

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor: J.F. Swift (Chairman)
Councillors: R.J. Baker (from 7.10 p.m.), D.A. Goy, G.E. Payne, A.S. Roddison, M. Scott, Ms. J. Swift and D. Whysall.
In attendance: C.J. Brown and G. Boyes.

2010/087 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2009 were taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the council.

Resolved: That the minutes are approved.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor M. Scott.

2010/088 Matters Arising.

2010/069 c) The Chairman advised that out of the 29 new parking spaces available on the Spa Well Crescent four had now been applied for and let.

2010/081 c) The Chairman advised that that lock to the training centre had been moved by Jones Homes (Northern) Ltd., and replaced with one of their own..

2010/089 Correspondence Received.

- a) Produlic Ltd., - Latest edition of their Playbuilder update.
- b) South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue – November 2009 briefing were received. Previously circulated to all councillors.
- c) Rotherham MBC – Environment and Development Services. Notification that the VAT element of the charges for the Play Pathfinder Play Area recently constructed on Washfield Lane would be recharged to the Parish Council. This in turn would then be reclaimed from HM Customs & Excise VAT.
- d) Rotherham MBC – Public Footpath No. 19 in Treeton and No. 28 in Aston. Confirmation that the above statement was confirmed on the 12th November 2009 and subsequently published in the press the following day.
- e) Rotherham MBC – warning and Information. Request from Environment and Development Services for a first notification point in the case of an emergency.
Resolved: That the mobile number of the Chairman is submitted.
- f) Rotherham Tourism Forum – Notification of their next meeting which was to take place on Thursday 10th December commencing at 4.00 p.m. at the Park Inn Hotel, Manvers Way.
- g) Rother Valley West – Notification about the CCTV Project. Information was received on the project which covered the membership of the steering group, the process for CCTV requests and the forms which were to be completed for application. The application form was to be left in the Reading Rooms.
- h) Rotherham MBC – Grounds Maintenance Proposal. Copies of this were circulated to all members of the council prior to the meeting. The Chairman was to attend the meeting to be held on 9th December.
- i) Rural Matters – Copy of the October edition of their magazine.

2010/090 School Bus Problems.

A number of residents whose children attended Aston Comprehensive School attended the meeting with complaints about the bus service to the school.

Complaints included the bus not turning up, children not being allowed on the bus, older children being allowed on at the expenses of the younger ones and overcrowding. Councillor J.F. Swift advised the parents to let him know of any incident as soon as it happened so it could be taken up

with the company concerned. Recently a driver was interviewed following his refusal to let children on the bus when there was room for them on the bus. Regarding the overcrowding on the service 628, children had been advised to catch the alternative service 33 although this took a slightly different route. Councillor J.F. Swift asked the parents if they could give him an update at the surgery held in the Reading Room on Thursday. Councillor Whysall suggested arranging a meeting with the bus company concerned at which the parents could air their views. Councillor J.F. Swift was to try and arrange this.

2010/091 Meeting with Julie Barnett and Andrea Pearce.

Both Area Assembly representatives were invited to the meeting to discuss any ways in which they could help the Parish Council.

Councillor Goy asked if they could help seek funding towards the cost of replacing the windows and ceiling tiles in the Reading Rooms. Julie would look into that project but it would be helpful if the Parish Council could set up a sub committee to liaise with her. Work on the project would be started in the New Year. Similar projects had been undertaken in other parts of the Borough notably Aston.

2010/092 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.

2010/092 a) The clerk had circulated the reply from Ken Wheat advising that he would be unable to attend a Parish Council meeting. A meeting of the Parish Liaison Committee had been set up as an alternative. The meeting had been arranged for Monday 7th December at 10.00 a.m. in the Town Hall.

2010/092 b) Following the recent allotment site visit and the subsequent letter to Mr. Binns regarding his Turkeys, Mr. Binns attended the meeting to seek clarification on the problem. He stated that he had kept Turkeys as a hobby for a number of years for showing purposes and provided evidence of his competition success. Following this information it was decided that the allotments sub committee should meet with Mr. Binns on site to discuss the matter further.

2010/092 c) Councillor Whysall raised three matters, Mrs. Martin's bungalow continuing dampness problem, he informed the council of an old tunnel that may be the cause of the problems, Councillor J.F. Swift advised that this would be looked into. A caravan was parked on Townend Close which obstructed entry and exit from the Close. The was to be taken up with the PCSO's. Access to the Miners Welfare was now getting worse and there was a steep drop to the roadway. Councillor J.F. Swift was to take up the matter with the Borough Council.

2010/092 d) Councillor Scott raised the issue of the footpaths around the OAP Centre. Councillor J.F. Swift was to raise the matter with the Borough Council.

2010/093 Recreation Ground and Play Areas.

The Chairman advised that one of the slides on the Well Lane play area had been damaged but was in the process of being repaired.

2010/094 Youth Club.

The Chairman had visited the Youth Club and was pleased to advise that the numbers were still increasing. It was also hoped to start the Cinema Club again in the New Year.

2010/095 Planning Applications.

There had been one application submitted since the last meeting:

RB2009/1227 Retrospective application for change of use from retail to residential to extend adjoining dwelling house at 29-31 Front Street.

Resolved: There were no objections to this application.

A request was also received from Planning and Regeneration asking for suggestions for the street names for the development off Rother Crescent.

Councillor Roddison was to take the request to the next meeting of the History Group and councillors were requested to give this some thought for the next meeting.

2010/096 Police and the Local Community.

The meeting was attended by PSCO Julie Wordsworth.

She advised the meeting that the village had the usual problems at the moment. There was one particular problem on Shorland Drive where on property in particular appeared to have been targeted. On problem on High Hazels Crescent appeared to be a seat hidden by bushes. This was to be removed to another site. It appeared that there was a gang of six to eight youths who were causing the problems at the moment all around the village. Councillor Whysall advised the meeting that the Working Men's Club were currently hoping to set up a junior boxing club which it was hoped would find some of the youths an outlet for their frustrations.

2010/097 Public Question Time.

Mrs Gill raised the following items:

- 2010/097 a)** Enquired as to when the Waverley open day was. Unfortunately it had been that day.
2010/097 b) Enquired as to the future of the Post Office. The Chairman replied that if the family do not wish to continue the business then the house could be sold. The future of the Post Office would then be called into question and it may be that the village could look into running it.
2010/097 c) Mesh on the Railway Bridge, Councillor J.F. Swift was to raise the issue with the Borough Council.
2010/097 d) Concerns were expressed over building materials that were being taken in and out of the usual property for concern in Mill Lane.

2010/098 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

- 2010/098 a)** The clerk outlined the accounts to date, and produced a copy of the cashbook and an up to date financial statement of the council's affairs.
2010/098 b) Following the recent Finance Committee meeting to discuss the precept for the following year, Councillor Payne had prepared a brief summary with suggestions as regards the clerks salary situation.

Resolved: That the matter is dealt with by the Employment Sub-committee, at their earliest convenience.

- 2010/098 c)** The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct Visa - Direct Debit	2.00
C.J. Brown	50.00
Rotherham MBC - Direct Debit	53.96
C.J. Brown	584.11
M. Brumfield	137.40
R. Bolton	321.73
D. Wilson	225.60
B. Baynham	102.14
G. Walker	51.17
L. Gregory	167.96
J. Gregory	159.76
I.G. Mason	193.38
TV Licence Grants	470.00
Petty Cash	50.00

Glendale Ltd.,	382.75
Rotherham MBC	25.00
Magna Plant & Tool Hire	745.00
Aquila Business Products	2,862.35

2010/098 d) The clerk advised council that there had not been a call for an election following the recent display of the Notice of a Vacancy. The Parish Council could now take up the option to co-opt a new member of the Council.

Resolved: The clerk write to the two people who have expressed an interest recently in being a Parish Councillor, asking if they are still interested, and if so to give their reasons for wishing to be a Parish Councillor.

2010/099 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 14th December 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: