

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th APRIL 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

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

2011/043 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.A. Goy and M. Scott.

2011/044 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 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 G.E. Payne.

2011/045 Matters Arising.

- 2011/033 a) The planning application submitted for the former Post Office had now been approved. It was also reported that alterations were now being carried out at the Newsagents with a view to them taking over the Post Office business.
- 2011/033 b) The Chairman had been in discussions with RMBC over the bowling green maintenance and the matter had also been discussed at the miners welfare. Currently advice was still awaited from both C.I.S.W.O. and Rotherham MBC.
- 2011/033 i) Further correspondence was received on the Rooting community project and that a conference was to be held in Sheffield on the 12th May.

2011/046 Correspondence Received.

- a) Rotherham MBC Transport Partnership Scheme Consultation – Further information on this together with links to the Rotherham MBC website to look at the consultation and also advising of the next meeting which was to be held on 17th May.
- b) Digital Switchover – Email the agency handling the switchover giving details of help and assistance that was available and the eligibility criteria for free assistance.
- c) Yorkshire LCA – Nomination paper for nomination of representatives to the South Yorkshire Branch committee.
- d) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Copy of their April 2011 Member Briefing and e-newsletter was received together with details of a live webcast that they were planning.
- e) Rotherham MBC Neighbourhood Development – Notification of their joint seminar that was to be held on 23rd June at 2.30 p.m. Also a questionnaire which the clerk was to complete and return.
- f) Rother Valley West – Details of their CCTV project and asking if there was any requirement in the village. The Chairman advised that the group would next meet on 27th April to consider any further applications. Currently the Assembly has three cameras and Thurcroft Parish Council has two. The Parish currently did not have any problems that would be considered although Councillor Baker mentioned the problems of children throwing boulders into the slipway.
- g) 2010 Rotherham – A copy of their April report was received.
- h) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification of changes to services with effect from 8th May 2011. None of these affected the village.
- i) Rotherham MBC Neighbourhood Partnership – Notification that the domain name currently used for the Parish Council website was due for renewal. This would cost £48 for a further two years. The clerk had already notified Paul Griffiths of the Parish Councils wish for renewal.

- j) Rotherham MBC Forward Planning – Letter from Neil Finney on the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Councils’ Joint Waste Plan. This gave links to their website for the latest information on the proposed plans for waste in the joint boroughs.
- k) Rotherham Crematorium – notification of their latest charges for the coming year. The clerk had already made the changes to the Parish Council changes and notified the regular users of the Parish Council burial ground of the new costs.
- l) Rural Action Yorkshire – received their latest edition of Rural News.
- m) Rotherham Hospice – received the latest edition of their Rotherham Hospice News.

2011/047 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.

Councillor Whysall reported that a tree between 63a and 63b Spa Well Crescent was in a dangerous condition and that you could see through the trunk. The Chairman was to raise the issue with the Borough Council as it fell on their land.

The Clerk had confirmed with the Chairman that the allotment on Rother Crescent had not been paid for. It was now suggested that this plot be split into two and allocated to the next on the waiting list.

The Chairman also confirmed that there were two areas in the village, the property of Rotherham MBC that was under consideration for sale or development. Arundel Avenue previously considered for bungalows as part of a Johnnie Johnson Housing scheme was now being considered for Council Houses. The garage site at the rear of the Station Hotel was also now up for sale.

It was also noted that Jones Homes (Northern) had placed the area of land, currently allocated for retail development, up for sale.

The Yellow lines for High Hazels Crescent had now been advertised in the local press and should now be progressing before being installed.

2011/048 Recreation Ground and Play Areas.

Councillor Whysall commented upon the immaculate condition of the ‘Cow Field’. The chairman stated that this was down to the efforts of the village handyman and footpaths officer.

2011/049 Youth Club.

The Chairman reported that Groundwork Creswell had now completed the work at the Youth Centre and were now working on the ‘Cow Field’ on a similar materials only basis.

It was also reported that throughout the Borough many of the Youth Club workers were losing their positions. The use of outreach workers and buses was the only form of facility left as an alternative for them.

2011/050 Education Report.

The Chairman advised that there had been problems of parents parking their cars on Bradshaw Avenue whilst dropping off and collecting their children for the school. Simon Quarta of Rotherham MBC had been advised of the problems and a Parking Warden was to visit the area in the near future.

2011/051 Planning Applications.

There following applications had been submitted since the last meeting included:

- RB2011/0444 Listed Building Consent for installation of French doors to side, replace door with window and erection of porch to front at 4a Front Street for Ms Norton.
- RB2011/0500 Two storey side and front extension at 64 Lyminton Lane for Mr. C. Tinsley.
- RB2011/0508 Retrospective application for variation to condition 19 (details of entrance feature) imposed by application RB2010/122 to provide alternative access at land off Rother Crescent for Jones Homes (Northern) Ltd.,
- RB2011/0486 Single storey rear conservatory extension at 12 The Twentylands for Mr. M. Lynes.

Resolved: That the Parish Council had no objections to any of these applications.

2011/052 Public Question Time.

Mr Reilly attended the meeting to raise issues regarding the boundary around his garage plot. The matter had previously been discussed and had also been the subject of a site visit by the allotment sub-committee.

A long discussion took place between Mr. Reilly and councillors looking for an amicable solution to his problem. It was also stressed that Mr. Reilly was a garage plot tenant on the site and did not have an allotment. He left the meeting being advised that the council would contact him with their final decision.

Resolved: That everything being considered, the situation be allowed to remain as is currently, the boundary not be changed again and Mr. Reilly continue as a garage plot tenant. If the boundary were to be changed both Mr. Reilly and the third party would have to revert back to their original positions and that would leave an area of derelict land between the two parties that would benefit no-one.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor R.J. Baker.

2011/053 Police and the Local Community.

The meeting was attended by the local PCSO.

She advised of an allotment watch scheme that was to be introduced in the Borough and could be adopted in the village if there was interest. This followed a spate of thefts from sheds on allotment sites. A new Inspector had been appointed. There had been three recent motor cycle operations held in the woods at weekends, there had been no motorbikes found in the area at the time. There had been three incidents of break-ins recently, one on the Jones Homes site, one at the school where a laptop computer was amongst items stolen and a house break-in in Mill Lane. There had also been the incident outside the Nursery where the rubbish removed had been found further down Mill Lane. Councillor Whysall also reported recent incidents of a vehicle in the village and further dumping taking place. Details were passed on to the officer.

2011/054 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2011/054 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.

2011/054 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

			£
Dignity UK	Bank Transfer		1,164.00
First Direct - Visa	Direct Debit		380.99
C.J. Brown			581.47
M. Brumfield			125.95
R. Bolton			328.95
D. Wilson			220.20
B. Baynham			99.66
G. Walker			99.66
L. Gregory			139.46
J. Gregory			200.26
I.G. Mason			205.76
Yorkshire LCA	Bank Transfer		623.00
Paul Wickson	Bank Transfer		290.00
H & S Welding Services			525.00
Rotherham MBC - Rates	Direct Debit		9.02

2011/054 c) The clerk advised that the internal Audit of the Parish Council accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2011 had now been completed. The auditor had found three minor points which had now been resolved.

2011/054 d) That the completed Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011 was presented to the council for approval.

Resolved: That the statement is approved.

Proposed: Councillor R.J. Baker
Seconded: Councillor Ms. J. Swift.

2011/054 e) That the Statement of Assurance of the Council, for the year ended 31st March 2011 be accepted and signed.

Resolved: That the statement is approved.

Proposed: Councillor R.J. Baker.
Seconded: Councillor Ms. J. Swift.

2011/054 f) The clerk advised councillors that he had been looking into the Parish Council insurance and had sought an alternative quote. The current provider AON were quoting £1,581.47 for the year commencing 1st June 2011. A quote sought from Zurich which provided improved levels of cover in many aspects on a like for like basis came in at £1,235.04. The clerk sought approval for the change of insurers.

Resolved: That the change in Insurance provider to Zurich is approved.

Proposed: Councillor R.J. Baker.
Seconded: Councillor G.E. Payne.

2011/055 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 16th May 2011 to follow the A.G.M.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: