

# TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor: J.F. Swift (Chairman)  
Councillors: R.J. Baker, D.A. Goy, G.E. Payne, M. Scott, Ms J. Swift and D. Whysall.  
In attendance: C.J. Brown.

## **2010/234 Minutes of Meeting.**

Minutes of the meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> October and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the council.

**Resolved:** That the minutes are approved.

Proposed: Councillor M. Scott.  
Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

## **2010/235 Matters Arising.**

- 2010/142 Councillor Whysall advised the meeting that matters were still at a standstill. He felt that the problems were between the Rotherham MBC and the Rotherham PHT and that he had no idea for the reason for the hold up. The Chairman was to take up the matter with the Borough Council and email the clerk with a response.
- 2010/162 The fencing had now been purchased by a third party and was no longer available.
- 2010/209 g) The Chairman advised that arrangements were now being made for the delivery of 200 sandbags to the Washfield Lane Playing Fields for storage in a container.
- 2010/209 j) Discussions were still ongoing between Orgreave Parish Council and the Borough with Orgreave remaining firm in their decisions about the footpaths concerned.

## **2010/236 Correspondence Received.**

- a) Rotherham MBC – notification of their ‘Rotherham Says No’ festival against violence to women and children.
- b) Rotherham MBC – notification of their conference ‘Rotherham In Root’, a community conference for people who wished to grow their own food.
- c) Jones Homes (Northern) Ltd., - Notification of the closure of Rother Crescent on the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December to allow final road surfacing work to be completed. A letter to be sent to the Borough stating that this is the third time they had applied for this and as to why the road cannot be done half at a time to allow access for residents and the Autism Centre.
- d) Rotherham MBC – Community Governance Review. Confirmation of the Reorganisation of Community Governance Order 2010 which gives effect to the final recommendations. Those affecting Treeton were the realignment of boundaries between Treeton and both Aston-cum-Aughton and Orgreave parishes.
- e) Groundwork Creswell – Request for any work programmes that they could undertake for the Parish Council, Costs to the Parish Council would be for any materials that had to be purchased. A similar project was carried out 5 years ago. Councillors were to consider any projects and notify the clerk.
- f) Social Enterprise Rotherham – Copy of their November 2010 Newsletter was received.
- g) Rural Action Yorkshire – Notification of their next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November with the topic being Community Groups – Get Supported.
- h) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Copy of their November Member Briefing were received as were their e-newsletter.
- i) Yorkshire Local Councils Association – A document containing the re-organisation of Defra and its arms length bodies. This advised that their total bodies were to be reduced from 85 to 32 by 2015.
- j) Rotherham MBC – Notification of the Rotherham Hospice Santa Run and Frosty’s Fun which was being held on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

- k) RV West Area Assembly – copy of the application form for completion by those who wished to claim for the Small Grants that they had available.

**2010/237 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.**

**2010/237 a)** Councillor Scott commented upon the number of seats that there appeared to be in the Wood Lane Burial Ground. Councillors were to monitor the numbers.

**2010/237 b)** Concerns were expressed about the continuing problems caused by Jones Homes at their development off Rother Crescent. They had recently erected a wall which planning stated should not have been erected as yet. The entrance should have been wider to allow access for horses and also for a kissing gate.

Resolved: A request for a site meeting be made to both Paul Woodcock and Chris Wilkins of the Borough Council to discuss the problems caused by Jones Homes which the Borough Council were doing very little to resolve.

**2010/238 Youth Club.**

The Chairman reported that the new Activity sessions held on a Wednesday evening were proving a success and now there were an average of 17 attending each week.

Councillor Scott enquired if the Borough were planning to remove the Youth Workers that they currently employed. The Chairman advised that for the village the Parish Council were continuing with the current staffing levels as they were funded through precepted money, and that Treeton was the only village in the Borough to provide such a facility.

**2010/239 Police and the Local Community.**

The council were informed that over the last few weeks there had been a spate of 'cute' crimes, house burglaries where windows had been forced. These were currently being investigated.

**2010/240 Planning Applications.**

Applications submitted since the last meeting included:

- R2010/1153 Erection of residential development of 13 two storey dwellings at land off Wood Lane for Jones Homes (Northern) Ltd.,
- R2010/1026 Increase in height of part of roof to create rooms in roofspace, installation of roof light, installation of French doors to side, replacement of door with window and erection of porch to front at 4a Front Street for Mr. M. Morton.
- R2010/1028 Listed Building Consent for application R2010/1026
- R2010/1514 Single storey rear extension at Jackson Farm, Station Road for Mr Parker-Foers.

Applications 2 and 3 the Parish Council had no objection to and application 4 there were no plans available for the Parish Council to make a decision.

Application 1 submitted by Jones Homes, was discussed at length and it was felt that Jones had developed nothing but housing in their development in the village. Councillor Goy felt that if the development was to proceed it should be done with alternative access to the properties which would alleviate child safety issues. It was also mentioned that the persons involved with the Nursery development had also approached Jones with a view to either buying or leasing the land to build a Nursery on. This would have been ideal being opposite the village school. Jones Homes refused to discuss the matter with the developers.

Resolved: That the Parish Council object to the application on the following grounds:  
11 of the 13 houses will have direct vehicular access to Wood Lane adjacent to the village school - all houses built on the development previously have had vehicular access to the main spine road through the development which was to be the main road through the village. Consideration should be made to continuing this as this particular stretch of Wood Lane is currently adjacent to the village school and is also

prone to speeding cars wanting to use Wood Lane as opposed to the constructed spine road.

The Traffic Management scheme introduced throughout the village was not completed in this area which also adds to the traffic problems. Consideration should be given to completing this exercise.

The Parish Council does not believe enough effort was made in trying to attract small businesses to the site, the majority of letters supporting the application by turning down their offer, are from major retailers, who quite rightly, consider that the site is too small for them. The Parish Council are aware of one possible tenant for the site who Jones Homes would not talk to.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

### **2010/241 Public Question Time**

Mrs Gill raised the following issues:

Asked again if there had been any response from the Community Centre regarding their AGM. The clerk replied that he now received an emailed response acknowledging receipt of the letter and that they would be responding in due course.

Queried that there were to be two nurseries in the village. The Chairman advised that the one at the former Methodist Chapel did not need planning application as the building was considered within the same use.

HGV Lorries passing through the village when they could approach from the other side of the village to enter the development.

Resolved: A letter is sent to Highways requesting consideration of a weight restriction for the village.

Queried whether Borough Councillors had to live in the ward that they represent. The Chairman advised that they did not have to live within the ward.

### **2010/242 Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**2010/242 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.

**2010/242 b)** The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	12.00
Rotherham MBC - Direct Debit	85.76
Village residents	430.00
C.J. Brown	632.78
M. Brumfield	136.13
R. Bolton	328.75
D. Wilson	220.20
B. Baynham	99.66
G. Walker	49.83
L. Gregory	139.26
J. Gregory	200.06
I.G. Mason	69.26
Glendale Countryside	391.08
Croft Electrical Engineering	195.16

**2010/242 c)** Councillors had now had time to read the proposals regarding the pension arrangements for the clerk as and when the time arose for him to retire. Having no

pension scheme in place the option of the 'Pension Gratuity' was the only option available.

Proposed: That approval for the clerk to receive a 'Retirement Gratuity' in lieu of a pension scheme is made. Payment of this would be governed by the rules set out for such payment. Provision of this is made from current reserves and precept in forthcoming years to cover the amount which would be due upon retirement.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.  
Seconded: Councillor G.E. Payne.

**2010/243 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**