

# REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

Councillor Ian Christie Smith (Chair)  
Councillor Simon Chenery  
Councillor Peter French  
Councillor Alison Higgens

**In Attendance**

Sue Norledge - Clerk  
6 members of the public

**16/1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Byrne, Councillor Cook, Borough Councillor Poland and County Councillor Hampson. Councillor French declared an interest in item 4g planning.

**16/2 Minutes of previous meeting**

**To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**16/3 Public Forum**

There were no comments.

**16/4 Progress on outstanding items**

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

Councillor French reported that:-

- It was felt that the Christmas tree had been a great success and that the assistance from Tim Palmer and family had been much appreciated. It was felt that the hole may need to be made a little bigger to accommodate a good sized tree.
- The damage to the bus shelter had been repaired by Chris Keeling at a cost of £50.00.
- Repairs have been made to the road at the junction of Gaddesby Lane and Melton Road.
- The hedgerow opposite the school has been cut back.
- Councillors French and Chenery have cleaned out the old electricity box and it is now fit for use. Councillor French has the key.
- Repairs to the carriageway on the old Melton Road near to the bypass have been completed.
- LCC have undertaken a litter pick on the bypass.
- There is some debris along the brook following the recent rain. Councillor Chenery is to clear this.

- The dog waste bin at the end of Church Lane is full. The Clerk will report this to CBC.
- Concern had been expressed over the damage to the grass verge on Station Road. It was thought to be LCC whilst cutting back the hedgerows. The clerk will report this to LCC.

**b) Progress on the proposals from Jelson Homes**

There was nothing further to report.

**c) To look at the budget for 16/17**

The precept request of £18,008 was agreed.

**d) Progress on consideration of vehicle activated signs**

A further quote of £3,000 had been received from Radar Lux. Need to now look in detail at the various options and decide what is best for the village. It was agreed to approach other parish councils who had installed MVAS and find out what their experiences were. Once this information had been obtained several councillors would meet to review the information and make a recommendation on the way forward.

**e) Progress on production of a Neighbourhood Plan**

Martin Field reported that the sub group is currently consulting with numerous local groups. This will provide some information to present to the public meetings which will be held later in the year.

**f) Progress on nuisance problems from children's play area**

A meeting had been arranged for 16th January to meet with the householder to discuss progress so far. The sign had now been delivered and Rearsby Landscapes were to install it.

**g) Progress on future sale of convent**

A meeting had been held on 13th January with the land agent and the sisters to discuss the plans. Broadly they consisted of 8 units in the existing Convent and 8 new dwellings in the grounds with all trees to be retained. It was agreed that the council would consider it as a small scale development due to the number of dwellings and would not reject it out of hand. If the Council was to support the scheme it would seek to protect the amenity value associated with the open vistas, particularly in the conker field, by the use of legal instruments.

**h) Progress on section 106 monies for youths/adults**

They may be some issues with the village hall allowing access across the car park due to legal constraints. This was being looked into in more detail.

**i) Progress on railings on Brookside**

There was nothing further to report.

**j) Progress on the broadband contract for the village hall**

Councillor Christie Smith had been negotiating with BT and had obtained a new quote for £35.00 a month for the new super fast broadband. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

**16/5 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**

No report was made.

**d) Village Warden Reports**

**Heritage Warden report**

There was nothing further to report.

**Tree Warden Report**

The report had been prepared by Symbiosis. It was agreed to adopt it in principle. Councillor French and Trevor Drury would go round the village and look at the findings in more detail.

**d. Flood Warden report**

There was nothing further to report.

**e) Risk Assessment and village safety**

Councillor Higgins and Chenery had undertaken a risk assessment. The bench at the top of the children's play park needed to be stained. The crack on the wood on the small slide needs to be monitored. The goal posts on the village hall playing fields needed to be repainted - a decision would be made about their retention at a later date. Councillor French would undertake the next 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 £18,457.35 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,548.43. The following cheques were approved  
S. Norledge, wages and expenses - £273.70  
Middletons Tree Care - plum trees, £350.00  
Chris Keeling - bus shelter repairs, £50.00

**16/6 New Business**

There was no new business.

**16/7 Planning**

**a) Planning application**

P/16/0003/2 11 Church Leys Avenue, alterations to form a two storey dwelling

No comments were made.

P/15/2536/2 13 Gaddesby Lane, demolition of dwelling and garage and erection of replacement dwelling (revised scheme)

No comments were made.

**b) Planning approvals**

None had been received.

**16/8 Chairman's report**

The Melton Borough Core Strategy did not seem to contain any future housing developments that would directly impact on Rearsby. It was agreed to ask Councillor Hampson and Councillor Poland if they were aware of any impact on Rearsby.

**16/9 Correspondence box**

No comments were made.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday February 4th at Rearsby Village Hall  
The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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

Dated.....