

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 1st July 2021 at 7.30 pm in Rearsby Village Hall

Public Forum

No comments were made.

Present

Councillor M Cooke (Chair)

Councillor A Higgins

Councillor A Byrne

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk

Borough/County Councillor Poland

21/55 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Wills, Councillor Kagure Brown and Councillor Metcalfe.

Councillor Metcalfe was extremely busy at work at the current time and was unable to devote the time necessary for the role. He had therefore made the decision to resign as a Councillor. He was very happy to carry on organising the Xmas tree and operating the MVAS. This offer was appreciated, and thanks were given to his work during his time as a Councillor.

21/56 To confirm minutes of meetings held on Thursday 3rd June 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd June 2021 were agreed as true and accurate record.

21/57 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on items of essential repair and maintenance

- The Clerk had asked Derek to replace the locking padlock on the village hall overflow car park with a combination padlock. This will make access easier.
- Burnt Oak had been asked to cut back the weeds near to the new hedging plants on Station Road. They had also been asked to cut back the growth on the steps in the village hall overflow car park.
- Caloo had repaired the safety surface that had recently been installed on the children's play park. There was some concern expressed that there was still some damage and Councillor Higgins was to visit to check up on this.

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 examination of Rearsby Neighbourhood Plan

The examiner had queried the status of an area of proposed local green space on Brookside due to it being in private ownership. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to the examiner, confirming that this area was withdrawn. The area of LGS would now be from the preaching stone to the right of way by the side of children's play park.

d) Progress on work within the conker field

The tree work was now complete and some of the wood from this work had been used by villagers.

e) Progress on purchase of 4 new benches in the village

- It was hoped that the benches would be installed by the third week in July together with the stepping stones up to the bins.
- The plaques had been ordered for the benches.
- The Clerk was to check with Burnt Oak how much space they needed to get the mower by for the bench that was going to be located next to the convent wall.

f) Progress on plans for further benches

Councillor Cooke was to draw a plan for the proposed locations to go onto the website. The Clerk can then write to any neighbours for any comments. A licence can then be applied for from LCC for any areas owned by them.

g) progress on tree planting plans for the village

The Clerk had written to LCC to seek permission for the planting of trees on areas owned by them. They have passed the query onto the Forestry Section.

The Clerk was to ensure that the dead tree on Wreake Drive had been reported to LCC.

It was noted that there was an ash tree with ash dieback in the field on the corner of Brookside and Station Road. It was thought that there was a statutory duty to report such trees. It was resolved that the Clerk would report this to LCC.

h) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update

The sign was currently switched off.

i) Progress on Rearsby Village news website

There was nothing further to report

j) Progress on unregistered land off Mill Road

A planning application had been submitted by a resident for this work. The application was currently not valid as not all the required information had been submitted.

The idea of designating the area 'common land' was discussed. The Clerk would investigate this.

k) Progress on fence at no 55 Station Road

The conker trees were still partly in the garden and the fence still needed to be moved so that the trees were totally in the conker field. The Clerk had written to the householder to try and resolve this.

l) Progress on potential sources of grant aid

This would be discussed further at the September meeting.

m) Progress on speed checks in the village

Richard Metcalfe had kindly agreed to carry on with the maintenance

n) Progress on village tranquillity and reflection garden

Councillor Cooke was hoping to get a specification for the design of the three separate areas to Brooksby in order for them to produce a design for the September meeting.

Brooksby were also keen to become involved in the maintenance of the spinney.

o) Progress on post Covid coffee morning

This was being held on Saturday 7th August. Volunteers were being sought to help with the baking of cakes and serving of refreshments. A budget of £100.00 had been agreed to contribute towards the costs of ingredients.

p) Progress on ideas for Queen's 70th year anniversary

There had currently been no ideas received from the village for the anniversary. It was not until July 2022.

q) Progress on consideration of purchase of a grind rail

There was some discussion over the idea of putting together a package of improvements for the village hall playing field. This could then become a potential project which could be appropriate for a future grant aid application.

21/58 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that:-

- Views are being sought of the idea of a Veteran well being hub. Further information can be found at <http://bit.ly/VeteranHubSurvey>.
- Freedom of the Borough is being proposed for Leicester City FC.
- LCC is currently consulting on the improvement of the bus service. Further information can be found at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/bus-strategy-survey
- Twenty young people are to be given jobs with LCC as part of a scheme to help boost their chances of getting permanent work.
- The current grass mowing by LCC generally involves cutting a metre from the road unless the verge is next to a junction.

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

No report was made.

Nature Warden report

No report had been received.

e) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report

The Clerk was to check who was responsible for the report for the September meeting.

f) Report back from Village Hall Committee meeting

No meeting had been held.

g) Any issues from LRALC round robin

There was nothing further to report.

h) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the accounts on 28.6.31 was £19,658.64

S Norledge - wages and expenses –£ 375.33

HMRC - £214.20

Tree Services Ltd – conker field £4,600

Redwood Pryor – internal audit £240.00

DCK Accounting – payroll - £30.35

Your Locale – NP £1,800.00

Burnt Oak – mowing £660.00

The bank reconciliation to 28.6.21 was noted.

21/59 New Business

a) To discuss the problem of parking on double yellow lines in the village

There had been some issues of parking on the double yellow lines around brookside blocking residents’ views when trying to exit their drives and coming around the corner on Brook Street. The Clerk would report this to LCC to see if they could send out a Civil Enforcement Officer.

b) To consider problem of cyclists coming too fast down Church Lane

There had been an incident where a young cyclist had been in collision with a vehicle turning into the drive at the bottom right of Church Lane. It was resolved that the Clerk would investigate the possibility of putting up a mirror on the corner of the children’s play area so that any cyclists coming down Church Lane could be seen.

c) To discuss playpark access and brook water safety concerns

Some concern had been expressed by a resident as to the safety of the current children’s play park access. They had suggested that this could be relocated. It was resolved that this was not a possibility, and the access would be kept where it was. Concern had been also expressed that the water in the brook was contaminated. Any evidence of this needed to be passed by the resident to the Environment Agency for their attention.

d) To discuss request by resident to consider the purchase of an outdoor table tennis table for the village hall playing fields

A resident had suggested that it would be useful to have an outdoor table tennis table on the village hall playing fields. This suggestion could be considered alongside the ideas for the future development of the village hall playing fields.

21/60 Planning

P/21/00722/2 1870 Melton Road, erection of 3 dwelling

It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds of; -

- It is outside the LTD
- Not a sustainable development
- Overdevelopment of the site
- Does not fit in with the rural nature of the village.

P/21/1083/2 16 Orton Close, single storey extension

No comments were made.

21/61 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing further to add.

21/62 Chairman’s report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene

The Chair reported that the update on the future structure of the churches in the area was due shortly.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 2nd September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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

Dated.....

