

Rhodesia Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7th November 2018 in Rhodesia Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Margaret Leadbeater (Chair)

Councillors Audrey Samuel, Gordon Hall and Peter Ratcliff

District Councillor David Pressley

M Welch (Clerk).

There were 8 members of the public present.

Councillor Leadbeater welcomed Mr Gerald Connor and Inspector Neil Bellamy.

The problems around the village were discussed and residents were asked if they had reported the problems, some had although some feared the consequences.

Mr Connor asked for an opinion as residents had said they wanted it to stop, he asked how they would like it to stop as depending on what the village wants to happen will determine the outcome. It was stressed that it is the evidence that is needed and villagers were asked if they were going to co-operate with both Neil's team and Gerald's team. Witness cooperation is needed to bring this to an end or to get other agencies involved. Social media will not solve the issues it just causes more work.

Quad bikes on the playing field were discussed and again Mr Connor stressed that these should be reported there is no use moaning about it this will not solve anything it needs reporting. He explained that if we can identify the culprits we can make appropriate referrals to authorities who may help and if they choose not to accept this ultimately there will be consequences. It was suggested that the youngsters could be offered an interest for example a bike project.

Councillor Pressley asked about liaison meetings and was told they had stopped due to people not attending.

Residents were asked to stop putting comments on Facebook as it could jeopardise what has been discussed. They will investigate, be open and honest and let us know if we can do something. Enquiries will be made into a bike project.

Mr Connor and Inspector Bellamy were thanked for coming.

1. Apologies for absence

Councillors Tony Belton, County Councillor Fielding and Dean Brett.

Councillor Leadbeater reported that Councillor Belton has resigned from the council, the clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks.

2. Declaration of Interest

Councillor Pressley declared an interest in the quarry.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2018

Councillor Samuel proposed the minutes of the meeting held 12th September be approved as a true and correct record, seconded by Councillor Hall.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

a) **Quarry** – Councillor Pressley updated councillors on the meeting about the houses on Mary Street which will provide enough money for the quarry although it will not be available immediately.

b) A1 Housing Office

Nothing further has been heard it is still in the final stage, Councillor Pressley will chase this up tomorrow.

c) Events in Village Hall

Councillor Leadbeater reported that bingo had been suggested and table tennis had been suggested to Councillor Pressley who offered to look into this possibility, Councillors all agreed this should be looked into further.

d) Noticeboard

Councillor Hall showed further details of a noticeboard and councillors agreed it should hold 6 A4 sheets. Councillor Hall will make further enquiries locally regarding a board and take measurements which will be reported back at the next meeting.

e) Quad bikes on the recreation area

This has already been discussed.

f) Royal British Legion Lamp post poppies

Poppies have been received and put up by Paul Keighley, the clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks.

5. New Business

a) Winter Service – details have been received and it was agreed to accept the free bags.

6. Planning

a) New Applications

There were no new applications.

b Decisions

17/01243OUT Discharge of conditions – hotel application – granted.

18/01215 Non-material amendment to storage area with new access -granted

7. Finance

a) Balance - £14036.44 in the savings and £5870.78 in the current account.

b) Cheques - the following cheques were signed M Welch £420.55 (October) M Welch £420.55 (November), South Anston Fire Extinguishers £135 and Susan Birnie who is cleaning the hall tomorrow. A cheque for the British Legion for £60 had been issued.

8. County and District Councillors

District Councillor Pressley asked about the MUGA surface in the school, it was confirmed that the Parish Council did not contribute.

A1 housing will be contacted tomorrow.

Councillor Pressley has been approached and asked about putting up something for the miners of Rhodesia, it was suggested that the overgrown land at the back of the allotments would be an ideal spot. There have been complaints about the overgrown trees in the area again, Councillor Hall proposed we arrange for them to be cut down and disposed of, seconded by Councillor Samuel. Councillor Leadbeater will contact contractors.

9. Correspondence

a) Correspondence received has been circulated.

NALC AGM is tomorrow.

There have been problems with the fire alarm which has now been disconnected and is in need of repair. Councillor Hall has requested a further quote for this and is waiting to hear from a contractor who came out earlier in the week.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 5th December 2018

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.