

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom

Public Forum

No comments were made.

Present

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

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
1 member of the public

20/41 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from the Police, Borough/County Councillor Poland and Councillor Higgins.

20/42 To confirm minutes of meetings held on Thursday 4th June 2020

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 4th June 2020 were agreed as true and accurate record.

Councillor Wills requested that the new village website be added to future agendas. He also requested that all Councillors go through the website make any comments for content and possible additions. The Clerk was to put a further link on Facebook to get villagers to engage with the site.

20/43 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance

- Several pieces of wood from the fallen branch from the willow tree on the brook bank on Brookside, have fallen into the brook. The Clerk was to see if this is something that Derek could arrange to remove.
- The Clerk was to chase up progress on the fallen pavement on Brookside. Also to see if there was any report yet on the condition of the willow tree that lost a branch near to the preachers stone. Progress also needed chasing on the action to be taken following the fallen branch from the willow tree on the brook bank on Brookside.

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

- There was some concern expressed that the hedges were encroaching onto the pavements in the village. The Clerk was to report several locations to LCC – the pathway along Brookside and up along Station Road, the area outside the copse of Station Road and the raised walkway to Thrussington.
- The pathway between the Church Leys Avenue and the church is very overgrown. The Clerk would report this to LCC.

- The style at the top of the children's play park appeared to have some damage. The Clerk would get Derek Overfield to look at this

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

There was a detailed discussion over progress on the Neighbourhood Plan;-

- Martin Field was talking to Your Locale to see what their views were on the current position. It was currently unclear if we would need to undertake Section 14 again. Martin was to talk to talk to CBC and seek their views on this.
- Martin was also to talk to Your Locale to see what the cost would be to use them to help to finish the plan off.
- The Clerk was to speak to members of the NP Working Group to see if they were interested in becoming involved again. Councillor Cooke would include in his Chairman's report a request for any interested villagers to get in touch with the Clerk.
- The response to the agents for the Rearsby Business park query regarding progress on the NP was agreed and would be forwarded by the Clerk.
- The Clerk was to ask Martin for copies of the latest work received from Your Locale.

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

- The new fence has been installed and the new gates would be fitted during the month as they were being made separately.
- The moles appear to be coming back. The Clerk was to speak to Burnt Oak to see what they recommended.
- Councillor Cooke has forwarded examples of signage. It was agreed that these needed to be high quality. Councillor Cooke was to check if they are able to fit the signs.
- The Clerk had chased up CBC regarding the litter bins on numerous occasions. The problem would appear to be that Serco are not holding on site meetings at present. CBC had agreed to chase this up.
- The tree surgeon was to commence work on Wednesday 8th July. The Clerk was to contact residents on 2-12 Station Road to let them know what was happening.
- The Clerk was to chase up number 55 Station Road to see if they have made any progress on the issue of the boundary fence.
- Burnt Oak had quoted a figure of £450 for the installation of hawthorn hedge. This was agreed. The Clerk was to speak to the site manager to see if they wished to extend this along the end corner at a cost of £11.00 a metre.

e) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update

Now that lockdown was relaxing, Councillor Metcalfe was to move the sign to the Melton Road at the weekend.

The Clerk had written to Woodhouse Eves PC regarding the average speed cameras they had temporarily installed. The Clerk suggested that we contacted LCC Highways about this as they had installed them. The Clerk would investigate this further

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

CBC had turned down this request as they feel that there is nothing wrong with the current bin. They have visited the village on numerous occasions and have not found

it to be overflowing. It was agreed to monitor this and let them know as soon as the bin was overflowing.

20/44 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 during June. They continue to patrol the top of Gaddesby Lane.,

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 Monthly risk assessment had been undertaken by Councillor Byrne. The problem with the play mats was still evident. The Clerk had chased up Playdale again and they had asked for photos of the damage.

There was discussion around the opening of the children's play park. There was some concern about re opening the park during the Leicester lockdown. It was felt that it was safer to keep the play park closed until the Leicester lockdown was reviewed.

This would avoid attracting visitors to the village.

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

No meetings had been held.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the account on 30.6.20 is £34,451.12.

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £368.34

Burnt Oak – grass cutting - £720.00

The bank reconciliation to 30.6.20 was noted.

h) Issues arising from LRALC reports

There was nothing to report.

20/45 New Business

a) To consider request for an 11 aside goal post on the village hall playing field

It was agreed to write again to see if it would help if a net was installed on the existing large goal net.

20/46 Planning

P/20/0849/2 1756a Melton Road, erection of a two storey rear extension

No comments were made.

20/47 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing else to report.

20/48 Chairman's report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene
Councillor Cooke would include updates from this months meeting. This would be put on the various websites as the Rearsby Scene was not currently being produced.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 3rd September Rearsby Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9 pm

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

Dated.....