

# **Rhodesia Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th June 2017 in Rhodesia Village Hall**

### **Present:**

Councillor Margaret Leadbeater(Chair)

Councillors Audrey Samuel, Gordon Hall, Peter Ratcliff, Tony Belton,

District Councillor David Pressley

County Councillor Sybil Fielding

M Welch (Clerk)

There was one member of the public present.

Concerns were raised about burglaries that had been taking place at night. The recent break in at the school was also discussed and it was reported that images were obtained on CCTV and when they were put out the youths were identified and will be dealt with.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

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

### **3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held 3rd May.**

Councillor Samuel proposed the minutes of the meetings held 3rd May be approved as a true and correct record, seconded by Councillor Ratcliff.

### **4. Matters arising from the previous minutes**

#### **a) Recreation Ground**

Councillor Hall reported that he felt the job is too big for us as the tree branches are growing onto the bridge. Suggestions were made as to contractors who may be able to help and it was agreed Councillors Leadbeater, Hall and Ratcliff will have a site meeting next Monday at 10.00am.

#### **b) Quarry**

This is still ongoing.

#### **c) A1 Housing Office**

The clerk read out an email received from the legal department at Bassetlaw requesting details of our solicitor. The Chairman reported that the previous clerk had made enquiries as our solicitor was Dean and Thomas who no longer exist and they transferred everything to Foy. The previous clerk contacted Foy who said they have no records or documents for Rhodesia. Councillor Samuel proposed the clerk contact the County Association for advice, seconded by Councillor Hall and all agreed.

#### **d) Woodland**

Bassetlaw had been contacted about the email we had received and they do not know anything further. There was discussion about who owned the land and the previous application as it was felt that there were conditions on the previous planning application this woodland as a buffer zone. The clerk was asked to contact Fiona Dunning to check about conditions on the previous planning application.

#### **e) Smart Meters**

Councillor Hall reported that EON had been to change the meters but could not get a signal so were unable to install the smart meters however they changed the electric meter to a new one as it had been installed on the 1950s. Councillor Hall was thanked for his work.

#### **f) Energy Advice Centre**

An email has been received from Judy Maher offering to come and give a talk and advice. Councillors agreed to invite her to come to Rhodesia Village Hall to give a talk for parishioners and for them to have chance to bring their bills for advice.

Suggested dates were a Tuesday either 4th, 11th, 18th or 25th July at 11.00 am and the clerk was asked to contact her to make arrangements.

#### **g) Street Signs**

The sign in Royds Crescent has already been replaced and the Winifred Street one is still on the list.

### **5. Planning**

#### **a) New Application**

17/00623 Construction and Operation of Gas Powered Generators land adjoining High Grounds Road - there were concerns raised about safety and traffic noise.

Councillor Pressley asked about the Vesuvius application, this has not been sent to the clerk and Councillor Pressley will look into this.

#### **b) Decisions**

There were no decisions.

### **6. New Business**

#### **a) Litter**

Councillor Pressley had looked into previous problems and the email had been circulated to councillors. It was reported that childrens bikes had been taken from a garden by scrap metal collectors a witness had written down the registration number of the vehicle.

#### **b) Footpaths**

It was reported that weeds have now been cleared and the problem has been sorted.

#### **c) Traffic Calming B6041**

Details of a traffic calming scheme have been received, there were no objections.

## **7. Finance**

The clerk reported that Farmstar have reduced their invoices by £30. Councillor Hall felt that he thought we should not go back to Farmstar. The Eastgate chaps have set up a business on the Carlton Road and it was reported that they would be prepared to carry out work for us

Cheques were signed for Fire Extinguisher £42, Farmstar £618.37, M Welch £385 and B Corder £127. The Chairman asked if we had received further details from Bridget as she is self employed and we need her details, the clerk will check with the previous clerk if she has the information.

Audit papers have been received from the former clerk who has had the internal audit carried out. Councillor Samuel proposed the accounting statements Section 1 and 2 for 2016/2017 be approved, seconded by Councillor Leadbeater and all agreed.

The clerk asked about purchasing the new computer and printer and how councillors wanted it to be arranged. Councillor Hall suggested an account be opened with Viking and this was unanimously agreed.

## **8. County and District Councillors**

Councillor Pressley explained that Safer Neighbourhood Meetings have started again and that the next meeting is at Retford on 12th July. Councillor Fielding will check if there is one in Worksop and it was agreed that it could be suggested a meeting be held in Rhodesia.

There was discussion about the drive through applications currently being received.

The shops closing in the Priory Centre were discussed and councillors were advised that it is due to high rents which the District Council has no control over. The Local Government Association Task Force are working with Worksop as a pilot to regenerate and would like any ideas putting in.

Funding at the school was discussed as the new funding formula has been reduced and the Headteacher is teaching now.

## **Correspondence**

### **a) Rhodesia Football Club**

A request has been received from Andrew Dexter requesting a contribution. A proposal was made to donate £50 but councillors felt unable to support this on this as it is not practical in the present conditions.

### **b) Tree Charter**

It was agreed not to take this further.

### **c) Temporary Road Closure**

A notice has been received and will be displayed.

### **d) Parish Areas within Bassetlaw**

A document has been received and was passed to the Chairman, it will be circulated around councillors.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 5th July 2017

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.