

# TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

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

## **2009/132 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G. Nightingale.

## **2009/133 Minutes of Meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 were taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the council.

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

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

## **2009/134 Matters Arising.**

2009/123 c) Councillor Goy advised that the proposed boundary changes had been discussed at the recent Rother Valley West parish Councils Meeting. The proposals submitted by Treeton were discussed along with others and there were to be no objections to the proposals submitted by Treeton.

## **2009/135 Correspondence Received.**

- a) C & H Alarms – Advice that they had now changed ownership and also advised that in the present financial climate that they were reducing the annual maintenance charge.
- b) Bluebell Wood – Latest edition of their Chimes publication.
- c) Produlic – Latest edition of their publication About Play.
- d) Children's Play Information Service – Latest edition of Children's Play Update.
- e) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Latest member briefing.
- f) Rural Matters – Latest edition of the Newsletter of Yorkshire and the Humber Rural Affairs Forum.
- g) Yorkshire Local Councils Association – Information about the Policing Pledge. The clerk had downloaded a copy of the pledge from the internet and a copy was circulated to each member of the council.
- h) Rotherham MBC – Notification that the rescheduled meeting of the Parish Network was to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00 p.m. in the Town Hall.
- i) Rother Valley parish Council Meeting – Notification of their next meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March together with the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009.
- j) Rotherham Crematorium – Notification of their pricing structure for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. The clerk was to amend the Parish Council charges in line with the December meeting recommendations.
- k) Rotherham NHS – Letter advising of the latest position regarding the Mental Health Services consultation.
- l) Rother Valley West Area Assembly – Regional Community Panel. Notification was received that the Community Panel were looking for new members. Details of where application forms could be downloaded were also included.
- m) Dogs Trust – Application to have information about their services displayed in the Reading Rooms. The council had no objections as the services offered were on the care of dogs after their owner had passed away.

### **2009/136 Meeting with PCSO's.**

The meeting was attended by two of the PCSO's from the village. They advised that the major issue within the village at the present time was with certain family's bikes within the village. There had been three burglaries dwelling in the village since January. Youth nuisance outside the village shop was becoming a nuisance. A swan had recently been killed on Treeton Lane. The offenders had been identified. There was also a case of dog poisoning within the village with four dogs on one street being involved. Youths had been congregating on the new playing space on Washfield Lane; they had been warned about their behaviour.

### **2009/137 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.**

**2009/137 a)** Councillor M. Scott advised that the slabs had still not been replaced in the Wood Lane Burial Ground. Councillor J.F. Swift was to take up the matter again.

**2009/137 b)** Councillor Whysall enquired as to why the Hawthorne tree at the rear of Mrs. Brown's property on Burntwood Crescent had still not been attended to after 3 years. Councillor J.F. Swift was to look into the matter again.

**2009/137 c)** The Chairman advised that the trees in from of 1 and 3 Bole Hill would be trimmed back by Ian Mason when he resumed his duties.

**2009/137 d)** Councillor Scott enquired as to if anyone knew what was happening at the Herringthorpe Crematorium. It was advised that the site was being overhauled and the chapel extended.

### **2009/138 Recreation Grounds and Play Areas.**

It was felt that notices needed erecting on the new play area on Washfield Lane as this would help the PCSO's with their work. Councillor Whysall also advised that there were problems on the planed area on the new Play Area. Councillor Scott advised that one of the seats outside the OAP Centre had been damaged.

### **2009/139 Youth Club.**

The chairman advised that the funding was now in place for the Cyber Café. It was hoped that this would be up and running by the end of May.

### **2009/140 Community Capacity Workers Report.**

A report was received from Michael Fellowes on the work completed since the last meeting. Whilst he had been absent with stress Michael had now virtually completed the Parish Plan and the Parish web-site was almost ready to launch.

Feedback was requested on the Parish Plan and the proposal that from the funding so much could be spent on publication of the Plan and the balanced used to purchase a photocoppy machine which could be used for producing other copies should they be requested. This suggestion had been approved by the funders.

**Resolved:** That Michael is requested to costs out the various options for the next meeting when a decision would be made.

A copy of the front page of the web-site was also available for councillors to view.

Michael also explained his sickness absence from work and also the reasons behind this and advised that he hoped to be back at work the following day. It was felt that someone should welcome Michael back to work and continue the meetings that had been started. Councillor Baker advised he would do that. Discussion also took place and his future workflow and projects and these would also be discussed with him. The clerk also advised on the situation and how this should be handled and the comments were taken on board.

### **2009/141 Area Assembly.**

Councillor Boyes reported that the PACT was a major issue in Rotherham but no so major in our meetings as the Police do have an attendance. The first Policing Pledge meeting was to be held in Brinsworth on the 6<sup>th</sup> April with the following meeting being held in Treeton. Their meetings had now

changed format after suggestion from the Chairman, and had now changed from an all talk meeting to actions on recorded problems to which residents submitted their names and address.

**2009/142 Planning Applications.**

No planning applications had been submitted since the last council meeting.

**2009/143 Public Question Time.**

Vince Pressley raised various issues regarding the Play Area. First he questioned the fencing around the area and this was replied to by the Chairman who outlined how the funding had been achieved and the expenditure covered. He also felt there were problems on site as some of the facilities were designed for older children and the 6 to 10 year olds were not catered for. The possibility of a surveillance camera was also discussed. Councillor Baker also suggested a 'Friends of Washfield Play Area' group to look after the play area. A suggestion that all over 15's be banned from the Play Area was also discussed but this would not be allowed.

**2009/144 Any Other Urgent Business.**

**2009/144 (a)** Councillor Scott raised the problems of the holes in and around the OAP centre. Councillors Boyes and J.F. Swift were to take up the matter with the Borough Council.

**2009/144 (b)** Councillor Whysall again raised the issue of children using Mrs. Browns garden as a footpath. Councillor J.F. Swift was to take up again with the Borough Council.

**2009/144 (c)** Councillor Ms Swift asked if the front of the Reading Rooms could be updated, the notice board and possibly photographs of councillors. It was noted that there used to be other notice boards in the village but they have disappeared over time.

Resolved: That the Village Handyman be asked to tidy up the front of the Reading Rooms.

**2009/144 (d)** Councillor Ms Swift asked if the website was to be advertised and what was the possibility of producing a village newsletter. It was felt that they were projects for Michael Fellowes to deal with.

**2009/144 (e)** Councillor Whysall advised councillors that he would be meeting with the Church the next day to discuss grants for village residents as had been awarded in previous years.

**2009/145 Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**2009/145 (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.

**2009/145 (b)** The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	22.35
Busy Bees Childcare Vouchers - Direct Debit	266.76
C.J. Brown	878.04
M. Brumfield	145.69
R. Bolton	317.68
D. Wilson	217.40
B. Baynham	98.32
G. Walker	49.06
L. Gregory	162.89
J. Gregory	154.49
M.J. Fellowes	1,429.54
C & H Alarms	92.00
Npower Limited	187.89
Fowler Sandford & Co.	58.65
Rotherham M.B.C.	746.75
Yorkshire Water	60.97
TV Licence Grants - Various	60.00
Inland Revenue	3,113.14

Post Office - Direct Debit

79.79

**2009/145 (c)** The clerk advised that Councillor Haycox had now missed his sixth consecutive meeting and under the rules should be disqualified as a Parish Councillor. As such, he would be writing to Councillor Haycox the following day to advise him of this and would also be contacting the Returning Officer at Rotherham MBC of the vacancy and the reason for it.

**2009/146 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 to follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**