

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor I Christie-Smith (Chair)
Councillor P French
Councillor M Cooke
Councillor A Higgens
Councillor A Byrne

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
Borough Councillor James Poland
20 members of the public

17/28 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies had been received from Councillor Chenery.

17/29 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

17/30 Public Forum

No comments were made.

17/31 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that;-

- A list of potholes around the village had been sent to LCC Highways.
- An extra cut of the grass was approved as the grass had grown early.
- Western Power had cut back the overhanging trees on the village hall playing fields. The hedge was looking in need of some attention.

b) Progress on vehicle activated sign

The VAS was currently on LP21 outside the Horse and Groom. It had been intended to move it on 16th April to LP11 outside the village hall. It was suggested that it should be placed by the Jelson field every other time.

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Byrne reported that;-

- The feedback from the consultation event held at the church on Saturday 30th March was being collated.
- The comments from the section 14 consultation period were being collected. The consultation period ends on May 3rd.

- Once the comments had considered and any alterations made to the Neighbourhood Plan, this would be sent to CBC.
- If CBC are happy with the document, they would arrange for it to go to an inspector.
- It was hoped that it may be ready to go to referendum by October.
- Further funding was being applied for to help with the consultants costs.

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

A quote had been received from N & J Builders for the formation of a new disabled access to the village hall playing fields of £11,100. They had also provided a quote of £3,450 for the re siting of the metal entrance barrier.

It was agreed to talk to the Village Hall committee about these quotes.

It was also felt that some clarification on what the developer in the field next to the hall is planning to do with the corner. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask CBC if the planning application contained any details of what should happen.

f) Progress on the railings in Brookside

The railings were installed. There was just a small gap that needed to be filled by the footbridge near to the school.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact CBC, so that they could update their appraisal of the conservation area, as the installation of railings was one of their recommendations.

g) Progress on replacement of notice board

The Clerk had made an insurance claim and they required two quotes. It was agreed that the Clerk could go ahead and order the notice board which would be a wooden, two bay one with lettering engraved on the header. It was felt that a magnetic board would be a good idea. The delivery time was expected to be 8-10 weeks.

It was also agreed to ask the supplier to quote for fitting the board. It was felt that this should be concreted in to prevent it being blown over again.

h) Progress on gate at top of Gaddesby Lane

This had been reported to LCC and a response was awaited.

17/32 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County Councillor

No report was made.

b) Borough Councillor Report

Borough Councillor Poland reported that:-

- With regards to the Jelson's application, he felt that they were aware that it was likely to be rejected by CBC, as there were no material changes to the previous application.
- There had been a number of appeals over the past few months at which developers had argued that the CBC five year land supply figure were slipping. However, the appeals had not been allowed by the Planning Inspectorate.
- It was hoped that the Convent application would go to committee shortly.

c) Police Report

No report was made.

d) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

Councillor French reported that the siting of the plaque for the 7 arch bridge was almost agreed. It was agreed to make up to £100.00 available from the Parish Council if this was necessary.

Tree Warden Report

There was nothing further to report.

Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

Councillor Byrne had undertaken a risk assessment. There was some damage to the byelaw sign and the netting at the top of the play park needed mending. On the village hall playing fields, it was noted that the grind rails were not up to the current standards and some holes were appearing in the hedgerows. Councillor Cooke was currently looking at options for the grind rails.

Councillor French reported that concerns had been expressed concerning the safety of the Gaddesby Lane junction, due to lack of visibility due to high sided vehicles in the central reservation. It was agreed that this would be reported to LCC Highways. This had previously been reported in 2012, when the concerns were dismissed by LCC. However, it was felt that the volume of large vehicles crossing at the junction had increased over the past 5 years. It was also agreed that residents should be encouraged to report directly to LCC any 'near misses' that they experienced at the junction.

Councillor French also reported that concerns had been expressed that there was a trip hazard from the cable used for the mobile post office.

f) Village Hall

Councillor Byrne reported that she had attended the Village Hall Committee. Lettings were at full capacity and the finances were healthy.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £7,586.00 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £14,560.63

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £276.43

James Gamble Construction – railings, £12,854.40

OneA – NP consultant , £1,250.00

Anchor Print – NP printing, £571.96

M Field - NP expenses, £156.00

CBC – emptying of litter bins and play ground inspection, £967.37

EoN – xmas lights, £0.41

17/33 New Business

a) Dates for Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the annual parish meeting on Thursday 8th June.

b) Dates for Annual Return

The Annual Return needed to be submitted to the external auditor by 9th June. It would therefore need to be approved at the June meeting.

c) Request to use Village Hall Playing fields for charity fund raising event

A request had been received from staff at Tokio Marine HCC, The Grange, Rearsby, to use the village hall playing fields for a fund raising event for LOROS on Thursday 8th June. This was agreed subject to a returnable deposit of £50.00. It was also noted

that any activities involving music needed to finish on the playing fields by early evening to prevent any inconvenience to neighbours.

17/34 Planning

a) Planning applications

P/17/0531/2 Land off Melton Road, residential development for 66 dwellings

An application had been submitted for 66 houses on the Melton Road. This application is identical to the one previously submitted in 2015.

The developers appear to be saying that the situation is different from 2015 as the 5 year land supply for housing is no longer on target as outlined in the CBC Core Strategy.

The Parish Council agreed to object to this application. Keep Rearsby Rural will again by circulating a letter that can be the basis for objections. It is very important that villagers make their views known to CBC. Villagers are also encouraged to make comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan as getting this agreed will be an important part of the defence against the application.

17/35 Chairman's report

Councillor Christie Smith suggested that the socket for the xmas tree needed to be made bigger. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

17/36 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 11th May at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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

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