

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28th MARCH 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor: J.F. Swift (Chairman)
Councillors: G.E. Payne, A.S. Roddison (from 7.50 p.m.) and D. Whysall.
In attendance: C.J. Brown.

2011/030 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.J. Baker, D.A. Goy, M. Scott and Ms J. Swift.

2011/031 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 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.

2011/032 Matters Arising.

- 2010/253 No further correspondence had been received from the Community Centre since the clerk had advised them of the offer made at the last meeting.
- 2011/012 A response was received from the Baptist Church advising that they had no interest in possibly opening a Post Office within their premises. They also expressed their concerns of hearing about such a proposal through the media, rather than from the Parish Council direct.
- 2011/020 The matter had been discussed at the last Trust meeting. It was suggested that this item was now placed on the May meeting agenda.

2011/033 Correspondence Received.

- a) Sam Graham – Letter from the daughter of the late Maureen Graham former sub-postmistress of the village Post Office. The letter outlined the reasons for their recent planning application together with details of recent events which had affected the Post Office in the village, details of which councillors were unaware of. Copies of the letter had previously been circulated to all councillors.
- b) Rotherham MBC Environment & Development Services– Letter advising of the Bowling Green Consultation that Rotherham MBC were carrying out in an effort to save £30.3 million from their budget. One of the greens highlighted was that in the village.
Resolved: A request for a site meeting in the week commencing 11th April be requested.
- c) Rotherham MBC Streetpride– Copies of their Footpath and Carriageway micro asphalt programmes for the forthcoming year were received.
- d) Rotherham MBC Members Secretariat – notification that the Project Angus training had been postponed and would now be held on 5th April and 15th June at the Town Hall. It was asked that this be raised at the May meeting for any new councillors to attend the June meeting.
- e) Rotherham MBC Chief Executive Office – Notification of the All Parish Council Liaison meeting which was to be held on Thursday 7th April at 5.30 p.m. in the Town Hall.
- f) Rotherham MBC Grounds Maintenance – Notification of the cost of carrying out the grounds maintenance at the Washfield Lane 'Cow Field' for the coming year was £1,038.11 plus vat. The clerk had queried this as it included the marking of two soccer pitches. For one pitch the cost was £763. As confirmation had to be made by the 25th March, the clerk had confirmed this after consultation with the Chairman.
- g) Tree Request – an email was received from Jim Gratton requesting to plant two Silver Birch trees in the Wood Lane burial ground. Councillors were circulated with this email prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed the matter at length giving consideration to future requests and maintenance of the burial ground.

Resolved: That the application is declined.

- h) Allotment Application – application was received from Andrew Raynes for an allotment in the village.

Resolved: That he be placed on the current waiting list.

- i) Rotherham MBC – email received requesting to know if any vacant land was available in the village that could be used within the ‘Rotherham in Root’ project to grow food locally.

Resolved: The clerk was asked to respond advising that the Parish Council may have a piece of land suitable for the project.

- j) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Copy of their March 2011 Member Briefing and e-newsletter was received together with details of a live webcast that they were planning.
- k) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification that certain services operated through the Rural Bus Subsidy Scheme, would expire at the end of July 2011. S.Y.P.T.E. were committed to retaining as many of these services as possible. Further communication would be received advising as to how these services would be provided and that they would attend meetings if necessary.

2011/034 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.

Councillor Whysall reported that the ivy was growing over the wall in Front Street/Well Lane and was also beginning to smell. The chairman was to take up the matter with the Borough Council.

It was requested that future allotment allocations are on the basis of being used as allotments and being turned as opposed to being used as leisure gardens.

Resolved: That future allotment lettings be used for the purpose and be turned.

2011/035 Recreation Ground and Play Areas.

Councillor Whysall raised the issue of the 5 a side pitches. The Chairman advised on the project that was currently affecting them.

2011/036 Youth Club.

The Chairman reported that Groundwork Creswell were still working on the project and should be finished within the next two weeks.

2011/037 Area Assembly.

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Area Assembly was to be held on the 12th April at Brinsworth.

2011/038 Education Report.

Councillor Payne advised that the village school had received a good rating in their recent Ofsted visit. A copy of their report was available for councillors to inspect.

The Chairman reported on the current position regarding Aston Comprehensives application for Academy Status. It was hoped that this would be achieved in either June or July of this year and it was now confirmed that they would be buying in their services from Rotherham MBC as opposed to using external suppliers.

2011/039 Planning Applications.

There had been no applications submitted since the last meeting included:

RB2011/0125 The Chairman advised council that a decision on this application had now been deferred until the 28th April and a site visit was also to be held prior to the decision.

2011/040 Public Question Time.

Mrs Gill raised the following questions:

- a) Jones Homes Footpath inaccessible – The Chairman replied that the barrier behind the wall would be coming down that week and this would provide horse access to Hail Mary Wood. He also promised to let her have a key to the gate.

- b) Tyres dumped in Mill Lane – The Chairman replied that both the Police and Environment officers were currently looking into the problem. They were also writing to the landlord asking him to clear up his land.
- c) 53 Mill Lane dumping of rubble on garden area – The Chairman was to arrange a site visit with the environment department the following day.
- d) Queried the transfer of the 'Cow Field' to the Trust Committee as she thought this was for village use. Advised that discussions were ongoing but no final decision had been made.

Mrs Hanberry – advised council that she was still in discussion with the Highways department regarding the barriers to be erected in front of the Nursery. Hopefully they should be erected within the next month. She also advised that they nursery had been visited on several occasions by the local Police officers and that the children's relationship with the officers was really good.

2011/041 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2011/041 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.

2011/041 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	1,013.49
Post Office - Direct Debit	111.79
C.J. Brown	892.17
M. Brumfield	128.69
R. Bolton	328.95
D. Wilson	220.20
B. Baynham	99.66
G. Walker	99.46
L. Gregory	139.26
J. Gregory	200.26
I.G. Mason	205.56
K.M. Haycox	160.89
Inland Revenue	1,788.27
Dignity UK	502.00
C & H Alarms	96.00
Fowler Sandford & Co.	61.20
Yorkshire Water	90.66
F. Newcombe	10.00
A. Roberts	10.00
L. Toth	10.00
Petty Cash	44.27
Petty Cash - Astro Pitch Project	60.00
Rotherham MBC	25.00
Assured Fire & Security	204.00

2011/041 c) The clerk advised that he had now been advised of the date of the Audit of the Parish Councils accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011. This had been arranged for the 3rd June 2011. The clerk was to make the necessary arrangements with the internal auditor to have the accounts audited for this time.

2011/041 d) The Chairman raised the issue of access on to the 'Cow Field' which was raising safety issues for those on the fields. There was currently open access and it was suggested a gate be erected to restrict access. A quote had been obtained from HS

Welding Services who also serviced both Brinsworth and Catcliffe Parish Councils. This was for the provision and erection of the gate at £520 plus Galvanising at £120.

Resolved: That the quotation is accepted.

Proposed: Councillor G.E. Payne.

Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

2011/041 e) The Chairman confirmed that under the 106 Agreement for the Waverley project and amount had been set aside to improve the drainage of the 'Cow Field'. This funding may only be available if the field was still in the control of the Parish Council.

2011/041 f) As regards the Bowling Green maintenance, there were various options that could be considered to continue the maintenance. Councillor Payne expressed his concerns that this may be another way of transferring the costs to the Parish, similar to that with the Youth Club. It was also noted that this decision was also taken after Parish Precepts had already been calculated and submitted. The Chairman advised that the Youth Club was a different situation, the Parish Council took over the running of the Youth Club approximately 12 years ago when the Under 12 Youth provision was removed by Rotherham throughout the Borough. However since that time the Parish Council has received funding for many improvement projects to the building that allows the Youth Club to continue, without these the Youth Club would have had to close.

2011/042 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 18th April 2011 to follow the A.P.M.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: