

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillor I Christie Smith (Chair)
Councillor M Cooke (Vice Chair)
Councillor P French
Councillor S Chenery
Councillor A Byrne

In Attendance Sue Norledge - Clerk
4 members of the public
PSCO Brian Geeson
Borough Councillor James Poland

16/63 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Higgens

16/64 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th July 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

16/65 Public Forum

- The hedges on Station Road need to be cut. This was being arranged with Tim Palmer.
- The temporary repair that was done to the pot hole near to the ford was disintegrating. The Clerk would report this to LCC.

16/66 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that:-

- The goal frames on the village hall playing field had been repaired at a cost of £120.00. Unfortunately there had been further damage to the top corners of the posts. The parts for this had been ordered.
- LOL Contractors had replaced the faulty light in the defibrillator. This had cost £54.34.
- Quotes were being sought from three local companies for the tree works outlined in the Symbiosis report. The work is expected to cost in the region of £700. It was agreed that the beech tree should be felled. The sycamore tree would also be better felled but would need planning permission. Councillor French would process this.
- Burnt Oak were to cut the hedges around Church Lane on 9th August.

- The mole hills on the village hall playing fields were becoming troublesome. Councillors French and Christie Smith would look at them during the next risk assessment.
- The railings on the overflow carpark needed to be replaced. The Clerk was to contact Steve Barnes.

b) Progress on Vehicle Activated Signs

The sign had now been relocated to other side of the Melton Road near the old chapel. All of the data was being downloaded from the first location. It had shown that over half of the vehicles were in excess of the speed limit with one vehicle travelling at 80mph. It was suggested that the results could be put on the notice board. The next location would be on Station Road.

c) Progress on production of a Neighbourhood Plan

A total of 125 responses to the village survey had now been logged. An application was currently being processed for a grant towards the cost of professional help in producing the report. There would be a further meeting the week commencing 8th August.

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

A response had been sent to Karen Brightman at CBC outlining the Council's initial position on the planning application. The full validation of the application was still outstanding.

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

Councillor Byrne reported that a meeting had been arranged with the Village Hall Committee and the architect. It was hoped that this meeting would be able to put forward the most cost effective and simple version of the plans. The architect would then seek 3 quotes for the work. Planning permission would be needed.

f) Progress on railings on Brookside

- LCC had indicated that they would provide £2,000 towards the cost of the replacement of the railings. This was based on the estimated cost if they repaired and repainted them.
- It was agreed in principle to purchase new railings for Brookside.
- Councillor French was to produce a specification for the railings for the tender documents. The Clerk would put an advert into the Leicester Mercury seeking tenders for the work.

g) Progress on website contract

The Clerk was receiving training on 9th August. An application for funding for the transparency fund would be made towards the cost of the website and the extra hours for the Clerk to input the data.

h) Progress on purchase of a laptop

The Clerk was to order the system that best suited the demands of the post.

i) Progress on request to install a French drain

The householder on Melton Road had reported that the installation of the drain had been postponed whilst other work was undertaken. They proposed to erect some scaffolding to the side of the property to facilitate repairs. The Council had no objection to this on the playing fields. However they had advised the householder that they should contact LCC Footpaths as the scaffolding will be near to the footpath.

j) Feedback on Bypass traffic speeds

Feedback had now been received from LCC concerning the issue of speeding traffic on the bypass. They had undertaken an evaluation of the accident statistics and speeds of traffic. The number of accidents on the bypass was within the expected

levels for a road of that type. The accidents were not attributed to excessive speed and the recorded levels of speeds on the road do not meet the criteria for mobile or fixed speed cameras. They will continue to monitor the situation.

16/67 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County Councillor

No report was made.

b) Borough Councillor Report

Borough Councillor James Poland reported that:-

- The public consultation on the Local Plan post 2028 had begun.
- A consultation exercise was being undertaken to see how much Council Tax should be paid by residents who received Council Tax benefits.
- A letter had been sent by CBC Leader David Slater in support of Glenfield Heart Hospital.

c) Police Report

PCSO Brian Geeson reported that there had been a burglary on Wreake Drive on 9th July, an attempted burglary on Wreake Drive between 4-9th July and a burglary on Mill Road later in the month. He reinforced the need for ensuring windows were shut during periods of householder absence.

It was also reported that the bypass was on the list of locations for visits from the mobile speed cameras. However as there was only one in the county, this would not be happening on a regular basis.

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

A risk assessment would be undertaken by Councillors French and Christie Smith during August.

f) Village Hall

Councillor Cook reported that he had been unable to attend the last meeting but understood that bookings were good and finances were looking healthy.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £13,530.79 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,553.31

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £399.52

Burnt Oak - grass cutting, £372.00

LOL Contracts - defibrillator, £54.34

P French – goal parts, £119.53

Brookhouse Consulting - village hall plans, £750.00

16/68 New Business

There was nothing to report

16/69 Planning

a) Planning application

P/16/1528/2 53 Station Road, reduction in size of previous scheme

No comments were made.

b) Planning approvals

P/16/1266/2 Wood Processing Plant Brook Farm, Gaddesby Lane, Rearsby

16/70 Chairman's report

There was nothing further to report.

16/71 Correspondence box

It was noted that the Sisters at the Convent felt it was not appropriate at the current time to plant a tree in the grounds in recognition of the Queens 90th birthday. Another location would be sought.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 1st September at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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

Dated.....