

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th DECEMBER 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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

2010/244 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Whysall and R. Russell.

2010/245 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2010 were taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the council.

Resolved: That the minutes are approved.

Proposed: Councillor M. Scott.
Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy.

2010/246 Matters Arising.

- 2010/142 Councillor Goy enquired as to the progress being made regarding the Working Men's Club. The Chairman replied that things were progressing between the Borough Council and the Rotherham PHT but there had still be no response from the solicitors acting on behalf of the Working Men's Club.
- 2010/236 b) Due to the weather the proposed road closure of Rother Crescent to allow Jones Homes to carry out final re-surfacing work had not taken place. The Chairman advised that they would now have to apply again, Bob Stocks of Rotherham MBC advising that the process would have to start from scratch again.

2010/247 Correspondence Received.

- a) Penny Hill Wind Farm – email from the new development co-ordinator introducing herself. Any future queries should be directed to her.
- b) Rother Valley West A A – Notification of the next PACT meeting which was to be held on Monday 20th December at 10.00 a.m. at the Aston Customer Service Centre.
- c) Rural Matters – Copy of the November newsletter was received.
- d) Yorkshire LCA – Ballot to select a replacement Parish Representative and deputy to the Rotherham MBC Standards Committee (Parishes). The two nominations were Councillor P Blanksby and Councillor D Rowley.

Resolved: The council support Councillor P Blanksby.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor A.S. Roddison.

- e) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – Copy of their December Member Briefing were received as were their e-newsletter.
- f) Aston Comprehensive School – email requesting a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss their application for Academy Status. The request was received too late for them to attend the meeting. Councillor J.F. Swift a governor at the school outlined the situation.

Resolved: An open meeting is arranged for the middle of January 2011. When the date was confirmed by the Governors Councillor Payne was to book the Treeton Junior School for the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor A.S. Roddison.

Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy.

2010/248 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.

With the cancellation of the proposed meeting with Chris Wilkins to discuss Jones Homes due to the bad weather, he advised that he would not be able to attend a meeting before the New Year. Arrangements were to be made for a meeting in early January 2011

2010/249 Recreation Grounds and Play Areas.

Councillor Roddison enquired as to if there had been any damage to the playground equipment during the bad weather. The Chairman replied that Rotherham MBC checks all play equipment every two weeks and that both Ray Bolton and Ian Mason visit the playgrounds on a regular basis both to clean the area and check the equipment.

2010/250 Youth Club.

The Chairman reported that numbers were still on the increase. Last Saturday saw the pantomime trip which was a great success. It was also reported that faults had been discovered in one of the floodlight pylons, the cost of the repairs being £777.70 plus vat.

Resolved: That the costs of the repairs are approved.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor M. Scott.

2010/251 Area Assembly.

The Chairman advised that with funding through the Area Assembly the Treeton Cricket Club were carrying out after school coaching at Indoor Facilities for both Treeton and Swallownest Junior Schools.

2010/252 Planning Applications.

Applications submitted since the last meeting included:

- R2010/1514 Single storey rear extension at Jackson Farm, Station Road for Mr Parker-Foers.
- R2010/1580 Listed building consent for R2010/1514
- R2010/1576 Change of use from public house (Use Class A4) to a day nursery (Use Class D1) and erection of covered area to rear (amendment to RB2010/1201) at Station PH, Station Road, Treeton for Kirsty Hanberry.

Ken Baylin the developer for the Nursery project attended the meeting and gave the council an update on their current application and how things were progressing.

Resolved: That the council has no objections to either of the applications.

2010/253 Public Question Time

Mrs Gill raised the following issues:

Asked again if there had been any response from the Community Centre regarding their AGM. The clerk replied that he had received a further email from the Community Centre which advised that they were talking to the Charity Commission about the situation as currently they had a lack of active trustees, having lost the late Mark Procknicki and two other trustees to long term illness. They also said that they were working to rectify the issue and would appreciate the support of the Parish Council and if any member of the village who had an issue with them to contact them direct as they were currently attempting to recruit new trustees.

Resolved: A reply is sent inviting the Community Centre Management Committee to meet the Parish Council in the Reading Rooms to see what assistance the Parish Council could offer to try and assist them resolved their issues and as to what support they had received from the Charity Commission.

Enquired about the Waverley Footpath – the Chairman replied that there was a planning meeting to discuss the path later in the week.

Enquired as to how Government cuts would affect Community Policing – the Chairman replied that there was to be a meeting at the Town Hall the following day to discuss this and other matters affected by the recently announced funding cuts.

Commented on the gritting nightmare during the past bad weather, a resident went to one of the gritting depots only to find it locked and no-one there. Councillor Baker advised that on his road residents had got together as a team and removed all the snow so that they could get out and go to work. He felt that if more residents showed the same initiative and drive similar situations to those which had recently happened would be quickly resolved.

2010/254 Any Other Urgent Business.

Councillor Roddison advised that Father Christmas would be visiting the village on the 17th December 2010 between 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. He advised of the route that would be taken through the village.

2010/255 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2010/255 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.

2010/255 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
Dignity UK – Bank Transfer	502.00
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First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	352.12
C.J. Brown	1,020.71
M. Brumfield	136.33
R. Bolton	328.95
D. Wilson	220.20
B. Baynham	99.46
G. Walker	199.12
L. Gregory	139.46
J. Gregory	295.94
I.G. Mason	380.79
Inland Revenue	1,764.34
Npower Limited	152.69
Yorkshire Water	58.04
Post Office - Direct Debit	112.66
Rotherham MBC - Direct Debit	85.00
Petty Cash	59.33
Croft Electrical Engineering	913.80
G.B.W. Power & Garden Mach	129.13

2010/255 (c) Annual Reviews.

The following Annual Reviews were carried out to be applicable from the 1st April 2011.

2010/255 (c) i Allotment Rents.

Resolved: That Allotment Rents remain at the current rate of £5 per plot.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor A.S. Roddison

2010/255 (c) ii Burial Fees.

Resolved: These continue to be charged in line with those of the Borough Council plus 15% for administration charges.

Proposed: Councillor G.E. Payne.
Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy.

2010/255 (c) iii Caretakers Salary.

Resolved: Continue to pay at 25 hours at the National Minimum Wage. An increase had recently been implemented with the increase in the N.M.W. The same applies for the forthcoming year. Windows allowance is increased in line with inflation.

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

2010/255 (c) iv Clerks Salary and Expenses.

Resolved: That the payment of the clerks' salary continues to be paid in line with the rates paid at national level for the agreed hours worked. An Ex-gratia payment of £50 is made for additional works carried out, travel paid at National Mileage Rates and clerical expenses be reimbursed.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor R. Baker.

2010/255 (c) v Youth Club Workers Salary.

Resolved: This is increased in line with the rates paid by Rotherham MBC, as agreed with their union, at the next review date.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor G.E. Payne.

2010/255 (c) vi Village Handyman.

Resolved: That payment continues in line with previous years. 16 hours per week paid at the National Minimum Wage having just been increased in line with the N.M.W. The same applies for the forthcoming year.

Proposed: Councillor G.E. Payne.
Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy.

2010/255 (c) vi Village Footpaths Officer.

Resolved: That payment continues in line with previous years. Agreed hours per week paid at the National Minimum Wage having just been increased in line with the N.M.W. The same applies for the forthcoming year.

Proposed: Councillor G.E. Payne.
Seconded: Councillor D.A. Goy.

2010/255 (c) viii Reading Room Lettings – General.

Resolved: Those lettings are increased to £3.50 per hour.

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

2010/255 (d) The clerk asked council for guidelines for Precepting for the following year. In discussion it was suggested that consideration be given to improving the kitchen, looking at a replacement boiler for the heating and hot water, the current one was not working properly, continuation of the TV Licence scheme and for general building and machinery repairs.

Resolved: That the precept for next year is on the same basis as for the current year and this was to include estimates for the projects discussed.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor G.E. Payne.

2010/256 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 24th January 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: