

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 5th May 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Ian Christie Smith (Chair)
Councillor Simon Chenery
Councillor Alison Higgins
Councillor Peter French

In Attendance

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

16/37 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Byrne, Councillor Cooke and Borough Councillor James Poland..

16/38 Minutes of previous meeting

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

16/39 Public Forum

- The 'beating the bounds' was to be held on Saturday 14th May.

16/40 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that he would paint the electricity box on the village green and put a new backing on the notice board.

b) Progress on consideration of vehicle activated signs

- It was agreed to order the vehicle activated signs with data collection and 3 additional sets of brackets at a cost of £3,200 excluding VAT.
- Neighbours would need to be consulted over the siting of the signs.
- Councillor Chenery would undertake a risk assessment when the sign was erected for the first time.
- It was noted that the sign would not be suitable for the bypass as it would not operate at those speed limits.
- Concern had been expressed that the bypass is used as a 'speed run' for motor bikes on a Sunday. PCSO Brian Geeson was going to pass this information on and see if there was any possibility of speed cameras on the bypass.

c) Progress on production of a Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Higgins reported that a leaflet was being drafted for the public which would be circulated to all households in the village. It was agreed that the printing costs of £150 would be covered by the Parish Council.

d) Progress on future sale of convent

There had been no further progress since the last meeting.

e) Progress on redevelopment of village hall play area

The Working Group continues to liaise with the Village Hall Committee. It had been agreed to employ a local architect to undertake the initial design work for the planning application. The Parish Council would fund 50% of this.

f) Progress on railings on Brookside

The Clerk had written to LCC concerning the replacement of the railings and they were currently exploring possibilities but funding was unlikely in the current financial climate.

Councillors French and Christie Smith were to meet and accurately measure the railings. The possibility of jointly funding this with LCC was being explored.

16/41 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 no reported crime in Rearsby during April. There had been a high number of burglaries in Syston during the month.

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

The Clerk was to remind Councillors when it was their turn to undertake a risk assessment.

f) Village Hall

The next meeting was to be held on 31st May.

g) Progress on website contract

The Chairman signed the contract to send to 2commune. The current website would end in August. There would be a considerable amount of work uploading all the documentation onto the new website.

h) Progress on purchase of new laptop

The possibility of new acer computer was being looked at.

i) Progress on Annual Parish Meeting

It was hoped that as many village group as possible would attend the meeting on Thursday 9th June.

j) Progress on use of village hall playing fields for family fun day

After discussion it was agreed to reduce the cost for the organiser of the family fun day to £50.00 with a returnable deposit of £50.00. It was suggested that they advertised the event in the Rearsby Scene.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £22,597.86 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,553.31

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £218.60

Burnt Oak - grass cutting, £432.00
AON - insurance, £747.00
LRALC - membership, £285.16

16/42 New Business

None

16/43 Planning

a) Planning application

P/16/0863/2 erection of a dwelling land r/o 25 Mill Road

It was agreed to object to this application;-

- The proposed development would be overbearing on the site.
- Concern was expressed that it would increase the existing problems of parking on Mill Road as number 25 Mill Road no longer had any off road parking.
- Concern was expressed that the access was on a private unadopted road and a management charge needed to be negotiated.
- The development would damage the outlook, light and sunlight to 12 Orton Close.

P/16/0853/2 13 Gaddesby Lane, various tree works

Concern was expressed that the only works should be permitted to the Wellingtonia tree that benefited the tree or were necessary on safety grounds.

b) Planning approvals

None had been received.

16/44 Chairman's report

There was nothing further to report.

16/45 Correspondence box

No comments were made.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 2nd June at Rearsby Village Hall
The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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

Dated.....