

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 7th September 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
2 members of the public

17/73 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Borough/County Councillor James Poland

17/74 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd August 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

17/75 Public Forum

- It was confirmed that the telephone box would be removed in the near future.
- At some point in the future it may be that another community organisation could be formed in the village which may be able to access funding for future initiatives.

17/76 Progress on outstanding items

a) Repair and Maintenance

- The goal posts on the village hall playing fields had been repaired by Peter French.
- Appreciation was given to Peter French for all the hard work he is doing around the village.
- It was reported that the Marie Curie field of remembrance plaque on the junction of Melton Road and Grange Avenue has been damaged. The original provider of the Field of Hope had contacted the Parish Council and further information was being sought from them regarding what action needed to be taken. The Parish Council would look favourably on any request for assistance with any costs incurred.

b) Progress on vehicle activated sign

It was agreed that the VAS should be moved to Station Road and then back to the Melton Road site. Councillor Cheney would liaise with Peter French over this.

c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Byrne reported that;-

- The six week regulation 16 consultation period will end on 18th September. It was agreed to try and get as many villagers as possible to send in their comments before this date.
- CBC had offered Richard High as the inspector for the examination process of the Neighbourhood Plan. This offer was accepted.
- An amendment had been made to the consultation document to bring it line with assurances previously given that personal details would be removed from the document.
- The information on the Neighbourhood Plan website was currently being updated.

d) Progress on future sale of the Convent

A letter had been sent to CBC outlining the understanding of the Parish Council on all the agreed details of the planning permission.

It was suggested that once the conker field was handed over to the Parish Council, consideration could be given to a plaque giving the history of the area and more details of the trees.

e) Progress future housing needs survey

The survey needs to be completed by the end of March. It is likely to be delivered to all households end oct/early Nov. It was hoped that it could be linked to the Neighbourhood Plan.

f) Progress on new socket for Xmas tree

Councillor Christie Smith confirmed that the new larger socket had been installed for the Xmas tree. A payment to CJ Woodward of £300.00 was approved.

g) Progress on junction safety on the bypass

Stuart Bullen of LCC Highways had confirmed that the speed measuring had been delayed due to the resurfacing. Once the white lines had been completed the equipment would be put in place. This would hopefully be the end of September with the speed figures to be supplied by the end of October.

h) Progress on co option of a new councillor

Expressions of interest were still being looked for to fill the vacancy of Parish Councillor.

i) Progress on Jelson Homes application

It was anticipated that this may be heard at the October Planning Committee

j) Progress on changing bank accounts

All the paper work had been completed and with the £500.00 cheque approved at this meeting, the application could be processed by Unity Trust Bank.

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

Councillor Byrne had handed over all the paperwork to Councillor Cooke and updated quotes were being sought. It was hoped that there would be some proposals to be presented to the next meeting.

17/77 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County Councillor Report

No report was made.

b) Borough Councillor Report

No report was made.

c) Police Report

No report was made.

d) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

It was agreed to advertise for a heritage warden.

Tree Warden Report

Trevor Drury had reported that he could source a replacement tree for the jubilee tree. A budget of £100.00 was approved to purchase the tree and arrange to have the plaque relocated.

Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

A risk assessment had not been undertaken during August. The independent play ground inspection had been undertaken. The following action was agreed;-

- Write to Playdale to see if they recommend an annual internal inspection of the overhead rota.
- Ask Derek Overfield to round off the top of infill plates at pivot of Wicksteed seesaw.
- Ask Derek Overfield to remove the excess bolt thread on the sign on the park gates.
- Ask Peter French if he had any spare post end caps for the park gates.

f) Village Hall

Councillor Cooke reported that there had been a village hall committee meeting on 5th September but he had been unable to attend. Finances are looking good and the hall is fully booked.

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, £247.41

Burnt Oak – grass cutting, £744.00

Ladywell Accountancy – PAYE, £56.00

CJ Woodward – xmas tree socket, £300.00

Rearsby Parish Council – bank deposit, £500.00

17/78 New Business

a) Condition of village planters

It was agreed to look at replacing the planters in the new year. It was agreed to ask Peter French if he had any recommendations.

b) Condition of Parish lawnmower

The lawn mower that residents used to mow the village green was beyond economic repair. It was agreed to ask the residents for their recommendations and approve the purchase of a new lawn mower at the next meeting.

c) Attendance at Leicester Future event

It was agreed that Councillor Cooke would attend the session at Broughton Astley. It was noted that the Parish Council were not taking any views on the provision of services by the Parish Council and were attending purely in an information gathering capacity.

d) LCC Campaign for Fair Funding

The Parish Council supported the Councils efforts to get fairer funding but felt it would be more helpful to compare funding with similar East Midlands Authorities.

e) Attendance at Brooksby Liaison Committee

It was agreed that Councillor Christie Smith would attend the meeting on Tuesday 19th September.

17/79 Planning

a) Planning applications

P17/1474 34 Bleakmoor Close, retention of single storey extension

No comments were made.

P/17/168/2 White House Farm, Gaddesby Lane, two storey extension

No comments were made.

P/17/1703/2 Grass verge on top of Gaddesby Lane, erection of 15 metre high telecoms equipment

It was recognised that whilst we were not able to make comments, it was agreed to ask for the mast to have some form of shielding to make it look less obstrusive.

17/80Chairman’s report

It was agreed to start the October meeting at 7.15 pm to give plenty of time for the Melton and Oakham Waterways Society to give their presentation.

17/81 Correspondence box

There was nothing further to report.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 5th October at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21.06 pm

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

Dated.....