

# TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor: J.F. Swift (Chairman)  
Councillors: R.J. Baker, C.L. Nuttall, G.E. Payne, and D. Whysall.  
In attendance: C.J. Brown, M.J. Fellowes and G. Boyes.

## **2009/108 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.A. Goy, Miss J. Swift and G. Nightingale.

## **2009/109 Minutes of Meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 were taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the council.

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

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.  
Seconded: Councillor G.E. Payne.

## **2009/110 Matters Arising.**

2009/084 d) Following further discussions it was decided under Rotherham M.B.C. calculations 600 sandbags would be required.

**Resolved:** A letter is sent to J. Foster advising of the sandbags being ordered and requesting a key for the area in which they were to be stored.

2009/093 d) The clerk advised that the document was now complete and was on display in the Reading Rooms. This would be subject to continual review as and when circumstances within the council changed.

## **2009/111 Correspondence Received.**

a) A response had been received from Glendale Services on the current problems with the maintenance charges of the Wood Lane Burial Ground. Both the clerk and Councillor J.F. Swift had been in contact with Rotherham Crematorium and the problems had now been resolved. Rotherham had been overcharging for the maintenance and this had now been refunded.

b) Notification was received of the next meeting of the Parish Council Networking group which was to take place the following evening in Orgreave. Copies of the minutes of the last meeting were also received. Councillor Goy requested any items that the council wished to be raised be passed on to him.

c) R.M.B.C. - New Powers for removal of unlicensed vehicles off road areas. Information on the new powers that was available for the removal of unlicensed vehicles that were in off road areas. Rotherham Streetpride and or P.C.S.O.'s were able to carry out these enforcements.

d) Rotherham Holiday Aid – Application was received for a grant towards their operating costs.

**Resolved:** That the application is noted.

e) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification of the changes to the cost of Travelmaster products.

f) About Play. – Latest issue of the magazine from ProludicUK.

g) Chatterbox Craft Club. – Application for continued free use of the Reading Rooms for the work that they do in providing shoe boxes for the needy children of Africa and Eastern Europe.

**Resolved:** That the free use continue as they were using the Reading Room at the same time as the Reading Rooms were occupied by the Community Capacity Officer.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor C.L. Nuttall.

h) Treeton Village Association. – A letter was received in response to the comments attributed to Councillor D. Whysall in the Sheffield Star edition of 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2009. The main complaint centred on comments that the Centre was a 'White Elephant'. Whilst Councillor Whysall admitted making comments he categorically denied making the 'White Elephant' comment at

any time. He had made no comments that were aimed at any individual and no individuals were mentioned.

Resolved: The clerk reply, advising that the comments were not made on behalf of the Treeton Parish Council. Any comments made were made privately and were his own feelings, and not necessarily those of the Parish Council and that he had no recollection of making the 'White Elephant' comment. The Parish Council were eager to open dialogue with the TVA but this should be done officially.

Michael Fellowes asked councillors if they would consider taking a media awareness course.

### **2009/112 PCSO Report.**

Two of the local PCSO officers attended the meeting. They advised that at the moment Treeton was very quiet. Warnings had been issued for off-road bikes. There was to be a follow up operation within the next few weeks. Youths congregating around the village had been spoken to. There had been other incidents of minor vandalism within the village.

### **2009/113 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.**

**2009/113 a)** The problem with the water in the Burial ground now appeared to be sorted. The problem was a Poplar root in the soak away, this had now been removed.

**2009/113 b)** Councillor Whysall had received an enquiry regarding poultry being kept on council property. It was felt that this would be dealt with within the tenancy agreements that all council house tenants received.

### **2009/114 Recreation Grounds and Play Areas.**

**2009/114 a)** It was reported that progress on the new Washfield Lane play area was taking place.

**2009/114 b)** A letter was received from the Chairman of the Treeton Memorial Community Centre and Playing Fields regarding the meeting between the Parish Council and themselves regarding future maintenance and transfer of the field know as the 'Cow Field'. They had been in contact with CISWO who were happy for the proposals to go ahead providing that Rotherham MBC were asked to extend the grounds maintenance scheme. The Parish Council were asked for their support in achieving the objects of the future grounds maintenance and support for the legal work that would be needed to incorporate the 'Cow Filed' into the scheme.

Resolved: That the council would agree to continue to fund, through the Borough Council, the maintenance of the Field as at present for a period of up to three years from completion. The clerk was asked to enquire as to the legal costs involved in merging the 'Cow Field' into the Trust land.

Proposed: Councillor G.E. Payne.

Seconded: Councillor C.L. Nuttall.

When this item was discussed at the last Trust meeting none of the Parish Council Representatives voting on the merger. The meeting also discussed the continued development of female sports on the Playing Fields.

### **2009/115 Area Assembly Report.**

Councillor Boyes gave a report on the funding made available by the Area Assembly towards the resources for the cyber café. Funding was also being made available to Ulley to have a mini bus which would bring people to the café. In Thurcroft there was the Silver Surfers to show the benefits to the elderly. Funding was also being made available from the Leadership Funds to replace the projector. It is hoped that this can also be shared with Thurcroft. Michael Fellowes also gave his thanks and added that the new equipment was much improved on that previously owned.

Parish Councils were now able to apply for funding for schemes. It was suggested that Andrea Peers be invited to the next council meeting.

Resolved: Andrea Peers is invited to the next parish Council meeting for 6.30 p.m.

**2009/116 Community Capacity Workers Report.**

Michael Fellowes gave his report on matters since the last council meeting.

This included an update on the proposed Parish Council website. Both he and the clerk had met with Paul Griffiths and the basic design had been agreed and they would both have access to the site for updating. The launch of the website was now imminent.

**2009/117 Planning Applications.**

Councillor Boyes advised that the Waverley Project was now at the RMBC design panel. There were some concerns over the design and they were now being re-considered.

No Planning Applications had been submitted since the last meeting.

**2009/118 Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**2009/118 (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.

**2009/118 (b)** The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
Post Office - Direct Debit	62.93
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	12.73
Busy Bees Childcare Vouchers - Direct Debit	263.66
Rotherham MBC - Direct Debit	90.00
C.J. Brown	513.27
M. Brumfield	139.47
R. Bolton	317.88
I.G. Mason	55.16
D. Wilson	212.10
B. Baynham	95.98
G. Walker	47.99
L. Gregory	159.37
J. Gregory	151.17
M.J. Fellowes	1,399.54
Glendale Grounds Management	332.83
The Ramblers Assoc	36.00
The Rotherham Hospice	50.00
Rotherham Crematorium & Cemeteries	752.00
Fowler Sandford & Co.	0.50
Iris Business Software	135.00
British Gas Business	757.62

**2009/118 (c)** The clerk had produced estimates for the Precept required for the 2009/2010 financial year. This was based on the guidance given at the last meeting. The projected precept required would be £57,000.

Resolved: That the precept for next year is set at £57,000

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor G.E. Payne.

**2009/119 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**