

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24th MAY 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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

2010/181 Apologies for Absence.

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

2010/182 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2010 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 A.S. Roddison.

2010/183 Matters Arising.

- 2010/142 Councillor Whysall asked for an update on the situation regarding the car parking problems on Arundel Street and the problems affecting deliveries to the Working Men's Club. Councillor J.F. Swift produced an email which confirmed that the current arrangements were made with the agreement of Ian Trow of the Working Men's Club. Councillor Whysall asked if he could have a copy of the email as the matter was currently with their solicitors.
- 2010/157 b) A response was received from Chris Wilkins of Rotherham MBC regarding the complaints regarding the new housing development off Rother Crescent. This had been circulated to all members of the council. The Chairman was still unhappy about the response and a meeting with officers had been arranged.
- 2010/162 Councillor Whysall asked if the fencing at number 11 Burntwood Crescent could also be considered for replacement as part of the scheme. Councillor J.F. Swift was to put the suggestion forward to Rotherham MBC.

2010/184 Correspondence Received.

- a) An email was received from Environmental Health regarding a complaint of possible noise nuisance from the allotments on Well Lane. The Chairman advised he thought the problem related to chickens and in particular a cockerel. The allotment sub-committee was to look into the complaint.
- b) South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue – A copy of their public consultation document was received. This had been circulated to all members of the council. This considered the possible funding reduction and how services could be maintained.
- c) Rotherham MBC – Notification of the All Parish Council Liaison Meeting that was to be held on Tuesday 15th June in the Bailey Suite at 6.00 p.m.
- d) Rotherham MBC – Notification of the Borough Wide Parish Network Meeting that was to be held on 9th June at Bailey House at 5.30 p.m. There was also a 'Working with Area Assemblies' questionnaire to be completed. The clerk was to complete and return.
- e) Area Assembly – Requesting information on any galas or fetes that were planned for the summer for inclusion in Rotherham News.
- f) South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive – Notification of the change to the Travelmaster scheme. Giving a reduction in the period covered and a slight increase in costs, the first for seventeen months.
- g) South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue – A copy of their May e-newsletter was received and circulated to all councillors as was their May Member Briefing.

- h) Rotherham MBC – Notification of the intention to withdraw their Interim Planning Statement on Rotherham Town Centre originally adopted on 13th October 2008 following a claim for a judicial review.

2010/185 Police and the Local Community.

The meeting was attended by two of the local community officers.

The enquired if an article could be placed in the Newsletter regarding thefts from vehicles. Recently there had been a spate of these types of thefts and on one occasion there had been ten from one street in one night. Several of these vehicles had been left unlocked. They also advised that motorbikes were again becoming a problem particularly since the arrival of the better weather. The Chairman advised that through Area Assembly funding there were now several security measurers now available for the elderly of the village and that the officers would be visiting the elderly regarding having them installed.

2010/186 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.

2010/186 a) Councillor Whysall reported on the underground burst that had caused all the problems at Mrs. Martin's bungalow for the last two years. He enquired if compensation could be paid for the redecoration work that now had to be completed. The Chairman had an email from Maria Watts who outlined how the problem was resolved following a visit by a gas fitter and enquiries were now being made into how it took so long to resolve. She had seen Mrs. Martin's daughter who was unhappy about the length of time it had taken to sort out all the problems and said that she would be making a formal complaint and seeking compensation for the redecoration. The complaints section had now been made aware of the problem.

2010/186 b) The Chairman advised that there was currently a problem with children using the Wood Lane Burial Ground as a thoroughfare. The local PCSO's had been made aware of this.

2010/187 Youth Club.

The Chairman advised that the numbers attending continued to increase. A letter and donation had been received from the Catcliffe and Treeton Angling which was to be used towards Youth Club activities. One suggestion was that £30 could be used to pay for the mini-bus driving test that one of the workers had to take.

Resolved: That the Chairman arranges for the test to take place.

Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.

Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy.

2010/0188 Area Assembly.

The Chairman advised that the next meeting would be held in the village on the 16th June. There would be a presentation on the Waverley project.

2010/189 Education Report.

Following an email received from Hopscotch, organisers of the pre and after school clubs, Councillor Payne advised council that he had declined to attend their requested meeting and would make no comment. He would continue to monitor the situation until the next Governors meeting.

2010/190 Public Question Time

Mrs Gill raised the following issues:

Asked if a key was available for the dyke area – the Chairman was to resolve this issue.

Enquired if there was to be an AGM of the Community Centre. No one was aware of any proposed meeting a following a request from the clerk earlier in the year there had been no reply.

Resolved: A further letter is sent to the committee enquiring as to when their next AGM was to be held.

Enquired about the amount of rubbish being dumped at 53 Mill Lane – the Chairman had already taken up the matter with the Environmental Health.

2010/191 Any Other Urgent Business.

2010/191 a) Councillor Whysall asked if the condition of Long Lane could be looked into. The Chairman had raised the issue of the 'pot holes' that day and Borough Councillor Russell was asked to take up the matter with the Borough as well.

2010/191 b) Councillor Baker advised councillors about the outdoor fitness equipment that he had recently seen on one of the play areas in Whiston. He felt this was a good idea and sought council's views on the matter.

Resolved: The Chairman was asked to take up the matter with Green Spaces and Councillor Goy who was to attend a meeting in Whiston was to make enquiries there whilst he was there.

2010/191 c) Councillor Whysall raised the issue of the floor in the Reading Rooms and asked if it could be looked at.

2010/191 d) Councillor Baker, on the same subject enquired if the floor could be sanded and resealed.

Resolved: Councillor Baker was to obtain a quote for the specified work.

2010/192 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2010/192 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.

2010/192 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	2.00
Rotherham MBC - Direct Debit	161.00
C.J. Brown	580.03
M. Brumfield	131.72
R. Bolton	321.73
D. Wilson	220.20
B. Baynham	99.66
G. Walker	49.83
L. Gregory	164.46
J. Gregory	277.86
I.G. Mason	160.86
Paul Wickson – Bank Transfer	290.00
AON Limited	1,430.36
Assured Fire & Security	328.70
British Gas Business	853.20
Glendale Ltd.,	391.08
G.B.W. Power & Garden Mach	17.60
Pyrotecnix Ltd.,	3,391.05

2010/192 c) The clerk confirmed that the Audit of the Parish Councils accounts had now been completed. The Internal Auditor raised a couple of minor points which had been discussed and resolved. They had no impact or change on the disclosed figures.

2010/192 d) The clerk enquired if the Parish Council had any particular views on the payment of accounts through the internet banking system. Increasing numbers of suppliers were now giving this as an option for payment. It was planned by the banks that cheques would be gradually phased out over the next three years. The clerk advised that at each meeting copies of the bank statements, bank reconciliation and accounts were always available for inspection.

Resolved: The clerk gradually introduces payment to those who offer this facility in preparation for the time when cheques are phased out.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor R.J. Baker.

2010/192 f) The clerk was continuing to prepare the new Standing Orders and would make any changes required as a result of the above resolution. Changes would also be made to the Financial Regulations. It was hoped that they would be approved at the next council meeting.

2010/192 g) The Chairman raised the issue of the possible pension gratuity payable to the clerk upon his retiring after the age of 60 or on the grounds of ill health before that date. This is something that had not previously been considered but should now be and provided for accordingly.

Resolved: That the clerk looks into the various calculation options, selecting the most appropriate one and calculate what provision should be made to date, having this checked by the internal auditor for accuracy. This would then enable the council to make the necessary provision going forward.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor R.J. Baker.

2010/193 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 28th June 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: