

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27th APRIL 2009 at 6.50 p.m.

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

2009/147 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.J. Baker, D.A. Goy, C.L. Nuttall, M. Scott and G. Nightingale.

2009/148 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2009 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 Miss J Swift.

2009/149 Matters Arising.

- 2009/137 b) A site visit had now been held regarding the Hawthorne tree at the rear of Mrs. Brown's property and as a result the tree was to be cut.
- 2009/144 a) Regarding the holes in and around the OAP centre, one side of the area had been completed, the other side was to be completed the following week.
- 2009/144 b) It was reported that four other gardens backed on to Mrs. Brown's garden and the fence was down on one of these. A letter had been sent to the resident concerned who own their own house.
- 2009/144 c) The Chairman reported that Ray Bolton was to refurbish the Notice Board outside the Reading Rooms and the Chair also advised that he was hoping to have an additional two Notice Boards at either end of the village.
- 2009/144 d) Councillor Ms J. Swift had produced a Village Newsletter based on that produced by Orgreave Parish Council. This was copied to all councillors. She offered to produce one of these three or four times during the year. Councillors were asked to deliver this although the Chairman advised that there were volunteers available to deliver this. Initially it was suggested that copies may be run off at the village school, for a small donation, but if the council proceeded with the idea of its own copier then they could be printed in house.

2009/150 Correspondence Received.

- a) NALC – Employment briefing on the Employment Act 2008. In particular reference was made to the provisions for discipline and grievances issues. Copies of this were circulated to all members of the council.
- b) Rotherham News – Advice from Paul Griffiths about the publication that was being distributed to every household in the Borough. If there were any Parish Council stories that needed to be published then he should be notified accordingly.
- c) South Yorkshire Fire and rescue Authority – April edition of their Briefing Note.
- d) Rotherham Play Partnership Meeting. – Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2009 were received.
- e) Rotherham Hospice – Latest edition of their News publication was received.

2009/151 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.

2009/151 a) Councillor Ms Swift had obtained copies of the Doorstep Walk issue No. 11 which featured details of Hail Mary Wood Walk and an article on the parish Council Chairman.

2009/151 b) Councillor Ms Swift had also obtained leaflets from Age Concern which were to be

displayed in the Reading Rooms.

2009/151 c) Councillor Whysall again raised the issue of the Flash Fencing. The Chairman advised that each time the matter was taken up with the Borough Council they had raised the issue with Biffa and they had tidied up the area. The Chairman was to take it up with the Borough Council again.

2009/151 d) Councillor Whysall also raised the issue of rubbish being dumped on the river side of the Flash. The Chairman advised that the problem had been reported to the Railway authorities who had been instructed to move the rubbish concerned. The area was also now to be locked.

2009/152 Recreation Grounds and Play Areas.

2009/152 a) It was reported that the incidents of vandalism on the playing fields would be discussed at the next Trust meeting as would the input from parents which had been received. Fencing which had been damaged by children burrowing underneath was to be replaced. Grass cutting this year would be back to every two weeks from the current three weeks.

2009/152 b) Councillor Boyes advised councillors of the concerns raised on their recent Village Walkabout regarding the turf on the playing area coming away. Netting had since been placed over the area and it had been watered regularly. The problem seemed to have eased at the moment but if this did not resolve the issue then the Borough Council should be informed immediately for them to take up the issue with Groundwork Dearne Valley. This also appeared to be a problem at other recently constructed play areas.

2009/153 Youth Club.

Councillor Ms J. Swift reported that numbers had fallen recently at all sessions. The Youth Club Leader was to send out flyers and questionnaires in an effort to boost numbers. CRB Forms had been completed and were awaiting Mick Fellowes return from illness for submission.

2009/154 Area Assembly.

Following the recent PACT initiative statistics would be available and presentations were to be made at each meeting.

From the delegated budget the Parish Council had put in a submission for £750 to cover the work carried out last year by Ian Mason.

2009/155 Planning Applications.

A letter was received from the Planning & Regeneration Service advising that from April 2009 they would no longer be distributing the weekly planning list. They would however, distribute an email with a copy if people wished to register their email address. Alternatively the listing could be viewed on line at the current page on the Borough Council website. Currently the clerk viewed this page and advised councillors accordingly of any applications.

Resolved: The clerk submits all councillors' email addresses for inclusion on the distribution of the weekly listing.

Since the last meeting one application had been submitted:

Six weeks Notice of intent to fell a holly bush within Treeton Conservation Area at lavender Cottage, 10 Woodlands Farm. Front Street.

Resolved: The council had no objections to this application.

Councillor Boyes advised councillors of the discussions taking place on the Waverley development. Concerns had been raised over the school being so close to the transport interchange and Park and Ride scheme. This will now be re-sited and will be more convenient for parents dropping off their children. The effect of the current financial climate on the development was as yet unknown but it did not appear to be progressing as fast as it previously had been.

2009/156 Public Question Time.

Mrs Gill raised the following items:

2009/156 a) Two young female swimmers had recent swum six miles to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer and requested a letter be sent.

Resolved: A letter is sent to each girl and a donation of £10 also be made to their funds.

2009/156 b) Bungalows on Spa Well Crescent had been vacant since August last year and had not been re let. The Chairman advised that one had been let the previous week and the other would be let when improvement work had been completed.

2009/156 c) Questioned why some resident on Spa Well Crescent were part of the Borough TV Licenece scheme and some were not. Councillor Boyes advised that the rules of the scheme were very complicated and that she would try and get a copy for Mrs. Gill. The rules had recently changed and the scheme was not now available to those who would have previously qualified.

2009/156 d) Parking outside shops – The chairman had already raised the issue with the Police.

2009/156 e) Asked who to apply to for the Beet Knees compensation. Councillor Whysall advised that leaflets would be distributed in June and any award would be paid as a pension.

Mr. Beslin advised of the following:

2009/156 f) The Junior section of the Treeton Football Club had recently completed a non-stop run in aid of the Bluebell Wood appeal.

2009/157 Any Other Urgent Business.

2009/157 (a) Councillor Boyes raised the issue of the Treeton History Group and their Civil War Celebrations and Treetons involvement. The Community Arts have been contacted to see if they could offer assistance but questions were raised over the use of horses on the fields. The Chairman advised that horses would not be allowed on the field. It was generally felt that more information on the event was needed.

2009/157 b) Councillor Whysall enquired if the parish Council wished for the planting to take place as in previous years.

Resolved: That John Smith be given the approval to carry out the planting again.

2009/157 c) Councillor Whysall asked if the Borough would be carrying out a structural survey on the War Memorial before repairs were carried out. The Chairman was to take up the matter with the Borough Council.

2009/157 d) Councillor Whysall raised the issue of a group of eighteen youths, all the worse for drink congregating and having dog fights. The incident had been reported to the Police and the area was being monitored and surveyed.

2009/157 e) Councillor Whysall asked if anything was to be done about Long Lane and how it was breaking up since Bawtry Road had now been completed. The Chairman was to take up the matter with that of other pot holes with the Borough Council.

2009/157 f) Councillor Whysall enquired as to the improvements being carried out on Airey houses in other villages. The Chairman advised that the properties were being dealt with in a priority list of safety issues. Those in Treeton were due for funding this current year.

2009/157 g) Councillor Whysall advised that the Church Trust Fund meeting had been cancelled and had not as yet been re-scheduled.

2009/157 h) Councillor Ms. Swift enquired if anything had happened on the sandbags for the village. No response had yet been received from John Foster regarding the key for the storage area. The clerk was asked to contact John Foster again.

2009/158 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2009/158 (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.

2009/158 (b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	4.00
Rotherham MBC - Direct Debit	190.45

Busy Bees Childcare Vouchers - Direct Debit	263.66
C.J. Brown	526.94
M. Brumfield	146.43
R. Bolton	317.88
D. Wilson	217.60
B. Baynham	98.52
G. Walker	49.26
L. Gregory	162.89
J. Gregory	154.49
M.J. Fellowes	1,444.24
British Gas Business	661.58
Rotherham MBC	281.97
Rotherham Crematorium & Cemetery	470.00
Marie Curie Cancer	10.00

2009/158 (c) The clerk advised that Councillor Haycox was informed of the decision regarding his office of Parish Councillor the day after the March meeting. The following weekend he received a letter from Mr. Haycox resigning his position as councillor.

The notice advising of a vacancy for a Parish Councillor had been displayed until 5.00 p.m. on the day of the meeting and no-one had requested an election. When advised officially of this by the Elections Officer, the clerk was requested to place an advert in the Reading Room window advertising the vacancy and asking for applications for the position. A period of two to three weeks should be given for applications to be received. Dependant upon the number received, the council would decide upon the next course of action, either to co-opt the only applicant or interview, should there be more than one applicant.

2009/158 d) The clerk confirmed that the Audit of the Parish Councils accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2009 was to be held on 12^h June 2009. He had already the necessary arrangements with the internal auditor, Paul Wickson, to audit the accounts in preparation.

2008/158 e) The completed Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009 was presented to the council for approval.

Resolved: That the statement is approved.

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

2008/158 f) That the Statement of Assurance of the Council, for the year ended 31st March 2009 be accepted and signed.

Resolved: That the statement is approved.

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

2009/159 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 18th May 2009 to follow the Annual General Meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: