

RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday 14th July 2016 at 7.30 PM in the village hall

Present:

Cllr Tom Chaplin, Cllr Pauline Lewis and Cllr Mick Wells

The clerk

6 members of the public were present

196/2016 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Cartwright and Cllr Emily Le Gros
- Cllr James Poland & Cllr David Houseman

197/2016 - 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.

- N/A

198/2016 – County Council/Police reports

- N/A.

199/2016 - 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.

- A member of the public reported a bonfire at Hall Farm and that it had been burning for some time and that there was a lot of smoke close to the road. *The clerk confirmed that the bonfire had previously been reported and that she would report it again.*
- A member of the public asked about the state of the land on Church Lane. *The Chair commented that the Parish Council were in the process of applying for planning permission so that works could be carried out to tidy the area and provide off street car parking.*

200/2016 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of the 10th May 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.

201/2016 - Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

- Current account balance = £1,042.76
- Reserve account balance = £11,874.93

The following cheque was agreed:

0305	• LRALC, Good Councillor Guides	£10.00
0306	• Ratcliffe Village Hall, hall hire	£13.00
0307	• Leicestershire County Council, website provision to 31.08.16	£30.00
0308	• Helen Chadwick, clerks salary and expenses	£273.87
	Total outgoing cheques:	£326.87

Resolved: Cheques will be processed and posted out at the earliest convenience.

202/2016 – Update on site visit by Leicestershire Highways in relation to traffic calming

The clerk reported that she had been in contact with, Stuart Bullen, the Traffic Officer to try to arrange a site visit but had been unsuccessful due to staff illness and holiday. The clerk will contact him again when he returns from leave.

203/2016 – Update on the Charnwood Borough Council lease agreement

The clerk reported that the lease agreement is in hand but cannot be signed until the site has been cleared. Councillors and volunteers have done a great job clearing as much of the site as possible but until the builders 'van body' has been removed no further action can be taken. The clerk confirmed that she had spoken with the builder and he had informed her that the 'van body' would be removed as soon as he was back from holiday. Councillors agreed to wait until the builder had returned from holiday and if the 'van body' had not been moved then further action would be taken.

204/2016 – To discuss the removal of unused garage on Church Lane and agree action

The Chair reported that there is one unused garage on the site and this will need to be removed. There is asbestos within the garage and quotes will need to be sourced to ensure the correct disposal of the asbestos. The clerk also confirmed that landlords consent and planning permission would be required to remove the garage.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Chair would source quotes for the removal of the garage and the clerk would request the landlords consent and apply for planning permission.

205/2016 – Update on progress made with the Church Lane land, discuss planning application requirements, planting, fencing and agree action

The Chair confirmed that once the unused garage has been removed the land will be used to create 3/4 parking spaces at the front of the land with a wildflower area at the rear of the land. Planning permission will need to be sourced before work can start to remove the garage, create parking spaces, resurface the area and plant bushes, etc.

Resolved: Once planning permission has been submitted further discussions will need to be held regarding building works, planting, etc.

206/2016 – To discuss and agree action in relation to the maintenance of the weeds on the land at Church Lane

The Chair reported that one condition of leasing the land on Church Lane from Charnwood Borough Council is that the area will be kept tidy and that weeds will be managed. Quotes have been sourced for the area to be strimmed on a regular basis to ensure there is no overgrowth.

Cllr Chaplin proposed that we accept that the quote and request that strimming commences as soon as possible and this was seconded by Cllr Wells.

Resolved: The clerk will inform Charnwood Borough Council that strimming will take place and that this will commence prior to the lease agreement being signed in order to ensure that the site is kept clear.

207/2016 – To discuss and agree content of rental agreements for parking spaces on Church Lane

The clerk reported that the new lease agreement does allow for the rental of the parking spaces by the parish council, however, no formal agreement can be entered into until the lease agreement has been signed. Charnwood Borough Council will also provide a draft rental agreement that the parish council can utilise for the parking spaces.

208/2016 – To discuss and agree final action in relation to the Boathouse

The clerk reported that she has received written confirmation from the landowner to confirm that no right of way to carry out any building works or future public access will be permitted at the site of the Boathouse. The clerk reminded councillors that the original agreement stated that if the parish council no longer wanted the Boathouse then it would be returned to the landowner. A member of the public asked whether this decision had been documented and the Chair confirmed that it had. A member of the public asked about getting quotes to have the work done offsite and then for the new structure to be installed. The clerk reminded parishioners that no right of way has been granted so there is no access to the site of the Boathouse. A member of the public asked whether it would be possible for all the information relating to the Boathouse, including past quotes and agreements,

to be provided to the village group who are keen to ensure that the Boathouse is repaired. The Chair agreed to provide copies of all the documentation as soon as possible. Cllr Wells proposed that an agreement be reached at the September meeting to work with a solicitor to hand the Boathouse back to the landowner, this was seconded by Cllr Chaplin.

209/2016 – Report on Highways related issues

The clerk reported that she has reported the three block drains in the village to Highways and the potholes on the junction of Church Lane/Main Street. These reports will be followed up if no action is seen to be taken.

210/2016 – Parish Councillor Updates

Cllr Chaplin reported that:

- There are still issues with the supply of superfast broadband to the village and this mainly due to the supply that needs to cross the railway line. Further details will be circulated in due course.

211/2016 – Date of next meeting

The clerk reported that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 15th September and will commence at 7.30 PM.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.50 PM.

Signed:

Date: