

# Rhodesia Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Present:

Councillor Margaret Leadbeater (Chair)

Councillors Lesley Deamer and Gordon Hall.

M Welch (Clerk).

There were four members of the public present.

A problem with bonfires in the village every night was reported, residents were asked if they had reported it to environmental health, the clerk will report it again.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Fielding and David Pressley.

### 2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th May, copies of which had been previously circulated to members were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

#### a) Vacancies/Co-option

The vacancies have been advertised and can now be filled by co-option. There have been two applicants Peter Ratcliff and Eric Deamer. **Resolved** - Councillor Hall proposed they be co-opted onto the council, seconded by Councillor Leadbeater and agreed, the clerk gave them the necessary forms to complete.

#### b) Village Hall – Reopening/decorating/rent office

The village hall has been nicely redecorated. There was discussion about the rent office Councillor Hall reported that the window frame wants replacing and the room needs clearing out, painting and electrician to check the lights. The outside is overgrown again and it was suggested a quote be obtained to pave or concrete it. Resolved – Councillor Hall proposed we get quotes for the work, he will arrange the window and the paving and the clerk will arrange the others.

Councillor L Deamer has circulated a booking form and asked about payments being paid by direct debit or standing order. The clerk will send Youth Club details to her and councillors agreed to look at reopening the hall after the next meeting.

#### c) Defibrillator

A letter was sent to the pub but no reply has been received, Councillor Hall had asked the builders if there was anywhere suitable but also has heard nothing back. Councillor L Deamer wondered if it could be linked in with electric charging points

#### d) Memorial

We are still waiting for permission for the benches, the clerk will chase this up.

### 5. New Business

#### a) Christmas Lights

The clerk will circulate details from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding permission this will be discussed again at the next meeting.

## **b) Possible Parish Magazine**

There were concerns about funding and the lack of people willing to get involved.

## **c) Memorial square /d) Allotments**

Councillor Leadbeater reported how bad it was again, Peter had been unable to use the mower there and had to use a scythe however it has a lot of weeds, self-set trees and grass again. Peter hasn't got the equipment for it and councillors discussed hiring a brushwood cutter. **Resolved** – Councillors agreed that Councillor Hall should sort this out with Peter.

## **6. Planning**

### **a) New Applications.**

21/00810/FUL Planning Portal Ref: PP-09851438 Change of Use of Land from General Industrial/Storage to Garden and Fencing Display and Sales Centre and Construct New Access Land at Junction of Sandy Lane and Shireoaks Road – Councillors object as in that area there is heavy road traffic and congestion there also seems to be little parking area for cars

21/00952/FUL Proposed Carbon Capture Plant and Research and Development Facility Land South off High Grounds Industrial Est Rhodesia – Councillor object due to concerns over storage of chemicals, traffic, noise, height of the installation and pipes above the ground.

### **b) Decisions**

21/00620/HSE Erect Single Story Rear Extension 38 Goransson Walk Rhodesia – permission has been granted.

## **7. Finance**

**a) Balance** – £12749.49

**b) Cheques** - the following cheques were signed M Welch £461.50, Came & Co £768.69, & £127.88, J Haddon £75 S Tracey £1540, M Welch (Aug) £461.50. and Peter Hall £1032.07.

### **c) Bank**

The clerk has started to apply for the Unity Account but needs signatory's personal details, forms will be sent to councillors.

### **d) Audit**

The internal audit has been completed and documents sent to External auditors.

### **e) Peter's payments**

Councillor Hall agreed with the list of 95.5 hours submitted by Peter and proposed the payments be increased to £10 an hour. **Resolved** – Councillors unanimously agreed to pay this.

### **f) Insurance**

Details were circulated and this has been renewed.

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

Councillor Pressley's report has been circulated.

## **9. Correspondence**

Correspondence has been circulated.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.