

# REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

### **Present:**

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

### **In Attendance**

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

It was reported that Peter French had resigned from the Parish Council after 11 years of service. Thanks were given to him for all his hard work as a Parish Councillor and in particular his role as Heritage Warden.

### **17/37 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Brian Geeson.

### **17/38 Minutes of previous meeting**

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

### **17/39 Public Forum**

- It was reported that the ‘Beating the Bounds’ was to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 11.00 am. Refreshments were to be provided in the Church. It was agreed to donate £50.00 towards the cost of the refreshments.
- It was reported that sadly, Peter Palmer had recently passed away. Condolences were passed to his family.

### **17/40 Progress on outstanding items**

#### **a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report**

- The moles have returned again to the village hall playing fields. It is too expensive to keep having them removed. It was agreed to erect a sign warning of an uneven surface. It was also agreed to ask Burnt Oak to quote for tidying up the right hand side of the playing fields near to the trees.

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

- It was thought that Peter French was happy to carry on the work with the VAS. However, it was agreed to ask Peter if he needed more help around this work.

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

Councillor Byrne reported that;-

- The six week consultation period for the draft NP ended on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. There had been 11 statutory consultee replies and 46 from residents. There were also responses from Jelson Home and Charnwood Borough Council.
- The comments are currently being put in a section 14 consultation document. Any amendments agreed as a result of the comments received will need to be made to the NP.
- A further grant of £3,600 has been received from Locality to assist with the consultant's costs.
- A summary of the progress to date will be put into the Rearsby Scene.
- Thrussington Parish Council had expressed an interest in meeting to discuss housing exception sites.

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

This would be presented to CBC Planning Committee once the drainage and affordable housing issues had been resolved.

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

A meeting was being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May with the Village Hall Committee to discuss the issue. Councillor Cooke was trying to obtain a further quote for the work.

### **f) Progress on the railings in Brookside**

Peter French had drawn up proposals for works that would fill the small gap between the railings and bridge near to the school. The Council was waiting for a response from the contractor.

### **g) Progress on replacement of notice board**

The Clerk reported that;-

- The insurance claim had been accepted.
- An order had been placed with the Parish Council Noticeboard Company at a cost of £1,200 plus £350.00 for installation. Delivery would be 8-10 weeks.

### **h) Progress on gate at top of Gaddesby Lane**

A reply had been received from LCC Highways, however it was felt that they had not understood the request and the Clerk would contact them again.

### **i) Progress on arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed to postpone this meeting as the June Parish Council meeting needed to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

## **17/41 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports**

### **a) County Councillor**

No report was made.

### **b) Borough Councillor Report**

Congratulations were given to Councillor Poland as he had been elected as the County Councillor. He reported that;-

- He was looking forward to working with the village in his role as County Councillor.
- It was unclear if the Jelson report would need to go to the Planning Committee. LCC had asked for a detailed drainage report.

### **c) Police Report**

PCSO Geeson had provided a written report

- A taxi driver was assaulted on Weston Close whilst dropping off a customer.
- Between 23/3 and 4/4 a property on Bleakmoor Close had an attempted break in.
- Between 14/4 and 17/4 an insecure vehicle on Bleakmoor Close had property stolen.

### **d) Village Warden Reports**

#### **Heritage Warden report**

No report was made

#### **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 Higgins was to report to the June meeting. The new railings needed to be included in the risk assessment.

### **f) Village Hall**

There was nothing further to report.

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

The balance of the community account was £11,780.52 and the balance of the

Business reserve account was £14,560.63

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £265.31

2 Commune – website, £510.00

LRALC – membership, £296.29

Burnt Oak – grass mowing, £462.00

AON – insurance, £764.05

### **17/42 New Business**

#### **a) Request for a dropped kerb at bus stop on Melton Road**

A request had been received from Oakdale Farm on the Melton Road, who run a centre for adults with learning difficulties, for a dropped kerb at the bus stop. They had approached LCC Highways who had indicated that they would not be able to fund this. The cost was likely to be in excess of £3,000 and would be prohibitively expensive for the Parish Council to fund. It was agreed to pass the information on County Councillor Poland to see if he could progress the matter with LCC Highways.

#### **b) Installation of a larger socket for Christmas tree base**

It was agreed to defer this discussion until Councillors Christie Smith and Chenery had been able to meet with Peter French to look at the site in more detail.

#### **c) To consider co option of a new councillor**

Due to the resignation of Councillor French there was now a vacancy for a Councillor that would be filled through co option. It was hoped that there would be interest in the position from the village.

### **17/43 Planning**

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

P/17/0900/2 67 Station Road, erection of 2 gates

It was agreed to ask for a deferral on this application until the next meeting to give Councillors a chance to look at the application.

The response from the Parish Council to the Jelson Homes application was approved.

**17/44 Chairman's report**

There was nothing further to report.

**17/45 Correspondence box**

The meeting needed to be arranged with LCC Highways to look at the Gaddesby Lane junction.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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

Dated.....