

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7.30 pm in Rearsby Village Hall

Public Forum

There was nothing further to add

Present

Councillor M Cooke – Chair
Councillor Byrne – Vice Chair
Councillor H Stone
Councillor D Kagure Brown
Councillor A Higgins
Councillor K Wills

In Attendance

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

22/75 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from the Police. These apologies were accepted.

22/76 To confirm minutes of meetings held on Thursday 6th October 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th October 2022 were agreed as true and accurate record subject to the addition of Councillor Higgins being in attendance.

22/77 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on essential items of repair and maintenance

- It was agreed that Derek Overfield would repair the bus shelter at a cost of £310.00.

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

- Members of the public had reported some issues with the trees in the children's play park – the plum tree on the left hand side and also the trees in the top right hand corner. These were overhanging adjacent properties. It was agreed to ask Burnt Oak to look at these and any recommended work would need planning permission.
- A member of the public had expressed concern about the safety of the junction between Wreake Drive and Bleakmoor Close. They felt it needed to have white lines. The Clerk would report this request to LCC Highways

c) Progress on tree planting plans for the village

There had been no further information from LCC Forestry. The Clerk would chase this up with them.

The Clerk was to chase up Coles to see when the horse chestnuts would be delivered. The Clerk was to ask Burnt Oak to plant these when they were available.

d) Mobile vehicle activated sign location and recording update. Including new MVAS

It was agreed that-;

- The old MVAS would be left permanently on Station Road.
- The new MVAS would be put on locations previously agreed on Melton Road.
- It was agreed that Rob Knapp would be paid to move the signs and to replace the batteries
- The Clerk would contact LCC to let them know the locations on Melton Road for the new sign. Clarification would also be sought to see if new brackets would be needed.

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

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Councillor Poland to see if the following could be pursued under section 106 for the village.

- Further dog bins on Gaddesby Lane.
- Traffic calming along Melton Road
- A local link for allocation of the affordable housing
- A contribution towards the disabled access onto the village hall playing fields
- Better facilities for teenagers in the village
- Housing mix to include bungalows

It was also agreed that Councillor Cooke would write to the householder at the top of New Avenue concerning the future of the copse that is on the development land. The possibility of this being a community asset was discussed.

f) Progress on unregistered land off Mill Road

This issue was still being progressed by Charnwood Borough Council.

g) Progress on arrangements for Christmas

Richard Metcalfe had kindly agreed to arrange for the installation of the Xmas tree at a cost of £340. A budget of a further £160.00 was available should any further expenditure be needed.

It was noted that the Christmas lights festival would be on 10th December.

h) Progress on potential sources of grant aid

There was no further progress due to the lack of a costed project.

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

Councillor Cooke reported that he was still finding it difficult to obtain an additional 2 quotes for the work. It may be that the job will need to be split into two jobs – the installation of the new gates and the landscaping element.

Councillor Stone was to forward a possible contact to Councillor Cooke.

j) Progress on looking at joint working on large scale planning applications in the area

Martin Field reported that a joint parish meeting had been held on 27th October.

There were two strands to the type of work that may be needed – to fight large applications at outline planning stage and to work with developers at reserved matters stage to try and influence the detail of the development.,

East Midlands Community Led housing had some seed corn funding to establish the formation of the group. All of the 4 parishes would be asked if they would be

prepared to contribute £750 towards the costs of the work of the organisation. It was agreed that Rearsby Parish Council was happy to contribute £750.00. Martin Field was looking at arranging a further meeting on Tuesday 29th November.

k) Progress on request to EA for cut of weeds in the brook

Following the various correspondence between the EA and the PC, Borough Council Poland had offered to obtain funding for a cut of the weeds in the brook. The EA had then agreed as a gesture of goodwill to undertake this work themselves.

They had come the week commencing 30th October to undertake this work.

Unfortunately, the brook was too high for this cut, they therefore cut the brook banks which was welcome. They would come back for the cut of the weeds when the water levels had dropped.

There were concerns in the village that the grass from the banks had blown onto the pavements and that a cut of the weeds was of little help. It was felt by many that the weeds needed to be removed. This would constitute a de-silt. The Clerk had written to the EA to see what the cost of this would be. Once this information was obtained, consideration would be given to obtaining funding to undertake this work.

22/78 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

Borough/County Councillor Poland reported that:-

- Charnwood had been voted ‘best in the region’ for its support of businesses during Covid.
- An ambitious blueprint setting out how residents, businesses and other groups can work together to help make Leicester a net zero carbon County by 2045 has taken a big step forward. The Net Zero Strategy and Action plan, as well as a summary of the consultation, can be viewed online.

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

A written report had been provided and there had been no reported crime in September. It was noted that a white van had been seen on the previous night, around the Wheel public house

c) Village Warden Reports

Heritage Warden report

No report was made.

Tree Warden Report

There was nothing else to add.

Flood Warden report

There was nothing further to add.

Nature Warden report

No report had been received.

e) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report

Playdale had undertaken their risk assessment of the children’s play park. They had identified various work that needed to be undertaken and given it a risk category. They had also provided costs for all this work. It was noted that there was nothing of high risk. The report would be considered in more detail at the December meeting.

f) Report back from Village Hall Committee meeting

The village hall had purchased a new dish washer. Discussions had begun about a possible contribution towards the disabled access onto the village hall playing fields.

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 31.10.22 was £20,289.21

S Norledge - wages and expenses – £338.35

DCK Accounting – payroll - £12.00

Burnt Oak – mowing £804.00

The bank reconciliation to 3.10.22 was noted.

22/79 New Business

a) To consider training opportunity on use of defibrillator

The ambulance service had offered to organise a training session on the use of the defibrillator for the village. It was agreed to pursue this, and the Clerk would contact them regarding the arrangements.

b) To start the process of the precept request for 23/24

The Clerk would circulate an estimate of the spend to the end of the financial year to enable discussions to be held in December concerning the setting of the 23/24 budget and precept request.

22/80 Planning

P/22/1000/2 Unit 2 St Georges park, retention of use of premises to display for sale vehicles

No comments were made.

P/22/1001/2 Unit 4 St Georges Park, retention of use of premises to display for sale vehicles

No comments were made.

22/81 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Councillor Wills reported that he was looking at the Rearsby Scene website as nothing appeared to be happening with it.

22/82 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 1st December 22 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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

Dated.....

