

Rhodesia Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th July 2017 in Rhodesia Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Margaret Leadbeater(Chair)

Councillors Audrey Samuel, Peter Ratcliff, Tony Belton,

District Councillor David Pressley

County Councillor Sybil Fielding

M Welch (Clerk)

There were two members of the public present.

Concerns were raised regarding problems in the village. District Councillor Pressley had circulated details of a meeting next week at Retford and the clerk was asked to send comments to Liz Whittles about the issues in the village.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Hall.

2. Declaration of Interest

Declarations of interest were made by District Councillor Pressley for the quarry.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June.

Councillor Samuel proposed the minutes of the meetings held 7th June be approved as a true and correct record, seconded by Councillor Ratcliff.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

a) Recreation Ground

The site meeting had taken place and it was reported that the work has been done and that they have done a good job.

b) Quarry

Councillor Pressley reported that he saw John Foster yesterday and Karen Tamurton has ideas of funds that can be applied for. The letter to John Swinton is being dealt with and we will be advised as soon as it is done.

c) A1 Housing Office

The clerk had circulated a reply from the County Association and reported that Jones & Co of Retford have been used in the past by Hayton Parish Council. The clerk agreed to contact the previous solicitors to try to locate missing documents and the Chairman will also make some enquiries.

d) Woodland

The clerk reported that there are tree preservation orders on some of the trees. It is still unclear who owns the land.

e) Energy Advice Centre

This has been arranged for Tuesday 18th July at 11.00am and posters will be displayed through the village.

5. Planning

a) New Application

There were no new applications.

b) Decisions

There were no decisions.

Councillors Leadbeater and Samuel had attended a Vesuvius public meeting, the planning application has not been received yet.

6. New Business

a) Dates of Meetings

Councillor Leadbeater proposed we have August and January off, seconded by Councillor Samuel and this was unanimously agreed.

7. Finance

a) Balance - the clerk is still not receiving statements and the wrong mandate has been received for the change of address, the clerk will make further enquiries. The last statement received by the previous clerk was May.

b) Cheques - the following cheques were signed 101142 M Welch £385, 101143 NottsALC and 101144 M Welch £385 for August.

c) Audit - papers have been submitted.

d) Computer - The clerk has opened an account with Viking .

e) Training course Finance for Clerks - details have been circulated and the clerk asked if the Parish Council would pay half of the cost and she would ask Shireoaks to pay half. Councillor Leadbeater proposed this be agreed, seconded by Councillor Samuel with all councillors in favour.

8. County and District Councillors

Councillor Fielding reported that there had been a Children's Centre meeting on 27th June with the Headteacher and Diana Tinklin the Early Childhood Commissioning Manager to discuss what was happening. The people running the scheme had not worked with the school or Parish Council and nobody with children appears to have heard anything of them. There used to be good relationships with school but this no longer happens. One funding clause states that 55% of the usage has to be early years with the remainder for other things possibly a pre-school group or toddler group, all councillors support this scheme and agreed something should be done. The Chairman will find out if they are shutting for August and if so when they will reopen. Councillor Fielding thinks there is a need to drop leaflets through the village or if necessary to get a voluntary group up and running.

Councillor Pressley reported that Sandhill Lake is going to be advertised for the children.

Correspondence

a) Trade Union Pay Claim - Details have been circulated.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 6th September 2017

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.