

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 6th May 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom

Public Forum

No comments were made.

Present	Councillor M Cooke (Chair) Councillor K Wills Councillor A Higgins Councillor R Metcalfe Councillor A Byrne
In Attendance	Sue Norledge – Clerk 1 resident

21/32 Election of Chairman

Councillor Cooke was elected as Chairman.

21/33 Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Byrne was elected as Vice Chairman.

21/34 Insurance renewals

The insurance was renewed with BHIB at a premium of £688.88.

21/35 To reapprove the statement of internal control, the risk assessment policy, the standing orders and the financial regulations

The statement of internal control, the risk assessment policy, the standing orders and financial regulations were re approved.

21/36 Internal appointments – internal auditor, RFO and wardens

Richard Willcocks was reappointed as internal auditor and Sue Norledge was reappointed as RFO. Paul Matts was reappointed as Flood Warden.

21/37 Appointment of representatives to external bodies such as the village hall committee

It was agreed that Councillor Higgins would attend the Village Hall Committee and Councillor Wills would attend the Brooksby Liaison Committee.

21/38 Approval of dates for the annual calendar of meetings

It was agreed that the meetings would be held on the first Thursday of the month, with the exception of December.

21/39 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Kagure Brown and Borough/County Councillor Poland.

21/40 To confirm minutes of meetings held on Thursday 1st April 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st April 2021 were agreed as true and accurate record.

21/41 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance.

The bulbs had been planted on the brook banks.

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

- It was agreed to ask Derek Overfield to clear the bolt stop on the gate into the children's play area as it was blocked.
- The resident adjacent to the children's play area had asked the PC to reconsider the idea of planting a hedge next to their house border. They were experiencing problems with children kicking balls against their house and fence. This was discussed but it was felt that it would not be practical. The hedge could damage foundations and make it difficult to access for maintenance. It would also require ongoing maintenance to keep it in good order. It was agreed to make a further request for consideration for neighbours to be shown on the village website.
- Concerns had been expressed over some carers smoking whilst on the children's play area. This had caused concern to some of the children. Whilst this is not illegal, a request would be put on the village website to request carers not to smoke whilst in the children's play area.
- The Clerk was to report some damage to the seven arch bridge caused by a loose stone.
- The Clerk had arranged for a scrap metal dealer to collect the grind rails on the village hall playing fields.

c) Progress on the draft Neighbourhood Plan

There was nothing further to report at this time.

d) Progress on work within the conker field

- The Clerk was to chase up Glasdons regarding the delivery date for the new benches. Knapsters Landscapes were to install the benches and put in a concrete step for the litter bins.
- The Clerk was to chase up number 55 Station Road regarding the re-positioning of the fence.
- The sisters had been incredibly pleased with the new entrance sign.
- A map would be put on the village website to confirm which conker tree was to be felled.
- The dog bag dispensers had been installed on the conker field and on the village hall playing field. It was agreed to reimburse Councillor Kagure Brown for the cost of the dog bin bags.

e) Progress on purchase of new benches in the village

Several sites were again suggested;-

- The top of Bleakmoor Close
- Station Road near to the post box
- Near to the allotments
- Next to the preaching stone
- On Melton Road on the site near the old phone box.

Councillor Metcalfe would produce a map with the possible locations on. A licence would need to be obtained and this would involve consulting all neighbours for their comments.

f) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update

Councillor Metcalfe had reinstalled the MVAS on the Melton Road. It would stay here for 6 weeks. It was not possible to purchase a lighter battery for the sign.

g) Progress on Rearsby Village news website

Unfortunately, 2Commune required 3 months notice for the old PC website. It would therefore be live until March 22. It was agreed to ask 2Commune if they could redirect visitors to the village website.

Andy Corcoran was to cancel the old Neighbourhood Plan website.

Information regarding the potential development site on Gaddesby Lane would be put on the village website.

h) Progress on unregistered land off Mill Road

The clerk had written to Severn Trent and British Rail regarding difficulties vehicles would have to now access the track. There was no further information from CBC planning enforcement.

i) Progress on potential sources of grant aid

Councillor Cooke reported that Brooksby College would be interested in assisting with the development of a garden of tranquillity at the top of the children's play area. This would be accessed from the footpath alongside the play area.

j) Progress on speed checks in the village

No further information had been received.

k) Progress on potential application for 60 houses at the top of Gaddesby Lane

The developer had sent out a consultation leaflet to all residents in the village. It appeared that their plans were to have the access off Gaddesby Lane onto the Melton Road. To do this, they planned to bring the junction forward slightly to improve visibility. The next stage was to wait until a planning application was submitted to CBC. This would provide an opportunity for detailed comments to be made.

21/42 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

No report had been received. This would be due to the clash with the LCC elections.

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

A written report had been supplied and there had been 1 reported crime in April.

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

Councillor Cooke had undertaken the monthly risk assessment. The Clerk was hoping to get the grind rail removed this week. It was agreed that the Clerk would get some costing for the installation of a grind rail.

There was some damage to a drain cover on the conker field. This may have been damaged by the grass cutting so the clerk would speak to Burnt Oak.

The Clerk would also speak to Derek Overfield to see if he could paint the see saw on the children's play park and repair the benches.

It was agreed that Councillor Wills would take over the responsibility for the maintenance of the defibrillator.

f) Report back from Village Hall Committee meeting The VH Committee had not held a meeting.

The PC had received a request from a football club in East Goscote to use the village hall playing fields to play matches on a Sunday morning during the season. The PC was not adverse to the use of the field, but there were a few practical issues to sort out. These included parking, provision of goal posts and pitch marking. The Clerk was to write to the VH Committee to see if they may be able to use the VH car park.

g) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the accounts on 30.4.21 was £25,163.05.

S Norledge - wages and expenses - £327.89

BHIB – insurance £688.88

2 commune – website £552.00

CBC - play area inspections 20 £ 201.60

Derek Overfield – repairs - £187.00

DCK Accounting – payroll £67.80

Glasdon – dog bag dispensers £300.17

EON – xmas power £0.63

LRALC – membership £326.35

The bank reconciliation to 30.4.21 was noted.

h) Issues arising from LRALC reports

The legislation for the holding of remote meetings expired on 7.5.21 therefore future meetings needed to be held in person.

21/43 New Business

There was none to report.

21/44 Planning

P/21/0512/2 41 Mill road, demolition of bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling

The PC did not want to object to this application. It was agreed to comment that the trees were in the conservation area and so should not be damaged. It was also noted that the road outside the property was subject to flooding.

21/45 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing further to add.

21/46 Chairman's report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene

Councillor Cooke reported that the Diocesan was currently reviewing the Church of England provision in the area. This could lead to the closure of some churches. Councillor Wills agreed to take over the responsibility of the maintenance of the defibrillator

The PC was extremely sad to hear of the loss of Peter French. Peter had made a wonderful contribution to the Parish Council both as Chairman and Heritage Warden. Even after he left the PC, he carried on with his work on the village planters and the maintenance of the defibrillator.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 3rd June 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm

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

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