

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 6th October 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

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

In Attendance

Sue Norledge - Clerk
4 members of the public
Borough Councillor James Poland

16/81 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chenery.

16/82 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

16/83 Public Forum

- Ron Lilley, Flood Warden had reported the high levels of weeds in the brook to the Environment Agency.
- It was noted how attractive the planters had looked over the summer and thanks were given to Councillor French for his hard work.

16/84 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported that:-

- The footpaths in the village had been cut back by LCC footpaths.
- It was agreed to accept the quote of £170.00 from Burnt Oak to tidy up the village hall overflow car park.
- The railings on the village hall overflow park had been repaired by Steve Barnes at a cost of £100.00.
- Councillor French had replaced the defibrillator electrodes at a cost of £30.00
- There are still items of furniture near to the garages on Brookside. The Clerk to report the items again.

b) Progress on vehicle activated signs

The MVAS was now back on the Leicester end of the Melton Road. The data for the Station Road location showed lower traffic and speed volumes than the two Melton Road locations.

The Clerk was to try and find out what was happening with the VAS that was due to be installed as part of the Rearsby Roses development.

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Byrne reported that;-

- A successful bid had been made to Locality for £5,400. This needed to be spent by 31.3.17.
- A meeting with the consultant was being held on 28th October.
- A meeting was being held with the CBC contact in the following week to update them on progress.
- A public meeting would be held on 19th November between 10.30 and 15.00, with the hope of sourcing more input, particularly in the areas of affordable housing, green spaces and local services.
- An article was being written for the Rearsby Scene to update villagers on progress.

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

Councillor Christie Smith had spoken to Trevor Wells, the scheme architect, to see what progress was being made. The issue of affordable housing was currently being addressed with a report being submitted with possible solutions to the issue.

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

Councillor Byrne reported that;-

- The architect was working with CBC to discuss the building regulation requirements. Hand rails may not be necessary and if it is a new build, building regulations may not be required.
- Quotes for the gym equipment to be purchased from the section 106 monies, were coming in at 9 - 11k. A decision would need to be made as to the location of this equipment.

f) Progress on the railings in Brookside.

Three quotes had been received for the replacement of the railings - James Gamble £15,244, Broxap £19,634 and Alpha Rails £12,132. Concern was expressed that the quotes from Broxap and Alpha Rails did not include a figure for the dismantling of the existing railings. They also did not include costs for storage of the parts, closure of the road/pavement and general disposal of waste. It was felt there were too many variables in these two quotes. The quote from James Gamble was very detailed and he appeared to have covered all eventualities. It was agreed to accept the quote from James Gamble subject to a risk assessment. A quote was needed for the painting of the railings but this was not anticipated to be in excess of £1,000. Contact would be made with LCC to find out how to access the £2,000 contribution from LCC.

g) Progress on website

The Clerk was currently working on this.

h) Emptying of litter bins on children's play park

The Clerk reported that CBC had spoken to CIRCO to arrange for more frequent emptying of the litter bins on the children's play park.

16/85 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County Councillor

No report was made.

b) Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that CBC was currently undertaking the anti-fraud verification that has to be undertaken every 2 years.

c) Police Report

No report was made.

d) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

A budget of £60.00 was agreed for the winter bulb planting in the village planters.

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 Cooke and Councillor Chenery were to undertake a risk assessment on Sunday 17th October.

Some concern was expressed that the children were slipping in the bird dirt on the safety matting. This was very difficult to clean and the Clerk was to check if there was a commercial company who could remove this.

There still a few jobs outstanding from the annual risk assessment. It was difficult to find an 'odd job' person to undertake these small jobs. The Clerk was to see if the Seagrave Parish Council person would be interested in some additional work.

Some thought would need to be given to the future of the Skate Park as it no longer met all requirements and the company who installed it are no longer in business.

f) Village Hall

Councillor Cooke reported that the village hall finances were in excellent shape and the next meeting would be taking place in November.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £19,307.07 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,558.19

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £950.39

Grant Thornton - audit, £120.00

Burnt Oak - mowing, £372.00

Eon - electricity, £0.33

Steve Barnes - repairs, £100.00

Community Heartbeat Trust - electrodes, £39.60

16/86 New Business

a) Arrangements for Christmas

It was agreed that;-

- No more lights were needed.
- The tree would be ordered pre cut.
- Some new posts and ropes would be purchased.
- The lights would be switched on to coincide with the village lights festival.

b) Plans for Mobile Post Office

This was likely to take place in the village hall car park on a Monday morning for one hour. There was currently a consultation period on the proposals.

c) Parking problems at Manor Farm/Play park

Councillor Christie Smith had been liaising with Ruth Davis at LCC Highways and Ann Palmer of Manor Farm over this. It was agreed to fund £250.00 for the marking of parking bays.

16/87 Planning

a) Planning application

P/16/20077/2 15 Station Road, erection of single storey extension

No comments were made.

16/88 Chairman's report

Councillor Christie Smith reported that he had been contacted by solicitors acting for the house purchase on the village green. They were seeking clarification as to the ownership of the village green. They also wanted clarification regarding the ownership of the pavement outside the properties on the village green. The Clerk had written confirming that the village green was owned by the Parish Council. However it was unclear whose ownership the pavement was under. The Clerk was to try and obtain the map for the village green to see if this would clarify the issue.

It was noted that the January meeting would take place on January 12th.

16/89 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 3rd November at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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

Dated.....