

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 1st October at 7.30 pm via Zoom

Public Forum

No comments were made.

Present

Councillor M Cooke (Chair)
Councillor A Higgins
Councillor A Byrne
Councillor D Kagure Brown

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
1 member of the public
Borough/County Councillor J Poland

20/57 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies had been received from Councillor Wills and Councillor Metcalfe.

20/58 To confirm minutes of meetings held on Thursday 3rd September 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2020 were agreed as true and accurate record subject to it being noted that an invitation had not been received to the Village Hall Committee virtual meeting by Councillor Higgins.

20/58 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance

- The Clerk had spoken to Derek who is to add a wooden post to the stile at the top of the children's play area to make it easy to cross.
- The Clerk is to get a quote from a professional decorator to repaint the railings.

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

- There was some concern expressed that walkers had been seen to be walking along the railway line at the rear of Wreake Drive. It was thought that they were doing this to avoid the cows. It was agreed that if this became a regular occurrence, it needed to be reported to British Rail.
- It was agreed to get George Walker to fit springs to the wooden kissing gates on the conker field. The Clerk would contact them.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Derek for a quote for putting a hard surface down under the kissing gate into the conker field from Church Leys Avenue.

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

A zoom meeting had been held between Gary Kirk, Martin Field and the PC to discuss the next steps with the NP. Gary felt that it was 80% there and would not need to go to section 14 consultation again. It was agreed to approve expenditure of

£4,500 to enable Gary to work with the PC to get it to the stage where it can be submitted to CBC for regulation 16 consultation. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact him to arrange to meet with him to walk around the village to discuss the next steps.

d) Progress on work within the conker field including

- **Consideration of a new sign**

The new sign had been ordered. It was also agreed that the clerk would order two plastic signs to say no ball games, no dog fouling and no littering. These would be similar to the ones on the village hall playing fields and would be post mounted. It was also agreed to purchase two plaques to go on the gates, in a similar style to the one that was ordered by residents to go on the memorial bench. The Clerk would contact the resident who ordered this to get a contact for the company.

- **To consider and approve stage two of the tree works**

The second stage of the tree works was approved at a cost of £2,000. The work would be undertaken over the next few weeks. It was suggested that some of the wood would be left for villagers who may wish to use it for firewood. There was some discussion about the possibility of planting some new conker trees at the top of the conker field. The clerk would speak to Martin at Burnt Oak about his.

- **Consideration of replacements railings on Station Road**

The Clerk had written to LCC to request that they replace the railings with the black metal type.

- **Progress on installation of new bins**

A response had been received that day from CBC and they were trying to see if Serco were now in a position to install the bins.

- **Boundary with number 55 Station Road**

This issue had now been resolved and the fence would be re sited so that the two conker trees were in the conker field. The Clerk was to pass on the information regarding the TPO's to CBC.

e) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update

The MVAS was on Melton Road.

f) Progress on Rearsby Village news website

The clerk had attended the website accessibility compliance course. Copies of the presentation had been forwarded to Councillors. The 2Commune site was technically compliant but some work needed to be done by the Clerk to ensure that the documents that were uploaded were accessible. An accessibility statement had been put on the website by 2commune – this needed to be personalised to Rearsby. This would be put on the agenda for the November meeting.

g) Progress on request replacement of damaged play surface on the children's play area

Playdale had offered to re do the repairs at cost price. They were not able to give a refund as no guarantee given for this type of work. It was felt that having the repairs done again would not be satisfactory as the same thing may happen again. The Clerk was meeting an alternative supplier to get quotes for the replacement of the surface with a grass matting type of surface. It was also agreed to request Playdale to give a partial refund based on the cost price of repairing the surface again.

h) Progress on request for average speed camera signs

Councillor Poland reported that the pilot schemes for the project appeared to be successful. It may be that the cameras can be moved to other areas. He had registered Rearsby's interest in the scheme.

i) Progress on application to Highways and Parish Communities Fund

The Clerk had submitted the application to the Highways and Parish Communities fund and had requested funding to cut back the hedges and pathways on Station Road and on Melton Road from the school to the junction with Brookside.

20/59 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that:-

- It was the second anniversary of the Community Lottery and over £38,000 had been raised for good causes. To play the lottery visit www.charnwood/lottery.co.uk
- CBC is to work with the Health and Safety Executive to ensure that businesses are operating in a covid secure manner. Checks will be made on over 235 businesses from different sectors. They will provide advice and guidance.
- LCC has become the first local authority to join the BLUE campaign which aims to develop wildflower initiatives on verges around the county.
- LCC is working with the five district councils to take part in a pilot project to enable people with dementia to receive greater support in the home through the use of digital technology.

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

No report had been received. It was noted that there had been a few burglaries reported in Sileby.

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

It was agreed that the next risk assessment would be undertaken by Councillor Cooke and Councillor Kagure Brown.

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

Councillor Cooke reported that the table tennis club had sold an old table and would return the money to the PC.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the account on 30.9.20 is £24,077.82

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £413.20

Derek Overfield, maintenance - £904.99

EON – electricity - £0.63

LRALC - £20.00

BHW solicitors – legal costs, £363.00

The bank reconciliation to 30.9.20 was noted.

h) Issues arising from LRALC reports

There was nothing to report.

20/60 New Business

a) To approve the co option of a new councillor

The appointment of Della Kagure Brown as a Councillor was approved. The Clerk had forwarded the various documents to be signed over the next month.

b) To consider arrangements for Christmas

It was agreed to ask Councillor Metcalfe to organise the tree and a budget of £500 was agreed.

20/61 Planning

P/20/1542/2 17a Bleakmoor Close, erection of single storey extension

No comments were made.

20/62 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing further to report.

20/63 Chairman's report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene

It was noted that the church had reopened with a service being held each Sunday in a different church at 11.00 am.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 5th November via zoom

The meeting closed at 20.50 pm

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

Dated.....