

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Ian Christie Smith (Chair)
Councillor Simon Chenery
Councillor Peter French
Councillor Alison Higgins
Councillor Martin Cooke
Councillor Anthea Byrne

In Attendance

Sue Norledge - Clerk
4 members of the public
PCSO Brian Geeson

16/10 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Poland

16/11 Minutes of previous meeting

To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

16/12 Public Forum

No comments were made.

16/13 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that:-

- LCC had pruned the two willow trees on Station Road
- The ash tree on the village hall playing fields needed some urgent attention.
- There was some fly tipping on the Melton Road near to the junction with the bypass. The Clerk was to report this.
- Notices had been removed from the notice boards that had been fixed with staples.
- It was agreed that if notices had been left on lampposts for more than ten days, then they could be removed.
- Councillor Chenery had cleared the brook of debris near to the ford.
- Dog fouling was again a problem in the village. It was agreed to put some more notices up around the village. It was also agreed to see if a dog bin could be put near to the junction with Melton Road and Brookside. The Clerk would approach CBC regarding this.

b) Progress on the proposals from Jelson Homes

This would now be removed from the agenda.

c) Progress on consideration of vehicle activated signs

Some very helpful responses had been received from local parish councils. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach Burbage PC and see if it was possible to borrow their unused equipment for a trial period. It was also agreed that Councillor French would speak to Mike Wilson at LCC regarding getting some sites approved.

d) Progress on production of a Neighbourhood Plan

Martin Field reported that;-

- The consultation with local groups was ongoing.
- The public meetings would be held on Sat 19th March and Tuesday 22nd March. They would be held in the Church and it was agreed that the Council would provide monies for the tea and biscuits.
- Contact had been made with CBC to have some larger printed maps which showed the village development boundaries.
- The possibility of a talk from the Community Land Trust regarding the possibility of the community purchasing land was being explored.

e) Progress on nuisance problems from children's play area

Councillors Christie Smith and Chenery had met with the residents to discuss the sign. It was agreed to monitor the situation over the summer period. It had been noted that the football playing by youths had decreased since the football nets and been relocated to the village hall playing fields.

f) Progress on future sale of convent

Councillor Christie Smith had met with the architect to view the revised plans. It was agreed that these seemed more reasonable but the house that was still to be built in the conker field remained a problem as it devalued the existing open space. The possibility of retaining the conker field as a community asset was to be explored.

g) Progress on section 106 monies for youths/adults

A meeting had been held with the village hall trustees and an agreement had been reached to upgrade the disabled access to the village hall. The Council appreciated the village hall committees willingness to work with the Parish Council on this issue.

h) Progress on railings on Brookside

There was nothing further to report.

i) Progress on the broadband contract for the village hall

A new contract of £30.00 per month had been agreed with a limit of 30 kb per month.

16/14 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

PCSO Brian Geeson reported that;-

- There had been a burglary on Grange Avenue on 7th January.
- There had been a burglary on Wreake Drive on 28th January
- A CCTV camera had been stolen from a gate on Gaddesby Lane.
- The possibility of a beat surgery in the village was being explored.

d) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

Tree Warden Report

Councillor French had met with Trevor Drury to discuss the Symbiosis report and was happy with it. There were a few issues that needed to be dealt with urgently and a planning application would be put in for works to trees on the children's play park. The ash tree on the village hall playing fields needed some urgent work and it was agreed to get two quotes.

Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

Councillor French and Councillor Christie Smith had undertaken a risk assessment. The grass at the entrance to the children's play park was getting worn and Councillor French was to put some seed down. The safety notices on the half pipe needed to be renewed. The Clerk would approach playdale to see if they were able to provide any advice.

f) Village Hall

A meeting had not been held. It was planned to undertake some refurbishment on the hall in areas such as the kitchen and new chairs.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £17,783.65 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,548.43. The following cheques were approved

S. Norledge, wages and expenses - £273.70

Rearsby Landscapes, sign - £70.00

Sign Here, sign - £166.10

Ian Christie Smith, land registry charges - £24.00

SLCC, membership - £88.00

16/15 New Business

There was no new business.

16/6 Planning

a) Planning application

P/16/0031/2 The Retreat, Church Lane, erection of a single storey extension and various works

No comments were made.

P/16/0106/2 Rearsby House, Grange Avenue, formation of a link corridor and replacement windows

No comments were made.

P/15/1909/2 Rearsby Business Park, certificate of lawful development for solar panels on roof

No comments were made.

b) Planning approvals

None had been received.

16/17 Chairman's report

Thanks were given to the Reverend Lorna Braibin Smith who was to leave the parish, for all her support.

Councillor Chenery was to investigate the purchase of a lap top for Parish Council use.

16/18 Correspondence box

No comments were made.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday March 4th at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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

Dated.....