

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor: J.F. Swift (Chairman)
Councillors: D.A. Goy, G.E. Payne, A.S. Roddison and D. Whysall.
In attendance: C.J. Brown and G. Boyes.

2010/056 New Councillor.

Before the meeting commenced the clerk welcomed the new Councillor Andrew Roddison having signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests.

2010/057 Councillor Resignation.

The clerk had received a letter from Councillor C.L. Nuttall advising that he wished to resign from the position of Parish Councillor. His time for work and family commitments had now increased he did not have the time to devote to the role of Parish Councillor.

The clerk advised that he would notify the Elections office the following day and the due process of advertising the vacancy would begin.

2010/058 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Scott and Miss J. Swift.

2010/059 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 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 D. Whysall.

2010/060 Property Flooding – Jones Homes Estate.

The meeting was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Dunkley regarding the recent flooding of their property, on three occasions, and the problems that they were having. They also provided photographic evidence of the problems they were having.

The Chairman had already arranged a meeting with Rotherham M.B.C. the following week and would advise Mr. Dunkley when the meeting was to take place. Councillor Boyes advised that action had been taken by Rotherham M.B.C. the day following the last incident.

2010/061 Matters Arising.

- 2010/034 The Chairman advised that the ramp, left on the playing fields since the living History weekend, had been passed as safe by Rotherham M.B.C.
- 2010/036 Councillor J.F. Swift reported that the gate missing on the Well Lane play area which had been replaced had been removed again.
- 2010/050 Councillor Whysall again raised the issue of the non-maintenance of the flower beds. The Chairman outlined what both Ray Bolton and Ian Mason had been working on for the last twelve months and that they were issued work on a daily basis. Councillor Roddison felt that they could only do the work they could in the time that they worked and it was unfortunate that some items had been neglected. It was felt that if any councillor had a specific job they wanted carrying out that they should contact either the Chairman or Clerk and this could then be worked into their work scheme. Ray Bolton was particularly mentioned for the work carried out on reclaiming two village seats that could now be placed around the village.
- The problem of Mrs. Brown's fencing was again raised. The chairman advised that Rotherham M.B.C. had been and visited both Mrs. Brown and her neighbours and

currently the situation was amicable and the fencing was to be replaced when the neighbour had found new employment. Councillor Whysall was still not satisfied and felt that the area would still be used as a thoroughfare. Councillor Roddison was to raise the issue of the fence at the next Area Housing Panel.

2010/053 b) The Chairman also produced pictures to show that the verges in question had been cut back the required distance and whilst some councillors felt they had been cut again the chairman was adamant that they had not.

2010/053 d) Councillor Boyes advised that Regeneration advised that the old school building was earmarked for future development but warned that this may be some time away but could be used for community development in the meantime.

2010/062 Correspondence Received.

a) Rotherham MBC – Change to Executive Arrangements. The clerk had circulated copies of this to all councillors prior to the meeting for their consideration.

Resolved: That the Parish Council opt for Option 2. Where the Leader is elected from among the current members of the council for a period of four years or until the Leader's current term of office as a councillor ends, and the Leader appoints the Cabinet from Members of the Council.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor A.S. Roddison.

Councillor G.E. Payne abstained from voting on the item.

b) Rotherham MBC – Local Hearings – Roll Play Training Sessions. Notification was received of the next session to be held at 10.00 a.m. on 12th November 2009 in the Town Hall.

c) Rother Valley West Parishes Meeting – Notification was received that the next meeting was to be held on 3rd November 2009 at 6.30 p.m. in Brinsworth.

d) Rotherham MBC – Public Footpaths No. 19 in Treeton. Notification of the order for the footpath made on 3rd September was received together with notification of the publication in the local press.

e) South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue – August and September 2009 briefings were received.

f) Allotment Application – application was received from Steven and Ruth Storrs to take over the allotment recently vacated by the former owner of their property. The chairman asked for deferment of a decision on this and requested a meeting of the allotment sub-committee which was arranged for the following Monday at 10.00 a.m.

g) Rotherham MBC – Notification that they are seeking permission to change the laws on dog fouling, to bring the law up to date and to increase the fixed penalty fine level to £80.

h) Safe at last – Application for a grant towards their operating costs.

Resolved: That the application be noted.

i) Radio Nightingale – Application for a grant towards the purchase of a UPS for their computer system.

Resolved: A grant of £50 is made.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

j) Treeton Baptist Church - Application for a grant towards their fireworks display.

Resolved: A grant of £50 is made.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy.

k) Mr. H. Baker – A letter was received regarding his wife's grave under a horse chestnut tree. Unfortunately it appeared that children collecting the conkers had trampled over the grave. The chairman advised that the village handyman would visit the burial ground and remove the low branches and then keep an eye on the problem.

2010/063 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.

Councillor Payne enquired as to any news on the proposed traffic survey. Councillor Boyes replied that the survey had been carried out and had given evidence of speeding and had asked that this was treated as a priority. The Borough traffic engineers were already looking into the problem. It was also reported that the roundabout on the Jones Homes estate was to be adopted by the Rotherham MBC within the next few weeks.

2010/064 Recreation Ground and Play Areas.

The Chairman reported that the new play area which was fenced and locked at night had been requested to be left open by the Junior Football section. This had allowed troublesome youths to enter the play area. This was to be raised at the next trust meeting.

2010/065 Youth Club.

2010/065 a) The Chairman advised that the Cyber café was now progressing and that the Laptop computers, tables and other items had now been ordered. He was hopeful that this would be open by the end of October.

2010/065 b) Concerns were expressed over the use of the Astro Turf pitch.

Resolved: A letter requesting a meeting be sent as soon as possible at which bond cheques and payments could be discussed.

2010/066 Education Report.

Problems were being encountered with two buses running at the same time taking differing routes. Both the 628 to Aston and the 26 both leave at the same time taking different routes but most of the children take the 628 as this was the school service. They were to be told that they could catch either bus in future. The same also applied on the return journey.

2010/067 Police and the Local Community.

The Chairman raised the issue of the residents adjacent to the St Helens burial ground and the problems they were having on Wednesday evenings. The matter was also supported by Councillor Goy in that it appeared the youths were not from the village. It was reported that the incidents were being monitored. Councillor Goy also raised the issue of off road bikes. It was reported that an operation targeting these bikes had been planned for the future.

2010/068 Planning Applications.

There had been two applications submitted since the last meeting:

RB2009/0952 Retrospective application for the erection of 1.8m high fence at 10 Lavender Cottage, Woodlands Farm, Front Street.

RB2009/1030 Erection of clock tower and score board at Treeton Cricket Club, Washfield Lane.

Resolved: There were no objections to any of these applications.

Notification was received of the decision made by the Borough on application RB2009/0673 for the Erection of 3 No. dwelling houses in lieu of bungalows. The application had been granted conditionally and a copy of the conditions imposed was included.

2010/069 Public Question Time.

Mrs Gill raised the following items:

2010/069 a) Footpaths on the Opencast site – these were to be opened within the next few weeks.

2010/069 b) Old road through the Opencast site – UK Coal had requested a further 3 year closure. This was granted temporary until December with the possibility of a public enquiry as everyone was against the request.

2010/069 c) Car Parking on Well Lane and Spa Well Crescent – The chairman advised that this was being looked into.

2010/069 d) Mill Lane parking problem – a request for a white line on the left hand side going down Mill Lane as cars parking right up to the house fronts are causing problems for pedestrians.

2010/069 e) Jones Homes Rother Crescent development – this was to commence in the New Year.

2010/070 Any Other Urgent Business.

Councillor Whysall had received a request from the Craft Group to use the Reading Rooms to pack their parcels prior to collection.

Resolved: That the use continue to be allowed free.

2010/071 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2010/071 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.

2010/071 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	50.55
Rotherham MBC - Direct Debit	191.00
C.J. Brown	557.57
M. Brumfield	152.89
R. Bolton	317.88
D. Wilson	217.40
B. Baynham	98.32
G. Walker	49.06
L. Gregory	162.89
J. Gregory	154.49
I.G. Mason	164.88
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	2.00
Rotherham MBC - Direct Debit	191.00
Post Office - Direct Debit	77.57
C.J. Brown	915.93
M. Brumfield	138.01
R. Bolton	317.88
D. Wilson	217.60
B. Baynham	98.32
G. Walker	49.26
L. Gregory	162.69
J. Gregory	154.49
I.G. Mason	73.48
J. Whysall	17.62
Inland Revenue	1,095.52
BDO Stoy Hayward	460.00
Fowler Sandford & Co.	58.65
Glendale Ltd.,	382.75
Npower Limited	173.26
Rotherham Crematorium & Cem	1,860.00
Yorkshire Water	63.01
R. Bolton	12.44
I.G. Mason	17.59
Radio Nightingale	50.00
Treeton Baptist Church	50.00

2010/071 c) Annual Accounts 2008/2009.

Confirmation had been received from BDO Stoy Hayward LLP that they had now completed the Audit of the accounts. Only one issue had been raised, on the bank reconciliation there were a number of cheques over 6 months old.

The clerk advised that these had now been cancelled and new cheques issued and since been cashed by the payees.

Resolved: That the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2009, has been approved and accepted by the council.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

2010/072 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 26th October 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: