

# TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Councillor: J.F. Swift (Chairman)  
Councillors: R.J. Baker (from 8.20 p.m.), D.A. Goy, C.L. Nuttall,  
G.E. Payne, Miss J Swift and D. Whysall.  
In attendance: C.J. Brown.

## **2009/120 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Boyes and G. Nightingale.

## **2009/121 Minutes of Meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 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.

## **2009/122 Meeting With Andrea Peers – Rother Valley West A.A.**

Andrea Peers attended the meeting to outline the devolved budget for the coming year and as to what applications could be submitted and who could submit them.

She advised that the budget for the current year was £77k and as to how this had been spent. She advised that the budget for next year was the same although Councillor J.F. Swift advised that he was aware that it had now risen to £135k. Projects within the village for the current year included £9k towards the Treeton Cyber Café. Other projects had been funded in Aston, Brinsworth etc.

For the next year Community Groups were being asked to make submission of projects for consideration. Out of the total funding £25k had been ring fenced for Thurcroft for work on their deprivations capital projects. Projects had already been identified for submission included anti-social behaviour. All projects had to be submitted by the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Projects would then be considered and if they fit the criteria set out would be put forward for consideration for funding.

Copies of the application form and guidance notes were circulated to all councillors.

## **2009/123 Correspondence Received.**

- a) Rotherham MBC – Grounds Maintenance 2009/20. A letter was received from Richard Malkin advising that the costs for maintaining the grounds for the following year would be £640.16. Confirmation was requested by 13<sup>th</sup> March.  
**Resolved:** That the quotation is accepted.  
Proposed: Councillor D. Whysall.  
Seconded: Councillor M. Scott.
- b) Rotherham Dog Rescue. A letter was received seeking a donation towards their funding.  
**Resolved:** That the application is noted.
- c) Rotherham MBC – Parish review. A letter was received from the Asst. Chief Executive regarding the proposals submitted by the Parish Council in December 2007. On the first two suggestions with land transferred to Brinsworth they were currently seeking the views of Brinsworth Parish Council. If they agreed agreement would have to be then sought from the Electoral Commission to change the Borough Ward Boundary. The third change sought to transfer land from Catcliffe into the Treeton boundary. Again the same process was being undertaken. The fourth suggestion involving Orgreave Parish Council was basically in line with a proposal from them so the change is likely to be supported. Further updates would be issued as and when they became available.

- d) Rotherham MBC – Parish Network Meeting. The scheduled meeting for the 27<sup>th</sup> February had now been postponed and rescheduled for sometime during April 2009.
- e) WEA Community Archaeology Project. Notification of a seminar that they were holding on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in Sheffield was received.
- f) Rotherham MBC – Children and Young People’s and Regeneration scrutiny panels. They were to be undertaking a scrutiny review into road safety outside schools. To gain an understanding schools, parents, governors and residents were to be consulted.
- g) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority. Following a request from Councillor Fred Wright all Parish Councils in Rotherham were to receive a copy of their member briefing note. The February issue was available for councillors.
- h) Rotherham MBC. – Credit Crunch - Rotherham’s Action Plan. Details of the Rotherham MBC Plan were received.
- i) Environmental Works Road Show – Details were received of the Environmental Teams visits were received. This gave a list of locations with dates that they were visiting. The nearest was the Morrisons Car park in Catcliffe on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- j) Bluebell Wood – Latest edition of their e-newsletter.
- k) South Yorkshire Police Authority. – Citizens’ Awards Grants. Details of grants of up to £2,000 which were available under the scheme. Applications had to be submitted by 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**2009/124 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.**

**2009/124 a)** Councillor J.F. Swift advised that the broken slabs in the Burial Ground were to be replaced.

**2009/124 b)** Councillor Scott raised the issue of the trees outside 1 Bole Hill which needed trimming back. Councillor J.F. Swift advised that they were on the programme to be trimmed.

**2009/125 Recreation Grounds and Play Areas.**

**2009/125 a)** Team management and parents of the Treeton Juniors Football Team attended the meeting after problems with the letting of the all weather surface pitch. One member had passed on the key code and all teams had been using the facility. Following discussions with the council it was agreed that each team would apply to the council to hire the pitch and they would be invoiced accordingly.

**2009/125 b)** A letter was received from Nick Barnes which advised that the Washfield Lane Play Scheme was scheduled for completion on 13<sup>th</sup> February, it was confirmed however, that the completion date had been moved to the 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**2009/125 c)** Councillor Whysall asked if the Village Handyman could visit the ‘Cow Field’ and inspect it to ensure that the surface was clear for playing on.

**2009/126 Education Report.**

Councillor Payne advised that he had been appointed on to the Finance Committee at Treeton School.

Questions were asked about the road usage particularly that of the new Spine Road as traffic only appeared to be up 5% on this since it had opened. A survey on the road usage was requested.

Resolved: The clerk requests Rotherham MBC carry out a survey of traffic on the new road.

**2009/127 Community Capacity Workers Report.**

Following the employment sub committee meeting Michael Fellowes had been instructed not to attend the Council meetings unless specifically requested. He was asked to prepare a monthly report for councillors instead.

A reply from Paul Griffiths on the website had been received following a request from the clerk. He advised that BRT had done the basic design, photographs were now needed. Once they had been added the design would be submitted to the council for approval. The with training from RBT it would be handed over for the Parish Council to maintain.

### **2009/127 Employment Sub Committee.**

The first meeting of the employment sub committee had taken place recently. A copy of the minutes of the meeting was circulated to all members of the council.

As councillor Nuttall was experiencing problems attending the meeting it was suggested that councillor Baker took his place or substituted for him on the committee.

**Resolved:** That councillor Baker substitutes for councillor Nuttall on the Employment sub committee.

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

### **2009/128 Planning Applications.**

A site meeting and planning meeting with the Rotherham MBC had taken place during the day. Whilst the representations from the village against the application were well presented and the residents were happy with the Parish Council involvement the decision was taken 5 votes to 3 in favour of the development.

Since the last meeting two application had been submitted, these were:

- i) Single storey rear extension with first floor balcony over and attached garage to side at The Bungalow, Church Lane for P. Jackson.
- ii) Erection of a detached bungalow (amendment to RB2008/913) at 14 Flatts Lane for G. Armitage.

**Resolved:** That there are no objections to the applications.

### **2009/129 Public Question Time.**

**2009/129 a)** Mr. Rawling questioned the use of the land at the back of Rodwell Close. It as thought that this had been the subject of a Planning Application but nothing had been heard of since.

**2009/129 b)** A grit bin was requested for Rodwell Close and Lyminton Lane. Councillor J.F. Swift advised tht he had made requests for several more bins within the village and if they did not materialise this year then they should be in place for next year.

**2009/129 c)** Councillor Goy asked if one could be placed on Pit Lane. Councillor J.F. Swift replied that one could not be placed on this road as it was a private roadway.

### **2009/130 Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**2009/130 (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.

**2009/130 (b)** The clerk, in conjunction with the Internal Auditor, had produced a Statement on Internal control and Review of Effectiveness for the 2008/2009 year for the Parish Council. This would be a requirement at the Annual Audit and would be required going forward.

**Resolved:** That the Internal Control document be approved for the 2008/2009 year.

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

**2009/130 (c)** The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	4.00
Busy Bees Childcare Vouchers - Direct Debit	266.76
C.J. Brown	586.91
M. Brumfield	151.17

J. Whysall	174.30
R. Bolton	317.88
I.G. Mason	70.72
D. Wilson	243.50
B. Baynham	110.02
G. Walker	55.01
L. Gregory	179.29
J. Gregory	170.89
M.J. Fellowes	1,399.54
J. Whysall	12.03

**2009/131 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**