

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27th JUNE 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor: J.F. Swift (Chairman)
Councillors: T.W. Adair, Ms A.D. Beckingham, D.A. Goy, M.P. Hanberry,
M. Scott and D. Whysall.
In attendance: C.J. Brown.

2011/083 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.J. Baker, Ms J. Swift and R. Russell.

2011/084 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meetings held on 16th May 2011 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 T.W. Adair.

2011/085 Committee Appointments.

a) Community Centre and Playing Fields Committee.

Resolved: That Councillor Ms. A.D. Beckingham is elected to the committee.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor T.W. Adair.

b) Allotments, Environment and Cemeteries Committee.

Resolved: That Councillor M.P. Hanberry is elected to the committee.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor T.W. Adair.

c) Recreation Grounds and Play Areas Committee.

Resolved: That Councillor Ms. A.D. Beckingham is elected to the committee.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor M. Scott

d) Employment Sub-Group.

Resolved: That Councillor R.J. Baker is elected to the committee.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy

e) School Governors.

Resolved: That Councillor M.P. Hanberry is elected as representative.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy.

2011/086 Matters Arising.

2011/033 a) The clerk had written to both the Post Office and Royal Mail regarding the Post Office and the request for an additional posting box. Acknowledgements to both letters had been received advising further correspondence would follow when the matters had been looked into further.

2011/072 a) Notification that the proposed Joint Working Seminar on the 23rd June had been cancelled and was to be re-scheduled for later in the year.

2011/087 Correspondence Received.

- a) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Copies of their June e-newsletter, Member Briefing were received together with their new service plan for South Yorkshire.
- b) Rotherham MBC Returning Officer – Notification that a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places was to be carried out and they were seeking views from key stake-holders with particular reference to facilities for electors; polling stations should be accessible to all electors including the disabled. Any representations were to be received by the 22nd August 2011.
- c) Rotherham MBC Neighbourhood Development – Notification that the next Parish Network meeting was to be held on 7th July commencing at 5.30 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- d) Rotherham MBC Streetpride – Notification that a supply of graffiti wipes were available. The Chairman confirmed that arrangements had already been made to collect a supply.
- e) Rotherham MBC Environment & Development Services – Notification that Rotherham MBC were to cease to maintain land owned by Treeton Parish Council with effect from 31st March 2012. Currently no land owned by the Parish Council was maintained by Rotherham. The only land maintained by them and owned by the Parish Council, the 'Cow Field' was paid for. The Chairman was to attend a meeting with Richard Jackson later in the week. Land which could be affected by these changes included the Trust land in Washfield Lane and the bowling green.
- f) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification of service changes that were to take effect from the 24th and 25th July. These included changes to the Service 33 which were requested at the recent meeting between the Parish Council and S.Y.P.T.E.
- g) Aughton Early Years Centre – Request to provide funding on a similar basis to Aston Parish Council who fund 12 care places at the centre. The centre provides cover for areas that include Treeton. Councillor Hanberry confirmed that various provision for 1 to 5 year olds and 2 year olds and above was made at the new village Nursery.
Resolved: That the application be noted.
- h) Application was received from Treeton terriers Junior Football Club to use the 'Cow Field' for the 2011/2012 season.
Resolved: That the application is approved.
- i) Rotherham Gismo – notification of the launch of their website and the facilities that they provide and offer.

2011/088 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.

The proposed yellow lines on High Hazels Crescent were to go before the Board at Rotherham MBC on the 4th July 2011.

Councillor Whysall raised the issue of keys for access for the disabled to the Dyke. The Chairman replied that keys were issued on payment of a £30 fee, the key being returnable when not required any more. The Public Rights of Way Officer was looking at installing a kissing gate which would allow limited access as the footpath was now a Public Right of Way.

Resolved: A letter is sent to John Cowley advising of the situation regarding the disabled and requesting consideration of allowing them access to a key which would give them access to the dyke.

Councillor Whysall also raised the issue of Ivy growing over the wall at Front Street. The Chairman replied that the Borough Council had been out to the area and will re-visit the area again in August. The Chairman was also to visit the area.

Councillor Whysall raised the issue of potholes in Long Lane. It was replied that those in question had been marked out earlier in the day for refilling.

Councillor Whysall also requested permission to place a seat in the Wood Lane Burial Ground, with a plaque in memorial to his late wife all to be funded by the family. This would replace one of the existing seats that were really in need of repair. Councillor J.F. Swift was to enquire with Rotherham MBC regarding costs of purchase and installation.

Resolved: That the application is approved.

The Chairman advised that following a report of trees overhanging the Burial Ground onto adjoining property, Rotherham MBC had been requested to visit this and two other sites with tree problems and advise on the work required and the costs of having the work completed.

Councillor Scott also raised the issue of fencing on the access to the Old Peoples Centre and the chairman was to raise the issue with Rotherham MBC. He also advised that the steps at 17 Spa Well Crescent were in an unsafe condition. The Chairman was to visit the site and raise it with the Borough Council.

Councillor Scott also raised the issue of litter bins around the village that were full to overflowing. The Chairman advised that with the cuts currently being imposed with more to follow that these were some of the areas that would be affected.

2011/089 Recreation Ground and Play Areas.

A report that one item of play equipment had been damaged had been received. This had now been removed and was awaiting replacement. Councillor Hanberry also reported that the 'Play Wall' needed attention. Councillor J.F. Swift was to take the matter up with the Borough Council.

2011/090 Youth Club.

The Chairman reported that numbers were still increasing and that the first 'Cinema Evening' was now to be held at the end of July.

2011/091 Education Report.

The Chairman advised that Parking Wardens had visited the area but this had made little difference to the problems being encountered by local residents. Consideration was requested for the closure of the small access from the Bradshaw Estate to the school.

Resolved: A letter is sent to the school advising of the continuing problems and requesting consideration of the footpath closure request.

2011/092 Area Assembly.

The Chairman reported that the last meeting, held in the Reading Rooms for the first time had been a success with the room being full and a productive meeting held.

2011/093 Chairman's Review.

The Chairman advised that the road between Wood Lane and High Hazels was to be route-treated by Rotherham MBC. This was part of a scheme to reduce accidents in the area. He was also to attend a meeting at Rotherham to discuss the Rotherham Local Development Framework, although it was thought that there would be little impact on the village. Local consultation would take place in the Reading Rooms.

2011/094 Planning Applications.

The following new application had been submitted since the last meeting:

RB2011/0831	Change of use of first floor from residential to wedding consultancy office at 7 Front Street.
RB2011/0832	Display of a non-illuminated sign at 9 Front Street

Resolved: That there were no objections to either application.

2011/095 Public Question Time.

Mrs Gill asked the following questions:

Reported the gate at the end of Treeton Lane being in a dangerous condition with spikes protruding from it. The Chairman was to raise this with the Borough Council.

There were currently problems in Mill Lane with vans collecting scrap metal which had been stored in the area and recently a set of car headlights had been removed. Councillor Hanberry also reported that lead from the roof of the new Nursery had been stolen.

Again raised the issue of HGV Lorries using the village when they had been banned in both Brinsworth and Catcliffe a fact she could back up with photographic evidence.

Resolved: A letter is sent to Simon Quarta on the matter.

2011/096 Any Other Urgent Business.

2011/096 a) Concerns were still expressed that the Community Centre had still not held an AGM and could be operating without serving Trustees. The clerk had received an email which advised they were in the process of producing a Newsletter to seek new trustees.

Resolved: The clerk advise the Community Centre Committee that if an AGM is arranged that co-insides with the next issue of the Parish Council Newsletter, an article can be placed in this advertising the AGM and the request for new Trustees.

2011/096 b) Discussions took place on the proposed transfer of the 'Cow Field' to the Playing Fields Trust Committee. Concerns were expressed over the current running of the Trust and until these concerns were alleviated no transfer should take place.

Resolved: A decision on transferring the 'Cow Field' be deferred until a future date.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor T.W. Adair.

2011/097 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2011/097 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.

2011/097 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

		£
First Direct - Visa	Direct Debit	12.00
Post Office	Direct Debit	101.91
Rotherham MBC	Direct Debit	7.00
Dignity UK	Bank Transfer	545.00
C.J. Brown	Bank Transfer	976.94
M. Brumfield	Bank Transfer	125.75
R. Bolton	Bank Transfer	328.95
D. Wilson	Bank Transfer	220.20
B. Baynham	Bank Transfer	99.46
G. Walker	Bank Transfer	99.46
L. Gregory	Bank Transfer	139.46
J. Gregory	Bank Transfer	139.46
I.G. Mason	Bank Transfer	205.56
Inland revenue	Bank Transfer	1,649.16
Assured Fire & Security	Bank Transfer	345.30
Fowler Sandford		0.60
Rotherham MBC	Bank Transfer	413.24
Yorkshire Water	Bank Transfer	42.88
Petty Cash	Bank Transfer	68.49
Homeglow Plumbing & Heating		54.00

2011/097 c) Confirmation was received from BDO LLP that they had signed off the Audit of the Parish Council Accounts for 2010/2011. One point was raised, being the valuation of Fixed Assets which were to be amended for the following year.

2011/097 d) The clerk provided a new bank mandate for signature by all councillors.

Resolved: The Co-operative Bank plc (the bank) shall continue as our bankers in accordance with our original application.

- the bank shall be authorised to accept instructions (including written instructions sent by facsimile and electronic instructions through the use of digital signatures and/or identification numbers or passwords) from us in connection with the account(s) and the service, provided that the instructions are given and/or signed in accordance with the signing authority listed in the account signatories Section 6b. Instructions shall mean; cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other orders for payment drawn, made of accepted on our behalf (even if the payments cause the account(s) to be overdrawn) and requests or instructions in writing concerning the account(s), our affairs or property (including the opening of the new account(s), the arranging of facilities and creation of security)
- the bank shall be authorised to honour all cheques and all other documents made or accepted on our behalf even if such payment causes any accounts to be overdrawn or increase any existing overdraft, provided that such documents are signed in accordance with the specimen signatures show in the account signatories section 6b.
- the bank shall act on all specimen signatures in accordance with any instruction, notice, request or other document in writing concerning our account (including the opening of new accounts), affairs or property, as shown in the account signatories section 6b.
- the bank shall be sent a copy of any future resolution which affect the terms of these resolutions.
- the bank shall be sent a copy of any changes in our Constitution/Rules
- the bank shall be notified in writing of any change of members.
- the bank shall be notified in writing of any change of official authorised to sign on our behalf.
- the bank shall otherwise continue to operate our accounts in accordance with the business account mandate.
- the bank shall be notified in writing of any overall change of control in the council.
- all signatories to the account are aged 16 or over.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy

Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

2011/098 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 18th July 2011 at 7.00 p.m..

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: