

RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ratcliffe on the Wreake Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2021 at 7.30 PM in the village hall

Present:

Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Wrood, Cllr Poland, 3 members of the public and the clerk.

502/2021 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Le Gros & Cllr Wright

503/2021 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

As agreed Declarations of Interest would be recorded at the start of each meeting. Councillors declaring an interest would still be entitled to take part in discussions unless the item is prejudicial, councillors would not be allowed to vote on the item or add opinion.

- N/A

504/2021 – County Council/District Council/Police reports

- See separate report from Cllr Poland.
- The clerk reported that she had received a communication from PSCO Lesley Harrison to confirm that there were no reports for the parish up to the 15th July.

505/2021 – Presentation by Charnwood Borough Council Planning Department on the planning process

The clerk reported that the Head of Planning & Regeneration Services was unable to attend the meeting but had commented that all applications are notified in the weekly list. In terms of site notices, the law specifies when a site notice is required and it should be noted by the parish council that not all application types are required to have a site notice. He advised that applications for prior approval for example do not require a site notice to be erected. It was noted that there is virtual training session planned in October which will deal with planning matters including s106 contributions and if anyone wishes to attend they can do.

506/2021 - Public Forum – 10 minutes

Members of the public were asked to declare their name when addressing the Chair if they wish for their name to be minuted in this section of the meeting, if they did not want their name mentioned they need not declare it.

- A member of the public asked about the street lighting survey and what action was being taken. The Chair reported that the majority of responses from residents was that they did not want additional street lighting in the village. It was noted that additional lighting has been put up at the village hall.
- A member of the public asked about the leak on Main Street. It was noted that this has been reported.
- A member of the public asked about the sign that is on the ground on the grass triangle as you enter the village. The clerk confirmed that she would take a picture and report it to Highways.

507/2021 – Resolution to approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 6th May 2021

A copy of the minutes were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Wood proposed that the minutes be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Lewis and all councillors were in agreement. The minutes will be added to the website.

508/2021 – Resolution to approve payments

A copy of the payment schedule was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting which totaled £519.00. Cllr Wood proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Lewis and all councillors were in agreement.

- 2Commune Ltd, website hosting = £330.00
- Helen Chadwick, clerks salary = £175.00
- Village Hall, hall hire = £14.00

509/2021 – Planning applications including the draft local plan

A copy of planning applications and the draft local plan had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and it was noted that there were no comments.

It was suggested that we should chase the Charnwood Borough Council Enforcement Team for an update on the work at Ratcliffe Hall.

510/2021 – Update regarding the ongoing issues with the drains in the village

In the absence of Cllr Wright, the clerk commented that there is no more news from Severn Trent but that they have been made aware of the ongoing issues and are looking to address the pumping station repair, flood

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mitigation for a resident, contractors repair of driveway and the long term pumping station scheme. Further updates will be provided when they are available.

511/2021 – Update regarding the installation of white lines on Church Lane to identify the location of spaces

The clerk reported that she has spoken with Highways and they have commented that whilst they appreciate that the area in question is utilized for parking it is a designated turning area and as such it cannot be condoned as a parking area. Highways are therefore unable to put in any markings that would be seen to encourage parking in a turning area.

512/2021 – To discuss the concerns raised by parishioners about the long grass in Jubilee Way and agree actions

It was noted that concerns have been raised about the long grass in Jubilee Way and whether any action can be taken. The Chair confirmed that Jubilee Way is a right of way and as long as it is not obstructed by a gate or a fence, you only need to be able to walk it. There is no requirement for the grass to be cut, the way is not blocked and is passable. It was also noted that the way is not parish council land, it is private land.

513/2021 – To discuss the concerns raised with Ratcliffe Commercial Garage on the A46 and agree actions

It was reported that the light haulage yard looks more like a scrap yard and there is concern about the way some of the vehicles are parked because they causing a hazard. It was noted that as you come up the slip road onto the A46 your visibility is blocked by some of the vehicles. Cllr Poland reported that if this is on Highways land it would be the responsibility of Helen Robinson at the Planning Enforcement Team, she will be able to provide advice on the best course of action. It was also noted that there are ongoing concerns about the speed of vehicles as they come off the A46 and whether it would be possible to have some mirrors installed to help with vision.

514/2021 – To discuss the current meeting arrangements and agree actions

The Chair reported that whilst we had been having zoom meetings they had made it easier for people to attend but as these are no longer possible he asked whether we should look for an alternative day or time so that we can be flexible. It was agreed that because not all councillors were present this would be discussed at a future meeting.

515/2021 – Parish Councillor updates

Cllr Chaplin reported that:

- Walking to North Lodge Farm they have taken a hedge out and put a fence up, which has might a slight alteration to the direction of the footpath. It was noted that there was no application to divert the footpath and this should be raised with planning/highways.

Cllr Lewis reported that:

- There are more and more people parking on the footpath on Main Street and because this is an offence could we put an article in the newsletter.
- Two of the new trees planted have died. The Chair commented that he had noticed this and will write to the supplier to see what their thoughts are and whether they would replace the trees.

516/2021 – Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

Signed:

Date:

Chair closed the meeting at 21:05