lawnmower**

The Clerk had purchased the lawnmower at a cost of £249.00.

**m) Progress on replacement sign for Marie Curie Field of Remembrance**

No further information had been received from Charlotte Cook so no further action could be taken at present.

**17/95 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports**

**a) County Councillor Report**

No report was made.

**b) Borough Councillor Report**

No report was made.

**c) Police Report**

There had been two reported crimes during October. On 6<sup>th</sup> October it was reported that one shed had been broken into on the allotments. On 27<sup>th</sup> October a dwelling on Bleakmoor Close had been broken into via a rear UVPC window. Nothing was taken.

**c) Village Warden Reports**

**Heritage Warden report**

No report was made.

**Tree Warden Report**

Trevor Drury was arranging with Mick Coles to plant the replacement jubilee tree on the brook bank. It was hoped that he would also be able to move the sign.

**Flood Warden report**

The brook had been cleared of weeds by the Environment Agency during October.

**e) Risk Assessment and village safety**

Councillors Cooke and Chenery had undertaken a risk assessment. The following issues were noted:-

- There was some algae on the play mats in the children's play park. It was agreed to ask Councillor Cooke if the person who cleaned the wheelie bins may know how to clean these.
- There were some weeds under the half pipe. It was agreed to ask Burnt Oak if they could spray them.

**f) Village Hall**

The next meeting was on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)**

The balance of the community account was £7,331.38 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £11,272.88

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £537.75

CBC – playground inspection, £86.40

Burnt Oak – mowing, £372.00

D Overfield – maintenance, £58.00

OneA – NP consultant, £2250.00 (includes replacement cheques 101369 and 101375 for £1,250.00)

Rita Meade – Xmas lights, £100.00

Peter French – planters, £49.44

**17/96 New Business**

**a) Arrangements for Xmas 2017**

The following was agreed;-

- Councillor Christie Smith would be choosing the tree shortly. It was anticipated that it would be put up at the beginning of December.
- It may need some guide ropes installing and a budget of £200 was agreed for this.
- There were plenty of lights in storage.
- Councillor Christie Smith had sourced some Christmas baubles to put on the tree.

**17/97 Planning**

**a) Planning applications**

P/17/1921/2 Lane to the top of Gaddesby Lane, construction of detached Dwelling

No comments were made.

**17/98Chairman’s report**

The clerk had been contacted by a farmer on the north side of the Brooksby quarry expressing concern that the water on his land was running dry from work being undertaken at the quarry. There had been no evidence of this happening to the Rearsby brook, but a watchful eye would be kept, particularly if the extension to the quarry was approved.

Some concern was expressed at the number of trees that seemed to be being lost in the village. It was agreed that a survey would be undertaken of the trees in the conker field, when ownership was transferred to the Parish Council

**17/99 Correspondence box**

No comments were made.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Rearsby Village Hall  
The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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

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