

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Monday 11th July 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Simon Chenery (acting Chair)
Councillor Alison Higgins
Councillor Peter French
Councillor Anthea Byrne

In Attendance

Sue Norledge - Clerk
Sgt Min Legaye
3 members of the public

16/54 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Christie Smith, Councillor Cook and Borough Councillor Poland.

16/55 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd June 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

16/56 Public Forum

- There had been some problems with the farm access to North Manor Farm, being blocked by parked cars. They were also impeding access to Church Lane. These were generally visitors to the children's play park. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact LCC Highways to see if they would consider placing white lines to mark the path of the road from the ford up to Church Lane.
- A neighbour bordering the children's play park was concerned about overhanging trees. This would be discussed later in the agenda.

16/57 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French reported;-

- The cost of replacing the damaged planter was £213.42. The planter using recycled materials was too expensive.
- A query had been received from a resident on Station Road concerning overhanging trees. The work to these trees was covered by the Symbiosis report and planning permission had been obtained. Councillor French was arranging the work outlined in the report and would be seeking quotes.
- The landscaping on the village hall car park extension needed some remedial work. Councillor French would obtain a quotation for this work.

- Several of the hedges in the village seem to be overgrown. The Clerk had reported the hedge on Station Road between Brookside and Church Leys Avenue. Also reported was the verge on the raised footpath between Rearsby and Thrussington. The growth from the verge was coming up onto the footpath.
- The litter bin on the village hall play park was overflowing. This had been reported to CBC.
- There had been some damage by youths to the portable goal posts on the village hall playing fields. It was to cost £100.00 to repair them. It was agreed to make the repairs but the matter would be reported to PCSO Geeson and a note made in the Rearsby Scene outlining the damage and the costs involved.
- The defibrillator light was broken. Councillor French had contacted LOL Contractors to make a repair. Up to £100 was approved for this work.
- Councillor Higgins noted that the mats on the play park were a little dirty. They would benefit from regular sweeping as this was the only solution to this problem.

b) Progress on consideration of vehicle activated signs

The VAS were now in place. They can stay in the current location for 3 weeks when they would be taken down and the data downloaded and the batteries recharged. They would then be put in an alternative agreed location. In order to do this it was agreed to purchase a ladder up to the cost of £150.00. Councillor Chenery would undertake a risk assessment for the next meeting.

c) Progress on production of a Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Byrne reported that 135 replies had been received to the survey and these were being uploaded.

The grant application for the expert to assist in the formulation of the plan was currently being completed. It was hoped that the public meeting would be held around November and the draft plan could be submitted to CBC for their initial comments by December.

d) Progress on future sale of convent including a response to the planning application

A meeting had been held on 23rd June between CBC, the Borough Councillor, the architect, Rearsby Parish Council and the Sisters. CBC had commented that they were concerned over the lack of affordable housing and that a sum may need to be paid for such housing elsewhere. It was felt that the site would not be suitable for affordable housing due to the high management charges that would need to be paid. It was unlikely that a Housing Association would want to enter into these charges. The initial form of words for the Council's response to CBC was discussed and agreed. They would be circulated around via email and any amendments made. The application was currently not live on Planning Explorer due to the loss of some documents.

e) Progress on redevelopment of village hall play area

Councillor Byrne reported that the initial plans for the new access had been produced. A meeting would be held in August with the village hall committee to discuss the draft plans.

f) Progress on railings on Brookside

Nothing further had been received from LCC. The Clerk was to email again and copy County Councillor Hampson in.

g Progress on website contract

Once the payment had been received, 2commune would commence the training. The current website would no longer be live after 31st August.

h Progress on purchase of a new laptop

This was ongoing.

i Report back from Annual Parish Meeting

As no member of the public was in attendance, the meeting was cancelled.

16/58 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County Councillor

No report was made.

b) Borough Councillor Report

No report was made.

c) Police Report

Sgt Legaye reported that;-

- The issue of speeding traffic on the bypass had been reported to Graham Compton at Traffic Management. No reply had been received to date.
- There had been 1 crime during June - a theft of a lawnmower.
- There had been several burglaries in Queniborough and East Goscote. Alarms and security cameras can help to deter potential burglaries.
- A company called P & J Roofing had been seen around the area delivering suspicious looking leaflets. Residents with any concerns were encouraged to ring 111.

d) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

Tree Warden Report

There was nothing further to report.

Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

The Clerk was to remind all Councillors of the schedule for carrying out the inspections.

It was noted that there had been a very successful picnic for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations on the children's play park. There had been an issue with food waste and dirty nappies being left in the bins. It was agreed in future that a returnable deposit would be requested from groups using any of the Parish Council owned playing fields. There would also be a document detailing the conditions of use.

f) Village Hall

No report was made.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £19,763.11 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,553.31

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £399.20

Burnt Oak - grass cutting, £372.00

2Commune - new website, £1,290.00

Westcotec - MVAS, £3,876.00

Peter French - materials, £213.42

16/59 New Business

There was nothing to report

16/60 Planning

a) Planning application

P/16/0987/2 Sacred Heart Convent, Station Road, change of use to 8 dwellings and 8 new dwellings

The draft comments were agreed and would be circulated for further comments.

P/16/1274/2 St Michael and All Angels School, erection of a single storey extension

No comments were made.

P/16/1286/2 The Retreat , 3 Church Lane, revised scheme P/16/0031/2

No comments were made.

P/16/1266/2 Brook Farm, Gaddesby Lane, erection of wood processing building

No objections were made but it was commented that CBC needed to ensure that there were no environmental hazards from the process.

b) Planning approvals

P/16/0863/2 erection of dwelling to r/o 25 Mill Road

The Clerk had written to enforcement at CBC concerning the high fence that had been erected outside number 1777 Melton Road. They were currently investigating the matter.

16/61 Chairman’s report

There was nothing further to report.

16/62 Correspondence box

A request had been received from the owner of 1841 Melton Road to construct a french draining system alongside the border of the house with the entrance to the village hall playing fields. There appeared to be some damp in the property from the water on the play park. More information had been requested from the owner and the matter would be discussed in more detail when the information was available.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday August 4th at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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

Dated.....