

# REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

### Public Forum

No comments were made.

### Present

Councillor M Cooke (Chair)  
Councillor A Byrne (Vice Chair)  
Councillor K Wills  
Councillor A Higgins  
Councillor R Metcalfe

### In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk  
Representative of the local police force

### 20/17 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Borough/ County Councillor Poland

### 20/18 To confirm minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### 20/19 Progress on outstanding items

#### a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance

- The Clerk was to chase up Councillor Poland to see what progress had been made on the unblocking of the drains at the junction of Brook Street and Brookside.
- The repairs to the pavement between Rearsby and Thrussington were not satisfactory and needed reporting by the Clerk again.
- It was agreed that Derek Overfield would plant up the three village planters with summer bedding at the appropriate time.
- There was still an issue with dog fouling in the village and Councillor Cooke will mention this in a future chairman's report for the Rearsby Scene.

#### b) To report any new items of essential repair and maintenance and agree action to be taken

There was nothing new to report.

#### c) Progress on the draft Neighbourhood Plan following the completion of the Section 14 consultation process

Your Locale is currently working on the revised text and it is hoped it will be ready for consideration at the April meeting.

#### d) Progress on work within the conker field including fencing, signage, access, boundaries, potential opening event.

- The tree survey has been completed and quotes will be obtained for the work that has been indicated. Some of the required work may involve gaining access to neighbouring gardens.

- It was agreed that the tree survey would include a fungus survey and a tree climbing report.
- The Clerk had written to all neighbours letting them know about the transfer of ownership to the PC. Also letting them know that some work may required to the boundaries.
- A solicitors letter had been sent to the resident on Station Road, requesting that they move their garden fence back slightly to avoid encasing the trees on the conker field.
- The Chairman would chase up Stef Reynolds for his report on the spinney area of the conker field.
- It was unclear if any village groups were arranging some celebrations for VE day. The Chairman would speak to Rita Meade.
- It was agreed to arrange for a sign to be produced welcoming visitors to the conker field and acknowledging the donation of the field by the sisters. The Clerk would speak to Rita and Kathy to use the same supplier that they used for the sign for the new bench/tree.
- It was also agreed that signs were needed to discourage ball games and the dropping of litter. It was necessary to prohibit ball games as one of the terms of the transfer, signed by the PC, was that the area could not be used as play area.
- The new fence and gate should be installed in the next couple of weeks.
- It was agreed to get some quotes for the installation of a native hedge at the back of the fencing alongside Station road. This could happen when the saplings had been removed.
- The Clerk had contacted CBC for a quote for the installation and emptying of two bins on the field.

**e) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update**

Councillor Metcalfe has explored the use of Bluetooth for downloading the data but feels that this is not necessary at the current time.

**f) Consideration of a new litter bin for Church Leys Avenue**

The Clerk has chased progress on this with CBC.

**g) Progress on new village website**

Councillor Wills is currently working on this and it will be live shortly.

**h) Volunteer litter pick**

A young resident is currently undertaking a weekly litter pick as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Chairman had organised some routes for them and these would take place over the next 2 months. The litter is being picked up by CBC.

Thanks go to them for this excellent venture.

**20/20 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports**

**a) County/Borough Councillor Report**

No report was made.

**b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby**

There had been no reported crime in Rearsby during February. Vehicle speed checks had been carried out in East Goscote and there had been 5 offences recorded. It is hoped that the police may be able to undertake some checks in Rearsby.

**c) Village Warden Reports**

**Heritage Warden report**

No report was made.

**Tree Warden Report**

No report was made.

**Flood Warden report**

No report was made.

**Nature Warden report**

No report was made.

**e) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report**

The March risk assessment would be undertaken by Councillor Metcalfe, Councillor Wills would undertake the April assessment and Councillor Byrne would undertake the May assessment. Councillor Cooke had redrafted the risk assessment form to include the conker field.

**f) Report back from Village Hall Committee meeting including risk assessment**

Councillor Higgins is to take over as the PC representative on the Village Hall Committee.

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

The balance of the account at 29.2.20 was £34,459.14

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £308.14

BHW Solicitors – conker field, £522.00

Pro web – village website - £180.00

The bank reconciliation to 29.2.20 was signed by the Chair.

**h) Issues arising from LRALC reports**

There was nothing to report.

**20/21 New Business****a) To agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed that the Clerk would check if the Village Hall was free on April 30<sup>th</sup> and get Beardsleys to provide refreshments.

**b) To consider a request for funding from the Friends of Rearsby Church**

A request had been received from the Friends of Rearsby Church for some funding towards the cost of re siting the organ so that the new kitchen and recreation area can be created. The PC is very supportive of this but the Clerk had received advice from LRALC that the PC would not have the powers to give funding towards the church. Therefore, regrettably at this time, the request cannot be approved.

**20/22 Planning**

No new applications had been received.

**20/23 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

A discussion was held about the current situation concerning the Covid19 crisis. It was agreed that the PC would try and purchase some hand sanitizer to give to organisations in the village.

**20/124 Chairman's report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene**

There was nothing further to report.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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

Dated.....