

Rhodesia Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd February 2021 by Zoom

Present:

Councillor Margaret Leadbeater (Chair)
Councillors David Pressley and Gordon Hall.
M Welch (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Fielding. The clerk was asked to write to Councillors Ratcliff and Wheatley to remind them that councillors are disqualified if they do not attend or send apologies for six months.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd December 2020.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December, copies of which had been previously circulated to members were confirmed as a true record and are to be signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

a) Vacancy

The clerk has received an enquiry from a new resident and this will be looked into further councillors reported that there had also been another enquiry.

b) Village Hall – Refurbishing/Lights

The new lights were successfully completed and a date has been arranged for the boiler to be serviced. The clerk has received a letter from EON regarding the electric contract Councillor Leadbeater proposed we fix the rate for a further three years, seconded by Councillor Hall and all agreed.

c) Allotments

This work has been completed and Councillor Leadbeater reported that there are still some trees and where the trees were removed the tree trunks have been cut down as far as they could be. The contractor suggested we try and mow the area once a month. The lock has three keys, one will be kept by the Chairman, once given to Councillor Hall and one given to the mowing contractor. It was agreed that the area is looking a lot better and there are six bags of rubbish to be removed, Councillor Pressley will ask Wendy Turner to arrange this.

d) Mower

The clerk had circulated an email she had received confirming that CIL money can be used for this she is now waiting for the legal papers to complete, Councillor Pressley asked the clerk to contact him if there were problems.

e) Defibrillator

The clerk had circulated an email she had received explaining that the defibrillator at the shop cannot be paid for using CIL money as the shop is not a community building. This was discussed, Councillor Leadbeater proposed and Councillors unanimously agreed that as £600 had already been received and a further £500 was offered by Councillor Fielding the council should go ahead and purchase the defibrillator. Councillor Hall reported that once the defibrillator is purchased he can get the quote for the electric supply to the cabinet.

f) Memorial

This will be discussed further at the next meeting when County Councillor Fielding is here.

5. New Business

a) HSBC

The chairman reported that she had heard that Worksop HSBC is due to close. The clerk reported that Unity Bank had an account which was used by a number of councils she will circulate details to councillors.

b) Business Rates

The previous clerk had received a demand for £1619.54, the clerk has completed forms and this and the payment of £1796.40 for the current year have now been cancelled.

6. Planning

a) New Applications.

20/01531/HSE Erect Detached Office Building, 5 Taiga Place Rhodesia Worksop Nottinghamshire – Councillor Pressley proposed we comment that we have no objection to the building but need to protect for the future and request that there is a condition that it is only for use of the person who lives in the bungalow, this was unanimously agreed.

b) Decisions

20/01214/ADV Display Various Illuminated and Non-Illuminated Free Standing and Building Mounted Signage Site Address: Beefeater & Premier Inn High Grounds Road Rhodesia Worksop Nottinghamshire – granted

20/01582 Force Contracting Services, 1 High Grounds – sign – granted.

7. Finance

a) Balance – The balance on 31st December £15905.69.

b) Cheques - the following cheques were signed M Welch £459.30, Peter Hall £130.60, Notts ALC £192.96 and Greener Places £1723.19.

c) Precept – The clerk has submitted this.

8. County and District Councillors

A report from Councillor Fielding was circulated to councillors reporting a further 50 sand bags were delivered to flood container. Councillors will be advised of the date of the drainage survey. Councillor Fielding has argued the case for a further River Gauge to be put in the River Ryton before Shireoaks. As a member of the Fire Authority Councillor Fielding has been calling for a New Fire Station for Worksop and is pleased that the plans are now with Bassetlaw District Council for consideration.

District Councillor Pressley reported that the appeal allowing the housing in Queen Elizabeth Drive has been allowed and that they have not appointed a site foreman yet.

Gordons tree was not taken out and as it is on County Council land they would need to be contacted regarding this, the clerk was asked to contact the asking them to look at it and make sure it is safe.

Information from the District Council has been circulated with contact details for help with prescriptions and food.

The lights on Shireoaks Road have been out due to another cable being down, Western Power are dealing with this.

Councillor Hall reported that the fence is down by the side of the canal and has been reported to the Canal Trust and photos sent.

Councillors asked about the fencing by the caravan site at Woodend that is down and may be dangerous.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence received has been circulated, the problem with the locked gate has been dealt with.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 3rd March 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.36 p.m.