

# TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 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 and G. Boyes.

## **2010/112 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Roddison and G. Nightingale.

## **2010/113 Minutes of Meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 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 M. Scott.

## **2010/114 Matters Arising.**

2010/096 A reply was received from Jones Homes (Northern) Ltd., advising that the seat was a memorial to a former employee Ernest Bidwell who had himself worked on the site and whose son still does. It was also suggested that the Police be contacted as a public order matter. It was suggested a letter be sent back asking for the contact details of the Bidwell family so direct contact could be made for a sympathetic request for the re-siting at the Parish Councils expense.

**Resolved:** A letter is sent to Jones Homes requesting details of who to contact to make the request.

2010/097 b) A reply was received from the Post Office apologising for the inconvenience caused to the community for lack of service to the area. The Filed Advisor handling the situation advised that he was awaiting the finalisation of Mr. Prosniki's estate. Once this has been received the vacancy for a replacement sub postmaster would be advertised. There were no facilities for an outreach service to be provided until that time.

Councillor Whysall asked if there was any chance that the former Headmasters house at the old village school could possibly be considered as a Post Office. It was felt that the outcome of the Post Offices efforts should be considered first.

## **2010/115 Correspondence Received.**

a) Rotherham MBC – Public rights of Way Local Paths Partnership Scheme. A letter was received enquiring if the parish Council were interested in continuing the scheme that had run for the previous two years.

**Resolved:** That the clerk submits an application on behalf of the Parish Council.

b) NHS Rotherham – Notification of their Adding Quality Adding Value half day conference to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at the consort Suite, Thurcroft.

c) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification of service changes that were to be effective from 30<sup>th</sup> January. There was a minor change to the route of the service 33 which affected the village.

d) AGE Concern Rotherham – Details of their Fit As A Fiddle Project were received from the new co-ordinator Wendy Dickinson who also offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the project and how it could affect the village.

Resolved: That Wendy Dickinson is invited to the next meeting for a slot at 6.45 p.m.

- e) Rotherham MBC – Dog Control Review 2010. A letter was received seeking the views of the Council on whether to introduce further Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. The clerk was asked to complete the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.
- f) Rotherham MBC – Minutes of the Rotherham Play partnership meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were received.

#### **2010/116 Allotment, Environment and Cemeteries.**

- 2010/116 a)** Councillor Whysall again enquired as to the progress on Mrs. Martin's bungalow and the damp problem. Councillor J.F. Swift would report direct to Councillor Whysall, currently his laptop was out of use. It was reported that an alternative bungalow was available on Treetown Crescent which could be used whilst the problems were being looked into or alternatively just could be let. It was reported by Councillor Scott that there appeared to have been a change in letting criteria. Councillor Boyes was to take up both matters with the Borough Council.
- 2010/116 b)** Councillor Whysall enquired about the progress on moving the Burial Ground tap. Councillor J.F. Swift questioned the need for change. It was replied that currently people were leaving rubbish at the back of the tap which was then overflowing on the graves at the rear of the tap. Councillor Swift was to look into the moving of the tap.
- 2010/116 c)** Councillor Whysall raised the issue to the weight of bins collected from those still with coal fires. Ashes needed to be dampened down before they could be put into the bins, this caused the additional weight. The suggestion of a metal bin or box for these ashes was put forward. Councillor J.F. Swift was to raise the issue with the Borough Council.
- 2010/116 d)** Roadway and Footpath problems - The condition of Long Lane was raised although it was reported that the potholes had now been filled in. It was also reported that the problem at the working Men's Club was no extremely dangerous now being five foot wide and eighteen inches deep. Councillor J.F. Swift was to raise the issue with the Borough Council. Councillor Baker enquired about the bottom of Mill Lane, it was replied that this was on the list of roads to complete. Parking on Treetown Crescent was again raised and it was asked if a grant could be obtained for tarmacing a parking space. Councillor Goy advised that all the monies for these projects had been allocated. Councillor J.F. Swift however, added that Car parking should be provided by March for an additional five spaces. The roadway at Arundel Cottages would also be re-surfaced. The footpaths on Arundel Avenue, Arundel Road, Arundel Street and Mill Lane were all scheduled for a full repair. High Hazels Road had formally been adopted by Rotherham MBC on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010.
- 2010/116 e)** Councillor Whysall also enquired about the fencing near the Chapel of Rest which appeared to have been damaged. Councillor J.F. Swift was to look into the matter.

#### **2010/117 Youth Club.**

The Chairman gave an update on the Cyber Café. A further laptops, printers and dongles were to be purchased within the next week. Rotherham MBC were offering to run courses in the coming months. The costs of these courses would only be £1 per session which would be used to contribute to the purchase additional broadband time in the future. The first of these courses would be on basic computing then moving on to more advanced. It was also hoped to run a First Aid Course in the near future as well. The café would be officially opened to the public on the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **2010/118 Police and the Local Community.**

The meeting was attended by two of the local PCSO's.

They advised that various arrests had been made in the village recently and that various projects were still ongoing with monitoring taking place. Councillor Goy enquired about the illegal off-road bikes currently on the village roads. Currently the Police had no evidence against these only word of mouth and that they were not able to pursue these bikes. They needed dates, times and places to build up a profile before action could be taken. Councillor Payne enquired about the break in at the

Community Centre but again investigations were ongoing. There was to be a community clean up possibly at Nicols shop and Treetown Crescent. Councillor Whysall reported an incident involving his daughter who saw a white van brush past her and cross the roundabout, not go around it, at the end of Wood Lane. This was not the first time this had been see recently. Councillor Goy also raised the issue of tyres being dumped on Long Lane. These two incidents were to be looked into.

#### **2010/0119 Rother Valley West Parish Councils Network.**

Councillor Goy gave a report on the last meeting of the network. The main topic of discussion was the proposed boundary changes between Brinsworth and Catcliffe. And there was also a discussion on the Waverley decision. Councillor's training was to be placed on the next agenda.

#### **2010/120 Planning Applications.**

There had been two application submitted since the last meeting:

- RB2009/1430            Six week's notice of intent to prune 3 line trees within Treeton Conservation Area at Rectory Cottage, Church Lane for Mr. P. Pickburn.
- RB2009/1482            Single storey rear extension at 4 Woodlands Farm, Front Street for Mrs. C. Staniland.

Resolved:        There were no objections to these applications.

A letter was also received from the Chief Executives Office advising of the latest Training Sessions held by the Planning Board. They were to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 25<sup>th</sup> march and 15<sup>th</sup> April. All were to be held at Bailey House.

#### **2010/121 Public Question Time.**

Mrs. Smith asked if there was any update on the lock on the training centre gate. The Chairman advised that there were still problems with Jones Homs (Northern) Ltd. They had removed the lock and replaced it with one of their own. They had been given one month to restore the old lock or the Borough Council may remove Jones lock and replace it with one of their own.

#### **2010/122 Any Other Urgent Business.**

- 2010/122 a)** Councillor Scott raised the issue of the Carers who did the assessments at the OAP centre on Monday and Fridays. They were hoping to have had others to come in and help but so far there had been no response. The Chairman was to call in on Friday before taking it up with the Borough Council.
- 2010/122 b)** Councillor Scott also raised the issue of indoor Bowling facilities in the Borough. Explaining that facilities in Worksop and Doncaster were far superior that any that could be offered in Rotherham. He suggested two sites that could be considered being the former Big W building and the now disused B & Q Building just off Centenary Way. Councillor Boyes was to enquire with the Borough Council any plans that they may have.

#### **2010/123 Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

- 2010/123 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.
- 2010/123 b)** The following accounts were approved for payment.

	£
First Direct - Visa - Direct Debit	103.65
C.J. Brown	548.16
M. Brumfield	141.12
R. Bolton	321.53
D. Wilson	220.00

B. Baynham	99.66
G. Walker	49.83
L. Gregory	164.46
J. Gregory	156.26
I.G. Mason	235.06
Ramblers	40.50
Rotherham Crematorium & Cemetery	150.00
Iris Business Software	164.50
Lemark Office Equipment	3,223.44

**2010/123 c)** Councillor Goy had obtained two quotes for replacement windows for the Reading Room and a further quote should be available for the next meeting.

Resolved: When the third quotation is available a decision then is made.

**2010/123 d)** The clerk had prepared his estimates for Precept for the 2010/2011 Financial Year. These were based on current spend and income with projections forward and recommendations and requirements put forward by councillors. The recommended precept amount was £52,000 as guided which showed a reduction on the current year and would allow for the expenditure and build up of balances required.

Resolved: That the Precepted amount be set at £52,000.

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

**2010/123 e)** A discussion took place on the salary increase of the clerk and a recommendation was made by the Chairman for councillors to consider.

Resolved: That the clerk's salary is increased by two increments.

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

**2010/123 f)** Councillors discussed the applications for the casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor. The clerk had circulated all councillors with copies of the applications that had been submitted.

Resolved: That for the time being, a decision on an appointment be deferred until a future date.

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

**2010/124 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**