

# REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 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  
Councillor R Metcalfe  
Councillor K Wills

## **In Attendance**

Sue Norledge – Clerk  
1 member of the public  
Gary Kirk and John Martin from Your Locale

## **20/64 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies had been received from Borough/County Councillor Poland.

## **20/65 To confirm minutes of meetings held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 were agreed as true and accurate record.

## **20/66 Progress on outstanding items**

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

- Derek had installed a post on the wooden stile at a cost of £60.00.
- A quote had been received from a local decorator for the re painting of the railings. A second quote was to be sought.
- The Clerk was to contact Walkers to obtain a quote for installing springs on the kissing gates and also to get a second quote for installing a concrete base under the kissing gate at the Church Leys end of the Conker field.

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

- The Clerk was to ask Derek to cut back the growth around the notice board on Grange Avenue.
- The planters were in need of some attention and it was agreed to see if anyone in the village may be interested in having a go at planting them. The PC would cover the costs incurred.
- Thanks, were given to Peter French for his work on maintaining the defibrillator and he had ordered some new electrodes.
- There had been a report of rotting gate post at the Melton Road end of the footpath that runs from Brookside up to the Melton Road. The Clerk would report this to LCC.

### **c) Progress on the draft Neighbourhood Plan**

A meeting had been held earlier in the month between Your Locale and Councillors Cooke and Byrne and Martin Field. Since then there had been very good progress on the Neighbourhood plan. The following was agreed;

- It was agreed to extend the Limits to Development to include a ribbon development of approximately 20 houses at the top of Gaddesby Lane and to exclude PSH100. John Martin would finalise this document.
- The local green spaces and open spaces inventory was agreed and it was noted that the field on Melton Road would be excluded as it did not meet the criteria. It was also agreed to include the overflow field in the church yard. John Martin would finalise this.
- The updated Area of Local Separation was agreed and John Martin would work on this.
- Councillor Cooke would be working on the NP forward and updating the consultation statement.
- It was noted that approximately 80% of the village employers appeared to be in the village rather than on the industrial estate. This would be reviewed and reflected in the employment section.
- The heritage assets and conservation area were agreed, and the ridge and furrow fields would be included. John Martin and Councillor Byrne would finalise this.
- With the support of Your Locale and some significant work from nominated councillors the plan is starting to take shape and an updated version for submission to CBC would hopefully be ready for agreement at the December PC meeting. It was hoped that the draft could be submitted to CBC in January.

### **d) Progress on work within the conker field including**

- **Progress on Signs**  
The new information sign had been ordered. A quote of £365.00 plus VAT was agreed from Hickman signs for the signs showing no littering, no ball games and no dog fouling.
- **Progress on tree works**  
It was anticipated that the works to trees in the spinney and the felling of the horse chestnut tree would commence on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Clerk was to arrange access to the field and to inform neighbours.  
It was agreed to seek the advice of Burnt Oak over the possibility of planting 5 new conker trees. This would bring the number of trees back up to the historical level of 10.
- **Consideration of replacements railings on Station Road**  
The Clerk was to chase up LCC regarding a response to the request for new railings on Station Road.
- **Progress on installation of new bins**  
There had been no real progress on this and the indications were that Covid would delay it further. The Clerk was investigating the possibility of the PC ordering its own bins without having to go through Serco..

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

The MVAS was still on Melton Road. Recent data indicated that over 58% of cars were exceeding the speed limit. The Clerk was to pass this information onto the Police to see if we could get a speed check in the village.

**f) Progress on Rearsby Village news website**

Councillor Wills reported that people had started to use the website to send messages about their memories of Rearsby. He encouraged everyone to forward interesting information to go onto the site. It was suggested that some of the lovely photos of village events that had been put on the Rearsby Floodwatch facebook site could be shared on the website. Councillor Kagure Brown was to liaise with the administrator. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward the notes that are done for the Rearsby Scene from the PC meeting to go onto the website.

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

A quote had been received from Playsmart for the replacement of the soft pour on the two damaged pieces of equipment. A further quote was being sought from Caloo. It was agreed to also contact trading standards to see if there is any recourse from Playdale for the poor repairs.

**h) Progress on request for average speed camera signs**

There was nothing further to report.

**i) Progress on application to Highways and Parish Communities Fund**

There was nothing further to report.

**j) Arrangements for Christmas**

Councillor Metcalfe has all the arrangements in hand for the purchase of the tree and he is to ask Tim Palmer if they will assist in the erection of the tree. The church are also to put up a nativity scene next to the tree.

**20/67 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**

No report had been received.

**c) Village Warden Reports**

**Heritage Warden report**

No report was made.

**Tree Warden Report**

No report was made.

**Flood Warden report**

The Clerk was still pursuing the enquiries with the Environment Agency concerning the amount of weeds in the brook.

**Nature Warden report**

No report was made.

The Nature Warden had suggested areas in the village for wildflowers and it was agreed that the Clerk would register the PC's interest in the LCC Wildflower Verge scheme.

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

A risk assessment had been undertaken by Councillor Cooke and Councillor Kagure Brown. The grind rail was still there and now that it was confirmed that no one wanted it, the Clerk would arrange for Derek to take it away. There was also some damage to the goal posts. The Clerk was to arrange for these to be repaired.

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

No meeting had been held but zumba, yoga and table tennis had been carrying on before lockdown.

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

The balance of the account on 31.10.20 is £32,886.40

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £279.75

Derek Overfield, maintenance - £60.00

Burnt Oak – mowing, £660.00

Our Locale – NP, £2,400.00

The bank reconciliation to 31.10.20 was noted.

**h) Issues arising from LRALC reports**

There was nothing to report.

**20/68 New Business**

**a) To consider arrangements for Christmas Street Market**

The PC was supportive of the plans to hold a Christmas street market on December 5<sup>th</sup>. However, it was essential that it was arranged in a Covid safe manner. The Clerk would write to suggest that they contact CBC as they have an event planning and risk assessment for Covid form, that can be completed and advice given.

**b) To consider precept request for 21/22**

The precept request would need to be approved at the January meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would send out a forecast for the current year and some estimates for the following year, including the various items that had been discussed for potential expenditure next year.

**c) To consider potential sources of grant aid**

Councillor Kagure Brown was to look into the various sources of grant aid that may be available for the PC to apply for. This may be useful in dealing with the costs for the repair of the safety matting on the children’s play area.

**20/69 Planning**

There were no new applications to consider.

**20/70 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

There was nothing further to report.

**20/71 Chairman’s report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene**

The Chairman’s report will include updates on various issues in the village and include the request for volunteers to adopt the village planters.

**Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December via zoom

The meeting closed at 22.10 pm

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

Dated.....

