

RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 10th May 2016 at 7.30 PM in the village hall

Present:

Cllr Tom Chaplin, Cllr Pauline Lewis, Cllr Mick Wells, Cllr Cartwright and Cllr Emily Le Gros
The clerk
6 members of the public were present

The Clerk opened the meeting at 7.30 PM

175/2016 – Appointment of Chairman

Cllr Wells proposed Cllr Chaplin as the Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Le Gros. Cllr Chaplin accepted the position of Chair for a further 12 months.

176/2016 – Appointment of Vice Chair

Cllr Wells proposed Cllr Cartwright as the Vice Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Lewis. Cllr Cartwright accepted the position of Vice Chair for a further 12 months.

177/2016 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr James Poland & Cllr David Houseman

178/2016 - Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items of 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.

- All Cllrs declared an interest in item 185/2016 as residents of Ratcliffe village.

179/2016 – County Council/Police reports

- Cllr Houseman submitted his report prior to the meeting.

180/2016 - Public Questions

Members of the public were asked to declare their name when addressing the Chairman if they wished 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.

- N/A

181/2016 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of the 31st March 2016

The minutes of the meetings were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for them to be reviewed. .

Resolved: The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed.

182/2016 - Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

- Current account balance = £1,976.48
- Reserve account balance = £11,873.45

The following cheque was agreed:

0305	• LRALC, annual membership	£111.34
0306	• Ratcliffe Village Hall, hall hire	£13.00
0303	• Helen Chadwick, clerks salary and expenses	£216.07
0304	• Moss Solicitors, lease agreement to date	£780.00

	Total outgoing cheques:	£1,120.41
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Resolved: Cheques will be processed and posted out at the earliest convenience.

183/2016 – To discuss and agree any amendments to the Standing Orders

A copy of the Standing Orders were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and councillors agreed that no amendments were required.

184/2016 – To discuss and agree any amendments to the Parish Council Financial Orders

A copy of the Financial Orders were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and councillors agreed that no amendments were required.

185/2016 – Resolution to approve and sign year end accounts for 2015/2016

The clerk presented the year end accounts for 2015/2016 which showed an income of £2,560.99 and expenditure of £2,002.00. The parish council has reserves of £11,873.45. Councillors reviewed the accounts and Cllr Chaplin proposed that they be accepted them as a true reflection of the accounts for 2015/2016 and this was seconded by Cllr Cartright.

Resolution: The year end accounts were signed by the Chair and the clerk, the clerk will submit them to the auditor, Grant Thornton, to ensure we meet the June deadline.

186/2016 – Update on rents for the garage spaces and agree actions

The clerk confirmed that letters had been sent to the individuals but no response had been received. It was agreed that another letter would be sent and should include a deadline date for a response and a clause that states if no communication is received the Parish Council will presume that the garages spaces are no longer required.

187/2016 – To discuss and agree action in relation to the complaint about the land on Church Lane

The clerk reported that Charnwood Borough Council had received a complaint regarding the condition and future plans for the area on Church Lane. The clerk confirmed that she has been in regular contact with Charnwood Borough and has confirmed that with regards to the container and the building waste, there has been a new house built and some building work going on to other properties in the street and these items belong to the builder, the builder has been asked on numerous occasions to move them but they have told us that they will not be moved until the building works have been completed. With regards to the weeds, it has been our intention to tidy the area but we felt that until the builder had finished and removed all his items it was better to leave it and tidy everything in one go.

The clerk confirmed that she has also been in communication the individual who has submitted the complaint and has clarified that the area has been left in a mess by a builder that has been working on Church Lane and that we have asked the builder to clear the site and tidy up the mess he has created and has said that he will do it when he has finished the building work, which he won't tell us how long it is going to take.

The clerk also confirmed that she has spoken with Charnwood Borough Council and the complainant that it is our intention to create some hard standing parking spaces at the front of the area and a wildflower meadow at the rear, but nothing has been confirmed and we will need to find out whether planning permission is required.

Resolved: It was agreed that the clerk would contact Charnwood Borough Council to see whether they can help with the issue of removing the builder's equipment and to contact the builder again and ask him for a deadline of when his property will be removed.

188/2016 – To discuss and agree action in relation to clearing the land and agree finances

Cllr Chaplin confirmed that he had made a start on clearing the land and would continue to do so until the area was clear of all overgrowth. Councillors agreed that until the lease had been agreed and signed and confirmation had been received as to whether planning permission was required for future work it would be difficult to discuss finances and it was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.

189/2016 – To discuss and action in relation to the lease

The clerk confirmed that she has spoken with Charnwood Borough Council and until the land is

cleared and the builder's equipment removed the lease cannot proceed. Councillors agreed that it was a priority to ensure the land was cleared as soon as possible and guidance sought on how to remove the builder's equipment.

190/2016 – To discuss and agree how parking spaces will be offered and allocated if over subscribed

Councillors discussed various options and it was agreed that the main reason for maintaining the lease was to ensure that parking on Church Lane is improved and that once we had received confirmation as to whether the individuals who currently rent the spaces still required them or not then a letter would be sent to the property owners of number 6, 8, 10 and 12 Church Lane to see whether they would be interested in renting a space. A deadline date would be given for letters of interest and if over subscribed it was agreed that those who had lived on Church Lane the longest would be successful.

191/2016 – To discuss and agree action in relation to dog fouling

Councillors reported that they had received several complaints regarding dog fouling in the village and whilst the council had previously looked at the installation of dog bins around the village it was agreed that cost of these was not financial viable.

The clerk confirmed that there are several dog foul schemes and it was suggested these be looked into. It was also suggested that an article be placed on the noticeboard and in the newsletter reminding dog owners that dogs should be kept on a lead and that dog foul should be removed.

192/2016 – Update on The Boathouse

The clerk confirmed that she had written to land owner to request permission to access the site whilst renovation work is carried out, no response has been received to date. The clerk will contact again prior to the next meeting.

193/2016 – Update on replacement trees on Thrussington Road

The clerk reported that she has been in contact with Highways regarding the replacement of the trees and they have confirmed that there is currently no funding to replace these trees. Cllr Wells suggested that the clerk contact Highways again because the trees were planted as part of the Millennium project and should be maintained by them.

194/2016 – Parish Councillor Updates

Cllr Lewis reported that:

- The bonfire at Northfield Farm is still alight. *The clerk confirmed that this has been reported on numerous occasions but will report it again and also report it to Environmental Health.*

195/2016 – Date of next meeting

The clerk reported that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th July and will commence at 7.30 PM.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.00 PM.

Signed:

Date: