

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd August 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillor I Christie-Smith (Chair)
Councillor M Cooke
Councillor S Chenery
Councillor A Higgins

In Attendance Sue Norledge – Clerk
2 members of the public
County/Borough Councillor J Poland

17/64 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Brian Geeson.

17/65 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th July 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

17/66 Public Forum

No comments were made

17/67 Progress on outstanding items

a) Repair and Maintenance

- It was reported that the planter on the East Goscote side had yet again been damaged by the grass cutting operations. It was agreed to report it to LCC. It was also agreed to ask Derek Overfield if he may be able to repair it. The possibility of replacements in a stronger material was discussed.
- The hedge of the Melton Road from East Goscote was obscuring the 30mph sign. Councillor Christie-Smith was to talk to Tim Palmer.
- The new speed sign on the Melton Road, was obscuring the bus stop. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to LCC.
- The Clerk had obtained some spare parts for the damaged goal posts on the village hall playing fields. Peter French was to be asked if he would carry out the repairs

b) Progress on vehicle activated sign

The MVAS is currently on LP21 and will be moved to LP25 in approx. 3 weeks.

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

- The completed documentation is with CBC. It is hoped that the Regulation 16 process will start early next week.
- It was agreed that the NP Working Group would negotiate with CBC over the appointment of an inspector

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

The application had been approved by CBC Planning Committee on 1st August. It was agreed to write to CBC to confirm

- That ownership of the conker field would pass to the PC within 6 months for a nominal fee of £1.00
- That the boundary be clarified to ensure that it agreed with that contained in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- That the £75k of funding for affordable housing be earmarked to go towards the exception site detailed in the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was also agreed to write to the Sisters to congratulate them on a successful application and to confirm the proposed transfer of the conker field to the Parish Council.

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

This would be removed from the agenda as the work had been put on hold.

f) Progress on Virgin Media work in the village

The Clerk had written to Virgin Media with photos of the unsatisfactory state of the pavements. They had confirmed that they had applied for all the necessary approvals for the location of the boxes. They had also confirmed that they had now completed the work in Rearsby.

g) Progress on larger socket for the Christmas tree

This work was being progressed by Councillor Christie-Smith and the Christmas tree group.

h) Progress on junction safety on the bypass

It was agreed that the Clerk would chase Stewart Cullens at LCC to find out what progress had been made.

i) Progress on co option of a new councillor

To date, no one had come forward. The vacancy was shown on the PC website.

j) Progress on Jelson Homes application

There had been no further news.

k) Progress on changing bank accounts

Councillor Christie-Smith signed the remaining documentation and the application would now be forwarded to Unity Trust.

i) Update on Village Wardens

The Clerk had written to the Wardens to check they were happy to continue. Trevor Drury, Tree Warden and Roy Loveday, Archaeological Warden had replied to say they were happy to continue. The clerk would chase the other Wardens. There is still a vacancy for a Heritage Warden and a Bird Warden.

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

Councillor Cooke was to obtain the information concerning adult gym equipment from Councillor Byrne.

17/68 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

b) Borough Councillor Report

c) Police Report

PCSO Geeson had provided a written report. There had been no reported crime in July. Concern was expressed by Councillor Cooke that a suspicious van had been seen driving around the village on a few occasions. This would be reported to Brian.

d) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

No report was made

Tree Warden Report

Trevor confirmed that the Jubilee tree had died. It was felt that the heavy clay soil on the conker field may have contributed. He was trying to source a 'liquid amber' tree, which is a native British tree. It was suggested that this be put between the two benches on the brook banks. It was agreed to write to the Sisters and see if they would like to become involved in any planting of a new tree. Stepping Stones would need to be informed as they had provided the funding for the tree. The plaque would also be moved to the new site.

Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

No inspection had been undertaken. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring the list to each meeting.

f) Village Hall

No meetings had been held. It was noted that the plum trees would need pruning next year.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £7,445.33 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £14,560.63

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £381.71

Anchor Print – NP, £93.29

A Corcoran – NP, £16.38

St Michael & All Angels Church – donation, £30.00

Derek Overfield – maintenance, £314.00

17/69 New Business

a) Willow trees on Brook Bank

The PC had been approached by LCC concerning the willow tree on the brook bank that was growing onto the pavement on Brookside. It had not been possible to discover who owned this tree. LCC had come up with various options for the tree and it was agreed to ask them to prune the large lower limb that was causing much of the overhang. The PC agreed that it did not want to take ownership of the tree.

b) To review Clerk's hours

Due to the increased work load, it was agreed to increase the Clerk's hours to 7 per week.

c) To consider condition of netting on Children's Play park

Derek Overfield had undertaken a repair to the netting but it had not been possible to attached it at the bottom. One option was to replace the netting but this would be an expensive option. It was agreed to leave it as it was and see how the repair held up.

17/70 Planning

a) Planning applications

P/17/1499/2 amend planning application P/14/2457/2 land off Melton Road, Rearsby

No comments were made.

17/71 Chairman's report

There was nothing further to report.

17/72 Correspondence box

A letter had been received giving advance warning of a proposed planning application for a mobile phone mast at the top of Gaddesby Lane. This would be quite a large structure. It was agreed to write to the residents at the top of Gaddesby Lane to warn them of this potential application.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 7th September at Rearsby Village Hall
The meeting closed at 21.16 pm

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

Dated.....