

# REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

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

**In Attendance** Sue Norledge – Clerk  
3 members of the public

### **17/100 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wills, Councillor Higgins and County/Borough Councillor Poland.

### **17/101 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

### **17/102 Public Forum**

- There was a coffee morning at the church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- The Christmas Lights celebration would be on 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **17/103 Progress on outstanding items**

#### **a) Repair and Maintenance**

- A sign was needed for the gate at the top of Gaddesby Lane to request that it is shut.
- A sign is needed for the village hall playing field gate advising of uneven surface,

#### **b) Progress on vehicle activated sign**

The sign would be moved before Christmas.

#### **c) Progress on Neighbourhood Plan**

- Discussions were currently ongoing to answer queries from the examiner.
- The end of grant report had been completed by Councillor Byrne.

#### **d) Progress on future sale of the Convent**

No progress had been reported.

**e) Progress future housing needs survey**

There was no further progress to report.

**f) Progress on village planters**

The replacement planter would be ordered in the Spring.

**g) Progress on junction safety on the bypass**

The Clerk had contacted Stewart Bullen but had received no further information.

**h) Progress on changing bank accounts**

The Barclays account had now been closed and all balances transferred to the Unity Trust account.

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

Councillor Cooke reported that;-

- The outdoor gym equipment had now been installed by Caloo and the payment of £11,400 was approved.
- They would undertake the first years maintenance free of charge and after that would instruct the Parish Council how to undertake it themselves.
- Thanks were given to Councillor Cooke for all his hard work in progressing this project.
- The large goal posts on the Village Hall playing fields may need to be removed as they were not used very regularly, and balls could be kicked towards people using the outdoor gym equipment. It was agreed to put a notice up to seek villagers views on this plan of action,

**j) Progress on replacement sign for Marie Curie Field of Remembrance**

Charlotte Cook attended the meeting and reported that that a replacement sign would cost £54.00 plus VAT. It was agreed to fund the cost of the replacement sign.

Charlotte also had a bag of daffodil bulbs to plant in the area. A notice would be put in the Rearsby Scene to see if anyone was interested in helping plant the bulbs.

**k) Progress on Xmas tree**

Councillor Christie Smith reported that;-

- The Xmas tree had been purchased at a cost of £260.00 from FN Barber & Sons. The tree was a 24ft tree with 3 feet going into the ground.
- A total of £49.76 was spent of guy ropes, thank you present and lock for the electrical box.

**17/104 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports**

**a) County/Borough Councillor Report**

No report was made.

**b) Police Report**

No report was made. PCSO Brian Geeson had informed the Parish Council that he would be moving to another area. Thanks were given to him for all his hard work in the village over the last years. It was agreed to send him a formal thank you letter from the PC.

**c) Village Warden Reports**

**Heritage Warden report**

No report was made.

**Tree Warden Report**

The replacement Jubilee tree had been planted by Trevor Drury and Mick Coles on the Brook bank. Thanks were given to them for this work.

The tree, a Liquidamber styraciflua was purchased at a cost of £60.00. The Jubilee plaque had been removed from the Conker field and would be sited in a suitable location next to the replacement tree. This would be put on the January agenda.

### **Flood Warden report**

There was nothing further to report.

#### **e) Risk Assessment and village safety**

Councillor Byrne and Councillor Wills had undertaken a risk assessment.

- The problem of moss of the mats in the children's play area was still present. It was agreed to ask Derek Overfield if would be able to clean them.
- The moles were back on the Village Hall playing fields.
- Councillor Higgins and Councillor Chenery would undertake the next assessment.

#### **f) Village Hall**

Councillor Cooke had attended the last Village Hall committee meetings. It was reported that the village hall currently did not intend to move the car park barrier as had been previously recommended. The Parish Council felt that it was unwise to not undertake this work.

#### **g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)**

The balance of the account was £24,251.80.

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £284.55

HMRC – PAYE, £148.80.

J Coles – replacement jubilee tree, £60.00

Caloo – outdoor gym equipment, £11,400

Hickman Signs – playing field safety signs, 424.80

CG Electrics – repairing socket on green, £75.24

F N Barber & Sons - Xmas tree, £260.00

I Christie Smith – Xmas tree, £49.76

### **17/105 New Business**

#### **a) Precept 18/19**

The precept needed to be approved at the January meeting. The Clerk had provided an estimate of the current years expenditure and would prepare a draft budget for circulation to Councillors. It was felt that it may be necessary to increase the precept in order to cover the costs of the management of the conker field.

#### **b) Consultation on school admission arrangements**

No comments were made on the proposed school admission arrangements.

### **17/106 Planning**

#### **a) Planning applications**

P/17/2265/2 1745 Melton Road, erection of dwelling

It was agreed to object to this application for the following reasons;-

- The windows on the proposed dwelling would lead to a loss of privacy for the neighbour to the rear of the property.
- The design of the dwelling was out of keeping with neighbouring properties.

### **17/107 Chairman's report**

No comments were made.

### **17/108 Correspondence box**

No comments were made.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January at Rearsby Village Hall  
The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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

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