

# TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

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

## **2011/015 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A.S. Roddison.

## **2011/016 Minutes of Meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the council.

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

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.  
Seconded: Councillor Ms J. Swift.

## **2011/017 Meeting with Alison Illit – Rotherham NHS Smoking Control.**

Currently there was a project within Yorkshire for smoke free environments in homes, play areas etc., to protect children and non-smokers. Small communities all over the region had been considered and Treeton had been selected as a possible village to promote the scheme in Rotherham. Locally the Medical Centre would be involved and a questionnaire would be circulated around the village and this would be used to support smoke free homes and environments from the statistics available. Visits would also be made to the local school.

The Parish Council were agreeable to the proposal and agreed to promote the project through the website and Newsletter with material supplied by Rotherham NHS.

## **2011/018 Matters Arising.**

2010/253 A further reply had been received from the Community Centre which advised they were in contact with the Charity Commission and actively searching for new trustees for the committee, which was confirmed by Councillor Baker. To help with their search for new trustees it was suggested that the Parish Council offer the committee advertising space in the next edition of the Parish Council Newsletter or alternatively assistance with delivery of their own should they decide to publish a newsletter advertising trustee vacancies.

2011/004 b) The chairman advised that the sandbags had now been delivered and were stored in a container on the Welfare grounds as agreed. It was felt that there should be a plan put into place in the event that they were needed. It was suggested that a small committee, possibly including residents be set up and form a plan which would form part of the Parish Council's Emergency Plan. Information should also be placed in the next edition of the Newsletter.

2011/007 There were still being problems encountered in the village with groups of youngsters. It appeared that the latest problem was that mud was now being thrown at cars as they passed.

2011/012 Following no response from the Co-operative society as yet, a letter is sent to the Baptist Church asking if they would be interested in the Post Office proposal suggested at the January 2011 meeting.

## **2011/019 Correspondence Received.**

a) Rotherham MBC Planning and Regeneration Services – confirmation of the adoption of their revised validation list, details of which could be found on the Rotherham MBC website.

- b) Rotherham MBC Forward Planning – Email received regarding the Rotherham Local Development Framework Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. Originally produced in 2006 the report was being updated and anyone who wished to comment was given guidance on how to do this.
- c) Brinsworth Parish Council was to host a short meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March regarding the census which was to be carried out later in the year. Councillors were invited to attend.
- d) Rotherham MBC Ecology Development – notification of changes that had been made to the Forgemasters Tip Management Plan with a link for anyone to view the plan.
- e) Rotherham MBC Scrutiny Advisor – notification that Rotherham MBC was to carry out a review of their performance during the severe snowy weather before Christmas 2010. A copy of the scoping document was included for councillors to consider.
- f) YLCA – Correspondence was received advising that all employees of Parish Councils, including their clerks should be paid through a payroll. The Inland Revenue were to carry out audits commencing in April 2011 to ensure that all complied. Treeton would not have a problem as every employee was paid through the payroll system.
- g) Rotherham MBC Neighbourhood Partnerships Team – Notification of a Parish Network Meeting to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 at the Town Hall together with the agenda for the meeting.
- h) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Copy of their February 2011 Member Briefing and e-newsletter was received together with details of a live webcast that they were planning.
- i) Rotherham Holiday Aid – Application was received for grant assistance to the cost of providing Holidays for the needy in Rotherham.  
Resolved: A grant of £50 is made.  
Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.  
Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.
- j) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification of an increase in the Concessionary fares for Children was received. This increase was to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. The increase was to a 50p per single journey charge.
- k) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification of changes made to their website. As a result of this there were more additional features that were now available to the general public.
- l) Macmillan Cancer Support – A request was received to display posters advertising their 2011 walks to raise funds.
- m) Janes Face Painting – A letter was received from Jane advertising the facilities that she could provide at any summer event where children were in attendance.

#### **2011/020 Washfield Lane – ‘Cow Field’.**

Following a request from Reg Littleboy of the Playing Fields Trust for an update on the Parish Councils views on the transfer of the land to the Trust, Councillor Payne outlined a brief history of the request. The Parish Council had agreed in principle to the transfer subject to certain conditions. The Chairman expressed his current concerns over the members of the trust and that currently both the village handyman and footpaths officer were clearing up the area on a regular basis. It was decided that the matter be brought up at the next trust meeting.

#### **2011/021 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.**

Councillor Goy asked if there had been any developments on the issue of a pile of tyres outside Mill House. The Chairman replied that investigations were continuing as to those responsible for the dumping and when these were completed they would be removed from site.

The Chairman advised that the paths around the Waverley site had now been agreed upon and were in line with those originally requested by both Orgreave and Treeton Parish Councils. Seats were also to be installed at various points around the site.

Councillor Whysall enquired about the pot holes on Long Lane. It was replied that they had been filled in earlier in the day.

The Chairman advised that an allotment was available on the Rother Crescent site. It was very large and consideration should be given to splitting it into two and then allocating to the next on the current waiting list. The clerk was to look into the matter and confirm had paid on the site.

The Chairman reported that the gate to be erected by Jones Homes should have been erected within 28 days of the 25<sup>th</sup> January. Currently they were awaiting delivery of the gate which was actually due on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. It was to be installed immediately. Also the privet hedge that had been removed was also to be replaced.

Councillor Whysall raised the issue of trees in the Wood Lane Burial Ground that were in a dangerous condition and were in need of attention. Councillor J.F. Swift was to speak with Charles Mullins of Rotherham MBC with a view to getting a report on the work that needed to be done to make the area safe.

#### **2011/022 Recreation Ground and Play Areas.**

Councillor Whysall expressed concerns for the future of the Bowling Green as he had heard that the Borough were closing a number of greens and Treeton was one of them. The Chairman advised that this was not the case, greens in the north of the town with an alternative close by were being closed and that Treeton was not on the list.

#### **2011/023 Youth Club.**

The Chairman reported that Groundwork Creswell were still on site and were making a good job clearing the site ready for painting later in the week. It was re-iterated that the Parish Council were only paying for materials, labour was provided free.

Questions were asked about the building which currently had broken windows, it was replied that this building would eventually be advertised for sale.

#### **2011/024 Area Assembly.**

The Chairman advised that 14 small groups were to be receiving grants of £100 from the Area Assembly, five of which were from the village.

#### **2011/025 Education Report.**

Councillor Payne advised that the village school had been the subject of an Ofsted visit on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February. Whilst the report had not yet been received it appeared that everything was fine.

#### **2011/026 Planning Applications.**

Notification was received that the application for the Nursery had now been approved subject to certain conditions. Copies of the letter with conditions had been circulated to all councillors.

Applications submitted since the last meeting included:

RB2011/0125Erection of a pair of two storey semi-detached dwellinghouses with rooms in roofspace and 3 No. two storey detached dwellinghouses with rooms in roofspace at land to the rear of 17 Front Street.

RB2011/0086Change of use from Post Office (use class A1) to residential (use class C3) at 13 Front Street.

RB2011/0135Two storey and single storey rear extension (amendment to RB2010/086) at 60 Admiral Biggs Drive.

Resolved: That the council has no objections to these applications but enquiries should be made about the Post Office application and comments on the access and public footpath be made on the Front Street application.

#### **2011/027 Public Question Time.**

A question was asked about Broadband speeds in the village and if they could be improved. The Chairman advised that he had recently taken it up with RBT who were looking into the problem. It

may be that the situation will be improved in 2012 when the Woodhouse exchange is upgraded to digital.

**2011/028 Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**2011/028 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.

**2011/028 b)** The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
Petty Cash	200.00
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	2.00
Dignity UK	160.00
C.J. Brown	568.87
M. Brumfield	128.69
R. Bolton	328.95
D. Wilson	220.20
B. Baynham	99.46
G. Walker	99.66
L. Gregory	139.46
J. Gregory	200.26
I.G. Mason	236.94
Petty Cash	75.09
British Gas Business	914.16
Croft Electrical Engineering	252.16
Glendale Countryside	399.40
Homeglow Plumbing & Gas Services	1,806.00
Rotherham MBC	855.60
Npower Limited	99.46
Radio Nightingale	50.00
Rotherham Holiday Aid	50.00

**2011/028 c)** The Chairman raised the issue of additional resources for the Youth Club, in particular, a computer to link with the whiteboard.

**Resolved:** The clerk looks at purchasing a suitable laptop for the Youth Club.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor G.E. Payne.

**2011/029 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**