

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 5th October 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance Sue Norledge – Clerk
7 members of the public
Borough/County Councillor J Poland
Paul Dadford – Melton and Oakham Waterways Society

17/82 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Byrne.

17/83 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th September 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

17/84 Public Forum

- Concern was expressed at the overhanging branches from the copse on Station Road. It was confirmed that these had been cut back. It could not be done earlier due to the nesting season.
- Concern was expressed at the overflowing bin on the village hall playing field. This had been reported to CBC

17/85 Progress on outstanding items

a) Repair and Maintenance

- It was confirmed that the Environment Agency was to clear the brook week commencing 9th October.
- A complaint had been received concerning the overgrown footpath along side the children's play area. This had been reported to LCC who were arranging to have it cleared.

b) Progress on vehicle activated sign

The MVAS will be removed from Station Road to Melton Road on Sunday 8th October. It will be interesting to see if the data from Melton Road alters from previous readings, following the installation of the 30mph VAS in East Gostcote.

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

Martin Field reported that;-

- The inspector will commence his examination week commencing 9th October.
- It was agreed that it may be helpful to produce a short response to the Regulation 16 comments. Martin Field was to draft a response.
- It was agreed to go ahead and do a land registry search to confirm ownership of the land on Melton Road.
- There was a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Networks group on 28th November.

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

The Convent was now being marketed. However, concern was expressed as the conker field was only shown up to the footpath and not up to the convent wall. Councillor Christie Smith was to speak to the architect and the Clerk was to speak to the sales agents.

e) Progress future housing needs survey

The future housing needs survey would be undertaken before the end of the financial year. It was important that it did not clash with the Neighbourhood Plan process and Martin Field was to draft a reply to them to clarify this.

f) Progress on village planters

Peter French had sent some details through of alternative types of planters. The purchase of plastic or metal ones was discussed. Councillor Christie Smith was to look at the price of metal ones.

g) Progress on junction safety on the bypass

It was hoped that this information would be available for the November meeting.

h) Progress on co option of a new councillor

Kerrel Wills had expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor. He introduced himself to the meeting and gave some background details. It was agreed that the vacancy would be advertised and if no request was made for a bye election within 14 days, the vacancy would be filled by co option.

i) Progress on Jelson Homes application

The application was due to go to the Planning Committee on Thursday 12th October with a recommendation for refusal. It was agreed that Councillor Christie Smith would make the PC's presentation if Councillor Byrne was unavailable. The nearby residents were sorting out who would be speaking on their behalf.

Councillor Poland reported that unfortunately CBC had now lost its 5 year land supply due to major housing schemes slipping.

j) Progress on changing bank accounts

Unity Trust had requested further identity documents for Councillor Christie Smith which had been forwarded to them.

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

Councillor Cook reported that;-

- He had met with two potential suppliers.
- It may be possible to apply to Sports England for a further grant to extend the equipment.
- It was agreed to site it slightly further away from the new houses.
- It was anticipated that delivery would be 8-12 weeks once an order had been placed.
- There was the option of a 'single station' type of equipment.

l) Progress on purchase of a new lawnmower

It was agreed that the Clerk would order a Mountfield SP45 lawnmower at a cost of £249.00.

m) Progress on Leicestershire's Future event

Councillor Cooke had attended the event and provided Councillors with a written report. It was apparent that with the severe financial constraints on the LCC, that services would move down to Parish Councils. Examples to date were grass cutting and libraries. It was thought they were currently looking at tree maintenance. It was felt that the Parish Council should register its opinion that this was not the way forward and that LCC should be provided with fairer funding. Councillor Chenery was to draft a reply along these lines.

n) Attendance at Brooksby Liaison Committee

Councillor Christie Smith had attend the Brooksby Liaison Committee on 19th September;-

- They have 2/3 years left of the original planning permission area.
- They are looking at applying for permission to undertake a southern extension to 2023.
- The filling with inert waste will commence next summer.
- They still have a problem with a silted pond, which may require an additional pond but this should have no effect on the Rearsby Brook.

17/86 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County Councillor Report

There was nothing to report.

b) Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that;-

- The leader, David Slater had resigned as he had served for 7 years and wanted to make way for a new leader before the next elections.
- The Light Bulb Housing Service was being launched which will provide one contact point for support for people to enable them to remain in their own homes.
- The Prospects for Growth – Midlands Engine was a long term strategy to improve transport links between the East and West of the area.

c) Police Report

PCSO Geeson provided a written report to say there had been no reported instances of crime. There had been an accident on the Melton road with a cyclist but it was reported that they were now fine.

c) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

No report was made.

Tree Warden Report

Trevor Drury is to purchase a replacement Jubilee Tree to plant near the brook banks. The original tree which had died will be removed and the plaque put near to the new tree,

Flood Warden report

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency will commence clearing the brook on 9th October.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

A risk assessment had been undertaken this month.

f) Village Hall

There was nothing to report.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £7,331.38 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £14,560.63

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £427.95

HMRC – tax, £148.80

Grant Thornton – audit, £240.00

Burnt Oak – mowing, £372.00

Parish Council Notice Board Company – notice board, £1,860.00

The bank reconciliation to August 2017 was approved.

17/87 New Business

a) Presentation by Melton and Oakham Waterways Society

Paul Dadford of the Melton and Oakham Waterways Society attended the meeting He gave a presentation about the work of the society to open up the Wreake Valley way between Melton and Syston. He was looking for footpath rangers to be involved in reporting maintenance issues and publicising the trails in their communities.

Anyone interested should contact Paul on 07870 238688.

b) Marie Curie Field of Remembrance

.Charlotte Cook was unable to attend the meeting. Hopefully she would be able to attend the November meeting to outline the action that was required. The council were minded to support financially the cost of a replacement sign.

17/88 Planning

a) Planning applications

There were no new applications.

17/89Chairman’s report

There was nothing further to report.

17/90 Correspondence box

It was agreed to make a contribution of £100.00 towards the cost of the Xmas Lights Festival.

An email had been received from a resident expressing concern over parking from the new Tea Shop. The owner is aware of the problem of delivery vehicles parking on the yellow lines and is speaking to all suppliers to ensure that this does not happen. It is difficult to prevent parking on Brook Street in areas where there are no parking restrictions. Councillor Christie Smith would speak to the resident if they had further concerns

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 2nd November at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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

Dated.....

