

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 7.30 pm in Rearsby Village Hall

Public Forum

No comments were made.

Present

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

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
Borough/County Councillor Poland

22/83 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Kagure Brown. These apologies were accepted.

22/84 To confirm minutes of meetings held on Thursday 3rd November 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2022 were agreed as true and accurate record.

22/85 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on essential items of repair and maintenance

- Burnt Oak were currently looking at the condition of various trees in the children's play park. These were the plum tree and the trees adjoining the boundary of 1 Station Road. It was also agreed to ask him to look at the condition of the footpath that goes along side the park as this appeared to have become impassable and needs to be cleared.
- The Clerk had reported the request for junction markings on the Wreake Drive/Bleakmoor Close junction to LCC. They had replied to say they will look at some point in the next year due to many such requests. They take into account accident reports in the area.
- The repairs to the bus shelter had been completed by Derek Overfield.

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 tree planting plans for the village

The Clerk had written to the Forestry Section to chase up the response following the meeting in September.

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

- Councillor Wills reported that the MVAS had been put up by Rob Knapp on Station Road. However, it appeared that the battery was not working, and he was investigating the need to purchase a replacement one.

- The Clerk was working with LCC to sort out the administrative arrangements for the new MVAS.

e) Progress on requests for section 106 contributions from planning application P/22/1168.2 land at top of Gaddesby Lane

- Councillor Poland had forwarded the requests for Section 106 funding from the development to CBC. They required further information regarding the schemes for provision for teenagers and disabled access. Information was required as how the development would add to the need for these facilities. The Clerk would provide this information based on the percentage increase in the population of the village that the development would result in.
- Regarding the future of the small spinney at the top of New Avenue, it was suggested that the resident contacts the developer directly.

f) Progress on unregistered land off Mill Road

This issue was still being progressed by Charnwood Borough Council.

g) Progress on arrangements for Christmas

The Christmas tree was now in place. Thanks were given to Richard Metcalfe for his work on arranging this.

h) Progress on potential sources of grant aid

Councillor Kagure Brown was looking into possible sources of grant aid for the provision of 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 had obtained a second quote for the work and was meeting another contractor later in the week.

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

Martin Field had reported that the meeting for the end of November had been postponed. It was hoped to look at the ways in which the PC can influence planning policy by joint working with the planning authority.

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

A quote had been received for the manual removal of the weeds of £10,000.00. Another volunteer organisation was interesting in quoting but not until next Autumn as they were booked up until then. Another commercial organisation had taken all the information but had not submitted a final quote.

This was prohibitively expensive for the PC but the possibility of external sources of funding would be explored. Some provision may be able to be made in the 23/24 precept request to make some contribution towards the cost.

l) Progress on precept request 23/24

The Clerk had provided some information to the Councillors on the likely financial position at the end of 22/23. It was likely that the unallocated reserves have now been spent on projects such as the conker field and railing painting. The precept request was likely to have to increase but a decision would be made at the January meeting.

m) Progress on defibrillator training

The Clerk had written to Councillors to try and get a suitable date for the proposed training.

22/86 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

Borough/County Councillor Poland reported that;-

Charnwood Community campaign has been relaunched to highlight cost of living support. For further information visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/contactcca.

- Residents are being urged to recycle their batteries responsibly. Further information can be found at www.takecharge.org.uk.
- Ambitious plans to plant 700,00 trees in Leicestershire have received a boost as LCC has received more than £200,000 grant funding for two tree projects. Further information can be found at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/trees.

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

No report was made.

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

No monthly risk assessment had been undertaken. There was a detailed discussion around the report from Playdale regarding the children's play park. Everything highlighted was low risk. However, it was agreed to explore the costs for the replacement of the two swing seats as concerns over the condition of these had been the reason behind the report.

f) Report back from Village Hall Committee meeting

The next meeting was on 13th December at 6.30 pm.

g) Any issues from LRALC round robin

It was noted that the cost of living pay award for Clerks had now been finalised and was backdated to April 2022,

h) Finance (including cheques, balances and budgets)

The balance of the accounts on 28.11.22 was £18,718.84

S Norledge - wages and expenses – £338.35

DCK Accounting – payroll - £12.00

Burnt Oak – mowing 660.00

Derek Overfield – bus shelter £310.00

Welford Xmas Trees - £415.82

The bank reconciliation to 28.11.22 was noted.

22/87 New Business

There was no new business.

22/88 Planning

P/22/1887/2 41 Mill Road, demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling

There were no objections to this application. However, it was agreed that a comment would be made to ensure that the building was in keeping with the conservation area.

22/89Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
There was nothing further to report.

22/890Chairman’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 5th January 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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

Dated.....