

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor: J.F. Swift (Chairman)
Councillors: T. Adair, R.J. Baker, Ms A.D. Beckingham, M.P. Hanberry,
M. Scott and D. Whysall.
In attendance: C.J. Brown.

2011/152 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.A. Goy and R. Russell.

2011/153 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2011 were taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the council.

Resolved: That the minutes are approved.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor R.J. Baker.

2011/154 Matters Arising.

2011/141 c) Nothing had as yet been received from Rotherham MBC although the clerk had been in contact with Paul Griffiths.

2011/155 Correspondence Received.

- a) Rotherham MBC Electoral Services – Notification that a review had been carried out following the elections earlier in the year. The Youth and Community Centre on Church lane would continue to be the Polling Station in the village.
- b) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – a copy of their December Member briefing was received.

2011/156 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.

2011/156 a) The Chairman had received an email from the tenant of the property causing the problems with the completion of the yellow lines on High Hazels Crescent. She outlined a series of events and advised that her husband had severe medical problems and was also a disabled badge holder.

2011/156 b) A response had now been received from the South Yorkshire Boat & Ski Club. This advised that the matter was to be discussed at their December committee meeting. It also advised that a key was lodged with the Fire Service at Aston and also with Tony Haywood from the angling club. Councillors noted that it was the Aston Fire Service that attended and they still cut off the lock and perhaps a sign advising where the key could be obtained from should be erected.

2011/156 c) The Chairman advised that all the hedges had been trimmed back on Mill Lane and Washfield Lane. Grouting had been completed in Wood Lane, Front Street, well lane and High hazels Crescent. All the leaves had been removed from Wood lane and Front Street and all the drains had also been cleaned.

2011/156 d) Councillor Scott raised the issue of the Trees outside the OAP Centre together with broken tiles, a broken window and door panel. The Chairman advised that all the repairs requested would be completed the following week. The trees would be looked into.

2011/157 Youth Club.

The Chairman reported that the Youth Club had taken the children to the Christmas Pantomime and were also holding the party as a result on the small grant made. Councillor Scott raised the issue of children running round the OAP Centre and this would be mentioned to the Youth Club workers.

2011/158 Area Assembly.

A request was received to use the Reading Rooms in September 2012 for an Area Assembly Meeting.

Resolved: That the application be approved.

2011/159 Planning Applications.

The following new application had been submitted since the last meeting:

RB2011/1697 Single storey side and rear extension at 11 Rodwell Close for Mr. S. Hawley.

Resolved: The parish Council had no objections to the plans submitted.

2011/160 Police and the Local Community.

The local PCSO advised the meeting that car thefts were quietening down recently and that there had only been one two in one burglary, entry into the house to steal car keys, in the last month.

2011/161 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2011/161 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.

2011/161 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

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John Mercer	Bank Transfer	225.00
First Direct - Visa	Direct Debit	530.39
C.J. Brown	Bank Transfer	1,000.43
M. Brumfield	Bank Transfer	128.90
R. Bolton	Bank Transfer	337.35
D. Wilson	Bank Transfer	220.20
B. Baynham	Bank Transfer	99.46
G. Walker	Bank Transfer	99.46
L. Gregory	Bank Transfer	139.46
J. Gregory	Bank Transfer	139.46
I.G. Mason	Bank Transfer	295.05
Inland revenue	Bank Transfer	1,712.20
Rotherham MBC	Bank Transfer	2,770.17
Ramblers		45.00
Fowler Sandford		0.60
Yorkshire Water	Bank Transfer	79.54
Rotherham MBC	Direct Debit	11.00
Post Office	Direct Debit	116.31
HPC Pest Control	Bank Transfer	205.07
John Mercer	Bank Transfer	90.00

Proposed: Councillor Ms J. Swift.

Seconded: Councillor R.J. Baker.

2011/161 (c) Annual Reviews.

The following Annual Reviews were carried out to be applicable from the 1st April 2012.

2011/161 (c) i Allotment Rents.

Resolved: That Allotment Rents remain at the current rate of £5 per plot.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.
Seconded: Councillor Ms. J. Swift.

2011/161 (c) ii Burial Fees.

Resolved: These continue to be charged in line with those of the Borough Council plus 15% for administration charges.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.
Seconded: Councillor Ms. J. Swift.

2011/161 (c) iii Caretakers Salary.

Resolved: Continue to pay at 25 hours at the National Minimum Wage. An increase had recently been implemented with the increase in the N.M.W. The same applies for the forthcoming year. Windows allowance is increased in line with inflation.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.
Seconded: Councillor R.J. Baker.

2011/161 (c) iv Clerks Salary and Expenses.

Resolved: That the payment of the clerks' salary continues to be paid in line with the rates paid at national level for the agreed hours worked. An additional 36 hours be paid for work on the Parish Council Newsletter. An Ex-gratia payment of £50 is made for additional works carried out, travel paid at National Mileage Rates and clerical expenses be reimbursed.

Proposed: Councillor Ms. J. Swift.
Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

2011/161 (c) v Youth Club Workers Salary.

Resolved: This is increased in line with the rates paid by Rotherham MBC, as agreed with their union, at the next review date.

Proposed: Councillor Ms. J. Swift.
Seconded: Councillor R.J. Baker.

2011/161 (c) vi Village Handyman.

Resolved: That payment continues in line with previous years. 16 hours per week paid at the National Minimum Wage having just been increased in line with the N.M.W. The same applies for the forthcoming year.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.
Seconded: Councillor Ms. J. Swift.

2011/161 (c) vi Village Footpaths Officer.

Resolved: That payment continues in line with previous years. Agreed hours per week paid at the National Minimum Wage having just been increased in line with the N.M.W. The same applies for the forthcoming year.

Proposed: Councillor R.J. Baker.
Seconded: Councillor T. Adair.

2011/161 (c) viii Reading Room Lettings – General.

Resolved: Those lettings continue at £3.50 per hour but are doubled for groups external to the village.

Proposed: Councillor Ms. J. Swift.
Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

2011/161 (d) The clerk asked council for guidelines for Precepting for the following year. In discussion it was suggested that consideration be given to improving the kitchen, continuation of the TV Licence scheme and for general building and machinery repairs, doubling of the Playground reserve provision for possible herringbone drainage of the Cow Field.

Resolved: That the precept for next year is on the same basis as for the current year and this was to include, estimates for the projects discussed.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor R.J. Baker.

2011/161 (e) Discussion took place, at length, on the feedback papers Councillor Beckingham had collated after her village information event.

Resolved: That the feedback comments be noted.

2011/162 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 23rd January 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: