

# TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

## **2010/139 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Scott and G. Nightingale.

## **2010/140 Minutes of Meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the council.

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

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy.

## **2010/141 Matters Arising.**

2010/129 Following the problem highlighted at the last meeting by Mrs. Haycox a letter was received from Streetpride Services of Rotherham MBC advising that the salting of Spa Well Crescent had been removed from the precautionary salting route due to problems being experienced by the salting team due to parked cars. Salt bins were to be provided at each end of Spa Well Crescent.

2010/136 b) As part of the Borough Council review of Garage Sites 11 tenants on Treetown Crescent were to receive letters advising that if they did not upgrade the Borough would carry out the upgrade and recharge the tenant. A light on the site was to be erected in the near future. Councillor Roddison asked if there were plans to mark the bays created as there were currently problems with the parking.

## **2010/142 Meeting with Garage Plot residents – Arundel Street.**

Several residents of Arundel Street attended the meeting following letters they had received from Rotherham MBC regarding parking with the proposed development due to take place on the Street. Whilst it was not really a Parish Council problem they were advised of the way forward that they could take. The chairman advised that he would speak with Rotherham MBC and ask them to look into alternative parking facilities for the residents affected by the surgery development.

## **2010/143 Correspondence Received.**

- a) Rotherham MBC – Notification of the Rotherham Advertiser Young Achiever awards, submissions for which were to be received by the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- b) Rotherham MBC – Notification that following the latest Parish Network meeting, Tracy Holmes, head of communications had offered to hold with any stories submitted by Parish Councils with a view to including them in future editions of Rotherham News. A schedule of publication dates was also received.
- c) R V West Area Assembly – Notification of the Community Roadshow event that will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April at the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.
- d) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification of service changes from the 24<sup>th</sup> April together with the timetable for the Easter period.
- e) Yorkshire LCA – Notification of the request to submit nominations for the South Yorkshire branch committee.

**Resolved:** That the request be noted.

- f) Safe@Last – A letter was received together with enclosures and the latest edition of their newsletter which were requested to be displayed in the Parish.
- g) Rotherham Hospice – Copy of their latest newsletter.

- h) Rotherham MBC – Sports Development update. Letter and leaflet with details of the facilities offered through the Sports Development Unit in Rotherham.
- i) Rotherham MBC – Grounds Maintenance Proposals. Further to the letter received in December 2009 an update was received advising that the staff had now transferred to Rotherham MBC. Preparations were now being made for the growing season. Implementation of the plans would take place over a period to ensure that there were fewer problems with the transition. Notification of day to day contacts were received.
- j) Rotherham Talking Newspaper. – A letter was received requesting grants towards their operating costs.  
Resolved: A grant of £50 is made.  
Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.  
Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.
- k) Rotherham MBC. – Notification was received of the Barnsley Flood Fair that was to be held at the Barnsley Metrodome on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010.
- l) Rotherham MBC. – A questionnaire was received with regards to waste disposal and the role of parish Councils within the Borough. The clerk was to complete and return.
- m) Rotherham Holiday Aid. – A letter was received requesting a donation towards their operating costs.  
Resolved: A grant of £50 is made.  
Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.  
Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.
- n) Rotherham MBC – Review of Enforcement Practices for Littering Offences and Young People. This advised of the current rules regarding these offences and how they were to be changed with the alternatives that could be offered.
- o) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority – A copy of their March Member briefing was received.
- p) Rotherham Crematorium – Notification of their new charges for the year commencing 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010. The clerk was to amend the Parish Council charges accordingly and notify the users of the Wood Lane Burial ground of the new charges.

#### **2010/144 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.**

- 2010/144 a)** Councillor J.F. Swift reported that there was no pipe work in the burial ground; it appeared that the supply came from the other side of the wall.
- 2010/144 b)** Councillor J.F. Swift advised that Rotherham MBC were still waiting to hear from Ian Trow regarding the sandbags. Councillor Whysall advised that he would ask Ian Trow to speak with Rotherham MBC. The clerk also mentioned that the number of sandbags suggested was the highest by any authority in the Borough and it should be remembered that they do have a shelf life.

#### **2010/145 Youth Club.**

An email was received from Andrea Beckingham advising that the Baptist Chapel Youth Club had been in existence since 2005 and had never been a competitor to the club sponsored by the Parish Council. Those who attended were encouraged to participate in 'Special Church Occasions' and their sessions are a mix of secular and Christian activities.

The Chairman advised that the lights on the all weather pitch had been smashed and the controls broken. It was suggested that boxing be purchased to protect the switches, this could cost in the region of £25.

Resolved: That the boxing in be approved.

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

A grant of £1,100 had been secured from Rotherham MBC and this was to be used to fund a trip to Cadbury World, a First Aid course and a Health and Safety course. Locks were also to be provided for the elderly as additional security measures.

**2010/0146 Area Assembly.**

The Chairman advised that following complaints of speeding on High Hazels a Mobile Vehicular Active Sign would be erected within the next four to six weeks or earlier if possible. The seat was still giving problems in the area and this was to be looked into by Rotherham MBC. The bushes around the area were to be trimmed to two foot high. A kissing gate was to be erected on Station Road. Councillor Goy advised that a car speeding up Well Lane recently had missed the island totally and gone across it rather than round it.

**2010/147 Education Report.**

Councillor Roddison reported that the Ofsted Report for Treeton School was due out and that there was a vacancy for a teacher at the school. The next meeting of the Governors was scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**2010/148 Chairman's Review.**

The chairman reported that work would be starting shortly on Rother Crescent and last for two months, this was for road widening and off road parking as part of the 106 agreement. The Airey houses on Burntwood Crescent were to be upgraded. Councillor Whysall expressed his concerns that some would still want solid fuel but Councillor Goy stated that each tenant would be given the option of different fuels etc., The service 133 had become unreliable and the Chairman had submitted a complaint. Councillor Roddison added that buses were very often dirty and not very pleasant to travel on. Councillor Baker added that he had been informed, by a former bus driver that First had a policy of older buses for Rotherham.

**2010/149 Planning Applications.**

There had been no applications submitted since the last meeting:

A letter was also received from the Chief Executives Office advising of the latest Training Session to be held by the Planning Board. This was to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April. All were to be held at Bailey House.

**2010/150 Public Question Time**

Mrs Gill raised the following issues:

Mill Lane corner – cars avoiding pot holes. It was replied that a project had been drawn up for the area and others and that the work should be completed within the next few weeks and months. Councillor Roddison suggested that when this was being considered that consideration for drop kerbs for residents parking and access would only cost the same when installed at the same time as improvements were being made.

Spa Well Crescent – bungalows problems accessing grit bins. Part of this was as a result of the initial problems with parking and Councillor Roddison suggested a review of all parking in the village. Jones Homes – apparently informing residents of Rother Crescent that they can park in the Autism Centre.

Walkers Houses in Mill Lane – appear to be the targets of vandals recently.

**2010/151 Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**2010/151 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.

**2010/151 b)** The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	733.11
C.J. Brown	952.66
M. Brumfield	131.72
K.M. Haycox	162.36
R. Bolton	321.73
D. Wilson	220.20
B. Baynham	99.66

G. Walker	49.83
L. Gregory	164.46
J. Gregory	216.86
I.G. Mason	235.06
Inland Revenue	1,591.45
Post Office	90.67
Rotherham M.B.C.	85.00
C & H Alarms	95.18
Npower Limited	171.07
Rotherham M.B.C.	752.19
Yorkshire Water	61.78
D. Jebson	10.00
A. Pearson	10.00
J. Hampson	10.00
Fowler Sandford & Co.	59.93
Rotherham MBC	25.00
Rotherham Talking Newspaper	50.00
Rotherham Holiday Aid	50.00

**2010/151 c)** Councillor Goy had now considered the implications of the third quote and had seen the person concerned. The two quotes to be considered were from G T Trade Windows at £3,076 plus vat. The alternative was from Robert Levin at £4,300.

Resolved: That the council accept the quote from G T Trade Windows.

Proposed: Councillor R.J. Baker.

Seconded: Councillor Ms. J. Swift.

**2010/151 d)** The clerk was preparing a draft replacement constitution which he requested clarification on some points before preparing a further draft. Clarification was given and the clerk was to continue working on them.

**2010/152 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 to follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**