

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th JANUARY 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor: J.F. Swift (Chairman)
Councillors: D.A. Goy, G.E. Payne, M. Scott (from 7.35 p.m.), A.S. Roddison, Ms J. Swift and D. Whysall.
In attendance: C.J. Brown.

2011/001 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R.J. Baker.

2011/002 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2010 were taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the council.

Resolved: That the minutes are approved.

Proposed: Councillor Ms J. Swift.

Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy.

2011/003 Matters Arising.

- 2010/142 Councillor Whysall advised that both sides were holding meetings but they were not having meetings together. The Chairman advised that the NHS had now purchased the land and it was perhaps them that they should now be talking to.
- 2010/236 b) Councillors had been circulated by the clerk of the new dates for the proposed work on Rother Crescent which were between 11th to 13th January 2011.
- 2010/247 a) A letter was received from a Mr. B. Jacobs; this enclosed a copy of a letter he had sent to Rotherham MBC regarding the Wind Farm application. This referred to the Ulley Enclosure Act 1765, and asked if this had been taken into account when Rotherham MBC made their planning decision. When he had received a reply, this would be forwarded to the Parish Council.
- 2010/247 d) Notification of the result of the ballot was received. This advised that Councillor Rowley of Ravenfield Parish Council had been elected to the Standards Committee and that Councillor Blanksby was to be his deputy.
- 2010/247 f) The proposed meeting between Aston Comprehensive and village parents had been held in the Treeton C of E (Aided) Primary School on the 17th January 2011. Copies of the minutes of the meeting had been circulated to all councillors and also to Aston Comprehensive.
- 2010/253 There had been no response from the Community Centre management Committee to the Parish Council's last suggestion of a meeting. A decision on the way forward would be made at the next council meeting in February. The clerk was asked to email the committee and advise them of the council's decision.

2011/004 Correspondence Received.

- a) Rotherham MBC Environment & Development Services – Were carrying out an Allotment survey and had sent a questionnaire. This was due for completion and return by 4th march 2011. The clerk was to complete the return.
- b) Rotherham MBC Environmental & Development Services – again enquired as to when sandbags could be delivered. If no response was received by 31st January 2011 then it would be assumed the Parish Council no longer required them. The clerk was asked to email John Foster of the Trust committee, advising that the chairman would be visiting the recreation ground on Wednesday, to make the necessary arrangements and would then advise Rotherham accordingly. The Trust committee had already approved the storage of sandbags in part of one of its containers.

- c) Rotherham MBC Returning Officer – A letter was received regarding the Parish Council Elections to be held on Thursday 5th May 2011. The letter outlined the various permutations that there were, should there be either an uncontested election or a contested election. In the worst case scenario, where the Parish Council election was held with no other election at the same time or a Bye-election was held it was estimated that the cost per elector of holding the election would be £1.70 per elector. If the election was held with another election on the same day it was estimated to cost £0.81 per elector. It was re-iterated that these were estimates and not actual figures for any estimates.
- d) Allotment Application – Application for an allotment was received from a Lisa Brasher.
Resolved: That she be placed on the current waiting list.
- e) Rotherham MBC Legal and Democratic Services – Notification of Standards Training sessions were received. These were to take place in the John Smith Room at the Town Hall on Monday 21st February 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, Wednesday 23rd February 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. and Friday 25th February 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- f) Rotherham MBC Members Secretariat – Notification that Parish Councillors were invited to Project Argus Training. This was training in connection with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office initiative which explores ways to aid the prevention, handling and recovery from a terrorist attack. This training was available in the John Smith Room at the Town Hall on Friday 11th March 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Tuesday 5th April 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.
- g) Radio Nightingale – Application was received for grant assistance to their current appeal to purchase an AudioEnhance DPS.
Resolved: A grant of £50 is made.
Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor A.S. Roddison.
- h) Rotherham MBC – Notification of the Rotherham in Root conference re-arranged date following the cancellation of the November date. This was now arranged for Tuesday 1st February at The Hub commencing at 5.30 p.m.
- i) Rural Action Yorkshire – Advice on the CoBRA scheme, a scheme for recycling energy efficient light bulbs.
- j) Rotherham MBC – Advice on the way that the Environment Agency were now to be advising of Flood Warnings and the new codes that they were introducing.
- k) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification of the increase in cost of the Travelmaster Day pass and South Yorkshire Day Tripper.
Resolved: That Pam Horner is invited to the next meeting to discuss the current services that the village were receiving. This meeting to be arranged for 6.30 p.m. before the February meeting.
- l) Yorkshire Water – Notification that they were to replace the current water meter with a new digital version which allows them to take readings remotely.
- m) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Copy of their December 2010 and January 2011 Member Briefings were received as were their e-newsletter.
- n) NHS Rotherham – Notification of the campaign, Choose Well which was to encourage the public to think about which service they need when requiring healthcare.
- o) NALC – Briefing on the Localism Bill and the effects it had on differing levels of council.

2011/005 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.

The proposed meeting with Chris Wilkins regarding Jones Homes (Northern) had now taken place. It was reported that the original area designated for commercial development had previously been used for erecting bungalows with the site currently the subject of an application being used as an alternative for a ten year period. It was recommended that the Parish Council write to the Co-operative Society to see if they were still interested in developing on the site.

Resolved: The clerk writes to the Co-Operative Society on the matter.

On the current development, a wall had been erected across the current bridle path. The wall was to be demolished when building work was completed. A gate and access were to be constructed in the wall. Plans of this were shown to the council and those present at the meeting. If the work was not completed within one month, Rotherham MBC would then apply for an enforcement order.

It was reported that UK Coal had asked for a three year extension on the Waverley Site, this had not been granted by Rotherham MBC. The public footpaths would now be as agreed with Richard Pett and a map of the area and paths was provided by the Chairman.

Fly tipping at the back of Nicols was reported. This had already been taken up with the Environment who had visited the site already.

Councillor Goy raised the issue of a pile of tyres outside Mill House. Councillor J.F. Swift was to follow up on the matter.

Councillor Roddison enquired about the double yellow lines. The Chairman replied that plans were being drawn up and were currently going through the approval process.

Councillor Whysall enquired about the pot holes on Long Lane. It was replied that they had been filled in the previous Saturday.

2011/006 Youth Club.

The Chairman reported that numbers were still on the increase. The outside play area was in need of repair and refurbishment work. It was suggested that this could be carried out on a materials only basis and Councillor J.F. Swift was to follow up on the matter.

Councillor Roddison advised that some of the furniture at the Youth Club was showing wear possibly with age. This was to be looked into.

It was also reported that a new pool table had been delivered the previous week.

2011/007 Police and the Local Community.

There were reports of a group of young children gathering and throwing various items at passing traffic. This had happened over the past three weeks on various occasions. The Chairman asked the PCSO's to report the matter to Sue Snowden. The problem was to be monitored for the rest of the week. Councillor Roddison suggested that this could be raised at the next PACT meeting. There was no information on the recent robbery at the paper shop. It was also reported that drug warrants had been issued recently following a very successful operation.

2011/008 Area Assembly.

The Chairman advised that six groups had now applied for the £100 from the Community Chest.

2011/009 Education Report.

The next governor meeting was due to be held in Treeton on the 7th February 2011. There had been problems with the paths outside the school during the bad weather and a meeting had been held with the Buildings Manager at Rotherham MBC. Councillor Payne was to ask if a grit bin could be placed in the school grounds for use on their paths. The bin would be filled by the Parish Council.

2011/010 Chairman's Review.

The Chairman advised that the Reading Room floor had now been repainted throughout. Over the last week all the Parish Council land had been visited by the handyman and footpaths officer and cleared of any rubbish or debris. There were reports of plastic bottles being left on the soccer pitches, it was suggested that the issue is raised at the next Trust meeting.

Councillor Roddison suggested a vote of thanks be given to the two operatives.

2011/011 Planning Applications.

Applications submitted since the last meeting included:

R2010/1577 Retrospective application for installation of solar panels on roof at front at Station PH, 1 Station Road for Mrs Hanberry.

R2011/0041 Two storey side and single storey rear extension at Richlee, Front Street.

No details of the applications were available on the Rotherham MBC planning website.

Resolved: That the council has no objections to either of the applications.

2011/012 Any Other Business.

It was suggested that there may be funding available through the Church for them to take over the Post Office and run it through the Church. Councillor Roddison felt that the Baptist Church may be a more suitable option from a parking point of view. The Chairman was to speak with the Baptist Church to seek their views.

The clerk was also asked to mention the possibility of having a Post Office in the same building as the Co-Op in his letter to the Co-operative Society.

2011/013 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2011/013 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.

2011/013 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	83.95
Rotherham MBC - Direct Debit	85.00
Petty Cash	124.13
Dignity UK - Bank Transfer	662.00
C.J. Brown	593.73
M. Brumfield	144.64
R. Bolton	328.95
D. Wilson	220.00
B. Baynham	99.66
G. Walker	99.46
L. Gregory	139.46
J. Gregory	200.06
I.G. Mason	380.79
St Helens Church	129.07
Fowler Sandford & Co.	0.59
HPC (Pest Control) Ltd.,	191.23
Iris Business Software	176.40
Ramblers	45.00
GBW Power & Garden M/c	348.38

2011/013 c) The clerk had prepared his estimates of income and expenditure for the 2011-2012 financial year and as to how much money would need to be precepted from Rotherham MBC for that year. The estimates showed a requirement of £52,000, the same as the current year. This would allow all the projects requested to be included in the figures to be carried out.

Resolved: That the Precept for 2011-2012 be set at £52,000.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor G.E. Payne.

2011/013 d) Two quotes for the replacement of the central heating boiler had now been received. One from the current maintenance company, Homeglow, at £1,475 and one from John Cowley for £1,275.

Resolved: That the quotation from Homeglow be accepted.

Proposed: Councillor A. Roddison.
Seconded: Councillor Ms. J. Swift.

2011/013 e) The condition of the Reading Room kitchen was also discussed. Councillor Roddison offered to take up the matter with local contractors to see if he could gain a favourable quote for the work to be done.

2011/014 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 28th February 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: