

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillor Ian Christie Smith (Chair)
Councillor Simon Chenery
Councillor Alison Higgins
Councillor Martin Cooke
Councillor Anthea Byrne

In Attendance

Sue Norledge - Clerk
4 members of the public

16/28 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor French and Councillor Poland.

16/29 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd March 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

16/30 Public Forum

- It was noted that the speeding was still a great problem in the village.
- There would be a 'beating of the bounds' on Saturday May 14th at 10.00am starting at the church.
- Some of the dog fouling signs needed to be replaced as they had become worn,

16/31 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on repairs and essential maintenance including village report

Councillor French had provided a written report;-

- The ash tree at the top of the village hall playing fields had been cut back by Syston Tree Care and the expenditure of £220.00 was agreed.
- New electrodes had been purchased from the Community Heart Beat Trust at a cost of £25.00. This expenditure was agreed.
- It was agreed to fund an extra cut of the cutting of the grass on the playing fields due to a request by the car boot organisers. The expenditure of £80.00 was approved.
- Councillor French had swept the mats on the children's play area.
- Planning permission had been obtained for the work to the trees outlined in the Symbiosis report. It was agreed that quotations would be obtained for the work in order of priority.
- It was agreed to approve expenditure of up to £50.00 to paint green the electricity box on the village green.

- A resident had mentioned that the copse on Station Road was growing out onto the footpath. It was agreed to monitor this situation.
- It was noted that the bridge on the bottom of Station Road needed to be painted. The Clerk would report this to LCC.

b) Progress on consideration of vehicle activated signs

Councillor French had noted that;-

- Highways had checked and approved the locations for the MVAS.
- Two volunteers had come forward to help change the batteries and location of the MVAS.
- The memorandum of understanding needed to be signed. The clerk would organise this.
- It was agreed to purchase the two MVAS from Westcotec at a cost of.....

It was also noted that great concern had been expressed at the problem of speeding traffic on the Rearsby Bypass. There had been a number of fatalities on the road and it was felt that speed cameras were needed. It was agreed to write to the Director of Highways expressing these concerns. A copy would be sent to County Councillor Hampson. The possibility of putting the MVAS on the bypass would also be investigated.

c) Progress on production of a Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Byrne reported that;-

- Two public meetings had been held. They had not been particularly well attended and the group was looking at alternative means of informing residents of progress.
- A questionnaire was being developed and this would be delivered to every household in the village. Volunteers to deliver this would be needed.
- An application was being developed for development monies.
- It was hoped that the Community Land Trust could attend the June meeting of the Parish Council.

d) Progress on future sale of convent

Councillor Christie Smith reported that the agent had presented the outline plans to CBC for pre planning advice. They were waiting to hear from CBC about a meeting date but there was currently a back log of applications.

A parish councillor would attend this meeting and it also was agreed to invite Martin Field .

e) Progress on redevelopment of village hall play area

A meeting had been held with CBC Planning Department and it would be necessary to obtain planning permission for any new disabled access. Some plans would need to be drawn up for this application. Councillor French had spoken to Brookhouse Consulting who thought the plans would cost in the region of £650 - £1,000. Two quotes would be needed. The Parish Council would hope that these costs could be shared between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. A meeting would be arranged to discuss this in more detail.

f) Progress on railings on Brookside

.Councillor Christie Smith had obtained a quote of £14,500 from Queniborough Construction for the installation of new railings of a similar design to the ones on the Church Lane side of the severn arch bridge.

The Clerk was to approach RCC to see if they could suggest any sources of finance that could be available towards this work. It was also agreed to write to the Director

of Highways to see if they would meet some of the costs as the railings were an LCC responsibility.

Councillor Christie Smith had emailed County Councillor Hampson regarding this matter and was waiting for a response.

16/32 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

There was nothing further to report.

Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to report.

e) Risk Assessment and village safety

Councillor Byrne had undertaken a risk assessment.

It was reported by Councillor French that LCC had undertaken maintenance work to the willow trees on Brookside in consultation with Western Power.

f) Village Hall

Councillor Cooke had attended the village hall committee meeting on March 22nd.:-

- Reserves were looking healthy.
- A new junior rugby class was to be held.
- The next film night would be the last as attendance had declined.
- New chairs are being delivered.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the community account was £14,845.02 and the balance of the Business reserve account was £19,553.31

S Norledge - wages and expenses, £376.60

Syston Tree Care - tree works, £264.00

Sign Here - sign delivery, £19.20

Burnt Oak Developments - grass cutting, £96.00

Community Heart Beat - electrodes, £33.60

LRALC - membership, £285.95

CBC - bin emptying, £511.66

16/33 New Business

a) To consider the new website contract

After discussion it was agreed to enter into a contract with 2 commune for the new parish website at a cost of £1075.00 in the first year and £425.00 in subsequent years. The contract was for four years. It was anticipated that it may take in the region of 40 hours to input the all the data into the new website from the old site. It was anticipated that there would be a fund to apply for the Clerks time in undertaking this work. The initial set up costs may be able to be funded through the transparency fund. The Clerk would look into this once the guidelines came out.

b) To consider the Queens birthday celebrations

It was agreed to leave it to individuals to send out any birthday cards. It was agreed to contact the convent to see if they would be happy for the Parish Council to plant a tree on the conker field to mark the event.

c) To consider the dates for the 15/16 Annual Return

The annual return needed to be submitted to the external auditor by June 14th. The annual return would be approved at the June meeting. The clerk was meeting with the internal auditor on May 7th.

d) To consider dates for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual General meeting at 7.00 on 5th May and the Annual Parish Meeting on June 9th at 7.00 pm.

e) To consider the purchase of new laptop

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact LRALC to see if this could be funded under the Transparency Code Fund. The Transparency Code would apply as expenditure was now under 25k.

f) To consider use of village hall playing fields for family fun day

It was agreed that the village hall playing field could be used on Saturday 31st July. As the organisation was a commercial one it was agreed to charge £100 with a £50.00 refundable deposit.

g) Consideration of petition regarding planning consultation

The petition regarding improving consultation with parish councils over planning applications was discussed. It was agreed that it was up to individuals if they wanted to sign it.

16/34 Planning

a) Planning application

P/16/0708/2 22 Gaddesby Lane, the erection of a single storey extension

No comments were made.

b) Planning approvals

None had been received.

16/35 Chairman’s report

There was nothing further to report.

16/36 Correspondence box

No comments were made.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 5th May at Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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

Dated.....