

REARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7.30 pm in Rearsby Village Hall

Public Forum

Two members of the Rearsby Social Committee came along to update the Parish Council on their plans for the next year. Events include a quiz night, a race night, live streaming of the coronation in the village hall, a scarecrow event, Eurovision night and a Halloween parade. They also have future plans for lighting up the trees at Christmas along the brookside. It was agreed to have a standing item on the PC agenda for any updates/requests that are received from the Committee.

Present

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

In Attendance

Sue Norledge – Clerk
2 members of the public

23/01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Wills and Borough/County Councillor Poland. These apologies were accepted.

23/02 To confirm minutes of meetings held on Thursday 1st December 2022

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

23/03 Progress on outstanding items

a) Progress on essential items of repair and maintenance

- A negative reply had been received from LCC in relation to the request for white lines at the junction of Wreake Drive and Bleakmoor Close. This had been forwarded to the resident concerned.
- It was noted that the footpath on the side of the children's play area had been cleared. It was unclear who had undertaken this work. The Clerk would check with Burnt Oak.
- The Clerk would chase up Burnt Oak concerning the various issues with trees on the children's play park.

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

- It was noted that the mats on the children's play park needed a sweep. The Clerk would ask Derek to do this.
- It was noted that various dog bins around the village were in a state of disrepair. Councillor Kagure Brown would make a list of the relevant bins and the Clerk would forward this to

c) Progress on tree planting plans for the village

LCC had replied to say that they were progressing the plans but it was unlikely to be this Spring. They will update us when they have more information.

It was confirmed that the five new conker trees had been planted in the conker field. Councillor Cooke was to forward some photos to the Sisters.

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

An update will be made at the next meeting by Councillor Wills. The Clerk reported that LCC were progressing the licence 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

The Clerk would forward a request for a contribution relative the increase in the housing stock, for the disabled access to the village hall.

f) Progress on unregistered land off Mill Road

This issue was still being progressed by Charnwood Borough Council.

g) To agree the budget and precept request for 23/24

A budget of £28,383 was agreed for 23/24. A precept request of £24,736 was agreed for 23/24. This represented a 7.5% increase. The necessary forms were signed and the Clerk will forward these to Charnwood Borough Council.

h) Progress on potential sources of grant aid

Councillor Kagure Brown was looking into potential sources of grant aid for the disabled access project.

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

Councillor Cooke had met with a third contractor to obtain a quote. Unfortunately, they had not yet submitted a quote. When this was sent, Councillor Cooke would forward it to Councillor Kagure Brown. Councillor Higgins was to raise the request for a contribution towards the cost of the project at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

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

Martin Field had emailed to say he had not been able to make a great deal of progress with Thrussington and East Goscote PC's. Given this, it may be that there could be other means of promoting community centred planning practice with Charnwood Borough Council. He hoped to report back to the February meeting.

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

Given the high cost of a full removal of the weeds, it was unlikely that this was something the PC could afford to undertake currently. It was hoped that a further organisation will quote in the Autumn. The Clerk is to chase up the EA to ensure that they do come back to complete the grass cut that they tried to do before the heavy rain came.

l) Progress on defibrillator training

The Clerk will try and get a date in the Spring for this training.

23/04 Police, County Councillor and Borough Councillors reports

a) County/Borough Councillor Report

No report was made.

b) Police Report and crime and safety in Rearsby

No report was made.

c) Village Warden Report

No report was made.

Tree Warden Report

There was nothing else to add.

Flood Warden report

Councillor Cooke reported that the flood warden had distributed sandbags to residents during the recent floods

Nature Warden report

No report had been received.

e) Monthly risk assessment and village safety report

Councillor Cooke had undertaken the monthly risk assessment. The see saw bolts needed to be replaced. The swing seats had been ordered from Playdale.

f) Report back from Village Hall Committee meeting

Councillor Higgins would raise the request for a contribution towards the cost of the disabled access to the village hall playing fields project.

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 31.12.22 was £20606.18

S Norledge - wages and expenses – £773.75

DCK Accounting – payroll - £18.00

Burnt Oak – mowing £234.00

Proweb – village website £180.00

Coles nurseries – conker trees £810.00

HMRC - £449.40

R Metcalfe – Christmas tree expenses £40.00

The bank reconciliation to 31.12.22 was noted.

23/06 New Business

a) To consider the need to add further signatories to the bank account

This would need to be considered again when the new Parish Council was in place following the May elections.

b) To consider the siting of wildlife boxes at various locations

It was agreed to have a budget of £50.00 for bird boxes in the spinney and the graveyard.

23/07 Planning

There were no new planning applications

23/08 Correspondence received that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There was nothing further to report.

23/09 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 2nd February 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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

Dated.....

