

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

In Attendance

Sue Norledge - Clerk
3 members of the public

16/90 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor James Poland.
Councillor Cooke declared an interest in item 16/96.

16/91 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th October 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

16/92 Public Forum

- It was reported that the History Group was closing down and was looking to disperse remaining funds. They would like to erect a plaque at the seven arch bridge, which would give some of the history of the bridge. This was felt to be an excellent idea. More details would be reported to the January meeting.
- It was reported that some parents were parking on the opposite side of the Melton Road when collecting children from school. This inconsiderate parking was making it difficult for traffic to get by. It was agreed that the Clerk would report the matter to PCSO Brian Geeson.
- The school was looking to extend one of the class rooms and an informal enquiry was made as to the possibility of the Parish Council making a contribution towards this work. The Clerk would look at the legality of such expenditure as it was felt that this may not be appropriate expenditure for the Parish Council.

16/93 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that;-

- The Village Hall car park extension had been tidied up by Burnt Oak at a cost of £190.00. It was agreed that this work would be added onto the annual grass mowing contract.
- A quote had been received from Rentokill to remove the bird droppings from the play mats in the children's play area. This was prohibitively expensive so other solutions would be sought. It was suggested that the mobile bin cleaning firm may be able to undertake the cleaning. Councillor Cooke was to see if he could speak to him.
- There was some damage to the brook bank. The Clerk was to report this to LCC as it could lead to damage to the pavement.
- Notice had been given by BT of their intention to remove the phone box. The box had only been used 5 times during the past year. Whilst the Council would prefer the box not to be removed, the criteria for objection could not be met. Therefore, no objection would be made to its removal.
- The door to the defibrillator cabinet was stuck. It was agreed a budget of £250.00 to repair this.
- There were some discussions going on between the Ambulance Service and Community Heart Beat Trust over the activation range of the defibrillator. It was also agreed that the activation code for the defibrillator would be advertised in the back of the Rearsby Scene.

b) Progress on vehicle activated signs

The MVAS was currently outside the old chapel on Melton Road. The data from the second siting on the Leicester end of the Melton Road was similar to that obtained from the previous siting. Once the MVAS had been at all three locations for the second time, consideration may be given to an alternative site. It was noted that when the weather became unsuitable for the re siting of the sign, to avoid health and safety problems, the battery would be allowed to run out.

Thanks were given to the Rearsby Scene for publishing the data from the MVAS.

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Byrne reported that;

- A meeting had been held with CBC to inform them of progress to date and to meet the consultant – Andy Clark.
- The public consultation event was to be held on Saturday 19th November in the Village Hall. It would take the form of a drop in event between 11am and 3pm. There would be 4 maps available for visitors to put where they think that village facilities could be best placed.
- The consultant was concentrating on collecting the evidence base.
- It was hoped that the plan would be ready by June for submission to CBC,

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

There was nothing further to report.

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

Councillor Byrne reported that priority was currently being given to the Neighbourhood Plan work. No quotes had been received from the Architect.

f) Progress on the railings in Brookside

Councillor French reported that there was currently a slight complication with the delivery date for the posts. This was due to a shortage of posts coming from the manufacturer in China. There may be a slight increase in the cost of these due to currency fluctuations.

Councillor Cooke is currently looking at the contract with the supplier.

The initial response from LCC regarding the licence was favourable as they had been happy with the outline proposals for the work.

g) Progress on website

The Clerk was currently working on this.

h) Progress on arrangements for Christmas

- Councillor French and Christie Smith were to go and pick the Xmas tree from the supplier.
- Councillor French was to check that the lights were in working order.
- It was agreed to make a £50.00 contribution to the costs of the Christmas lights celebrations being held on 10th December.
- The electrician needs to certify the electricity box on the village green. It was agreed to use the original electrician who installed the box.

i) Progress on parking problems near to Manor Farm

This work had been undertaken at a cost of approx. £250.00. It was agreed that the Council would cover the £60.00 cost of the markings in front of Manor Farm.

j) Progress on mobile post office

This service was due to commence in January between 10.00 am and 11.00 am in the village hall car park on a Monday.

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

This had been covered elsewhere on the agenda.

16/94 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

No report was made.

d) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

Thanks were given to Chris and Jackie Woodwood who had donated and planted over 600 crocus bulbs on the banks on Station Road. The Clerk was to email the Council's thanks.

Tree Warden Report

There was nothing further to report.

Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

Councillors Cooke and French had undertaken a risk assessment. It was reported that:-

- The seesaw needed some adjustment. The alum key was needed for this.
- The grinding bars near to the half pipe needed some attention in order to meet current safety regulations. It may be that they would have to be removed.
- The wire fencing on the children's play park needed to be repaired. This was a difficult job to get someone to undertake.

f) Village Hall

The next meeting was on Tuesday 8th November.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £17724.75 and the balance of the

Business reserve account was £19,558.19

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £276.43

Burnt Oak – grass cutting, £228.00

A Byrne – printing, £96.00

Anchor Print – printing, £26.40

P French – planting, £45.18

16/95 New Business

a) Removal of pay phone

This had been covered elsewhere on the agenda.

16/96 Planning

a) Planning application

P/16/2381/2 23 Wreake Drive, erection of two storey and single storey extension

No comments were made.

16/97 Chairman's report

It may be a good idea to review the Conservation Area to include more of the village.

This could be supported through the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to put this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

16/98 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 1st December at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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

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