

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 6th October 2022 at 7.30 pm in Rearsby Village Hall

Public Forum

Martin Field outlined the proposal for collaborative working between East Goscote, Queniborough and Rearsby PC, to try and form a community organisation, that could have some influence on the finer detail of all the recent planning approvals in the area. It was agreed that he would organise another meeting of the parishes on Thursday 27th October at Queniborough village Hall.

Present

Councillor M Cooke – Chair
Councillor Byrne – Vice Chair
Councillor H Stone
Councillor D Kagure Brown

In Attendance

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

22/67 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Will and the Police. These apologies were accepted.

22/68 To confirm minutes of meetings held on Thursday 1st September 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2022 were agreed as true and accurate record.

22/69 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on essential items of repair and maintenance

- Playdale were undertaking the risk assessment of the children's play park this week.
- It was agreed to ask Derek to fill in the hole near the bridge. This had formed when LCC removed a post. It was recognised that LCC were not prepared to replace the post.
- It was thought that the fence on the conker field had been repaired.

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

- It was agreed to ask Derek to repair the slats on the bus shelter opposite the Horse and Groom.
- Councillor Cooke would ask for volunteers to maintain the planter at the junction of Grange Avenue and Melton Road.

c) Progress on tree planting plans for the village

A successful meeting had been held with LCC Forestry to discuss the planting of trees on LCC owned spaces in the village. The following had been suggested; -

- At the top of Gaddesby Lane on the footpath to the bypass – 14 new trees on each side of the footpath.
- To replace the dead tree on Wreake Drive.
- To form a pocket orchard on the grass verge at the junction of Wreake Drive and Station Road.
- He had also looked at the suggested locations for the 5 new horse chestnut trees on the conker field and had agreed with tree warden's suggestions.

These trees would be supplied by LCC and confirmation of the locations was awaited. The Clerk would chase this up if nothing was heard over the next few weeks.

It was also agreed that the Clerk would obtain a quote from Burnt Oak for the planting of the 5 new horse chestnut trees.

d) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update

Councillor Wills had obtained a new cable for the old MVAS at a cost of £12.99.

Councillor Poland had made a request from the Members Highways Fund for a new MVAS for the village. This had been approved and confirmation regarding the payment of the monies from LCC was awaited. Once this was received, the PC would need to order and maintain the new MVAS. It was agreed that the old MVAS would be put permanently on the Melton Road and the new one could be moved between the approved locations.

e) To consider planning application P/22/11682/2 outline for 65 houses at land at top of Gaddesby Lane

The closing date for comments had now passed, however, Councillor Poland encouraged anyone who had not done so, to still submit their comments.

The idea of employing a traffic consultant to undertake an independent survey of the area, given the recent planning approvals. This could be discussed at the joint meeting of local parishes, as outlined in the public forum.

f) Progress on unregistered land off Mill Road

This issue was still being progressed by Charnwood Borough Council.

g) Progress on fence between Station Road/Conker Field

An email had been sent to the householder stating that the matter was now in abeyance but that the PC did not accept that the fence was in the correct position.

h) Progress on potential sources of grant aid

Councillor Kagure Brown was to explore the sources of funding that could be used for the installation of a disabled access onto the village hall playing fields.

i) Progress on discussions around disabled access for the village hall playing fields

Councillor Cooke reported that he was having difficulty obtaining two other quotes for the work. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward this request to the LRALC to put in their weekly newsletter. Councillor Cooke was to forward the details to the Clerk.

22/70Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a)County/Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Poland reported that:-

- Charnwood Community Safety Partnership has secured £149,000 to reduce youth related anti-social behaviour and crime in the Borough. Further details can be found at https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/asb_guide.
- LCC budget gap is set to grow from £8m to £28m next year and could top £140 m by 2026. This is due to global events, rising inflation, surging demand

for services and the continued impact of Covid. This will involve some difficult choices ahead for LCC.

- Thousands of pensioners have been sent vouchers for help with the continued cost of living crisis. Further information on support available can be found at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/find-help-with-cost-of-living>
- The waste sites in the County have now moved onto winter opening times from 9am-4pm.

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

A written report had been provided and there had been no reported crime in September.

c) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

No report was made.

Tree Warden Report

There was nothing else to add.

Flood Warden report

The Clerk was to chase up the Environment Agency to see if they are going to take any action regarding the weed growth in the brook. Many comments have been made in the village, that it has never looked in such bad condition.

Nature Warden report

No report had been received.

e) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report

Councillor Stone had undertaken a risk assessment. Items of note were the deterioration in some of the safety surface on the children's play area and some rubbish in the hedge on the Station Road end of the conker field.

When the report is received from Playdale, consideration can be given to any items highlighted.

f) Report back from Village Hall Committee meeting

No report was made.

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 30.9.22 was £21576.55

S Norledge - wages and expenses – £338.35

DCK Accounting – payroll - £12.00

Burnt Oak – mowing £660.00

D Overfield – maintenance £24.00

Playdale – inspection £312.00

BT – broadband £125.22

Kerrel Wills MVAS expenses ,£12.99

PKF Littlejohn external audit - £240.00

The bank reconciliation to 30.9.22 was noted.

22/71 New Business

a) To consider arrangements for Christmas

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Richard Metcalfe to see if he was prepared to oversee the purchase and erection of the Christmas tree.

b) To note the completion of the 21/22 External audit

It was noted that the 21/22 external audit had been completed. The conclusion of audit notice had been placed on the website.

c) To consider request from Thrussington PC to look at joint ways for working on large scale planning applications

Thrussington PC had been in contact to see if there was any merit in some form of joint working over the various planning applications that both parishes were facing. It was agreed to write suggesting that they may like to become involved in the joint working with East Goscote and Queniborough Parishes. The Clerk would forward the contact details to Martin Field.

22/72 Planning

There were new applications to discuss.

22/73 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing further to report.

22/74 Chairman’s report, including article for submission to Rearsby Scene

The Chairman would produce his report for the Rearsby Scene.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 3rd November 22 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

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

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