

# **RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30 PM in the village hall**

### **Present:**

Cllr Tom Chaplin, Cllr Mick Wells and Cllr Pauline Lewis  
Cllr Poland, 4 members of the public were present and the clerk

### **266/2017 – Appointment of Chairman**

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

### **267/2017 – Appointment of Vice Chair**

Cllr Chaplin proposed Cllr Cartwright as the Vice Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Lewis. Cllr Cartwright had confirmed by email prior to the meeting he would be happy to continue as Vice Chair if reappointed.

### **268/2017 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Andy Cartwright and Cllr Emily Le Gros

### **269/2017 - 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

### **270/2017 – Presentation of Vehicle Activation Speed Signs by Morelock Signs**

The Chair welcomed Jill Taylor from Morelock Signs to the meeting and explained that there are major concerns about speeding vehicles through the village and on external routes and that the parish council were in the process of looking for solutions.

JT explained that Morelock Signs have worked with many customers including County Councils, industrial sites, parish councils, etc. to provide solutions for speeding vehicles and these include built in radar detectors and a highly programmable LED display which alerts vehicles to both their current speed and to act as a reminder to slow down. The signs are exceptionally versatile and can be used for a number of different applications, full data logging and Bluetooth capability allows for data to be very easily downloaded to the easy software for analysis.

The mobile units can be post mounted or battery operated and can show variable speeds, real time speed, they can display text and smiley/sad faces in a variety of colours. Bespoke faceplates can be created to meet the needs of the parish and they are all highly reflective and waterproof. The expectant life span of a unit is 2 years, however, some have been in place for over 5 years with no problems and warranty can be taken out with the units. The cost of a unit with 2 batteries is £2,250 + VAT.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that councillors would review the information provided at the September meeting and make a decision on the purchase of speed signs.

### **271/2017 – County Council/Police reports**

- Cllr reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

### **272/2017 - 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

**273/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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.

**274/2017 - Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts**

- Current account balance = £1,315.04
- Reserve account balance = £9,377.48

The following cheques were signed at the meeting because the amounts had previously been authorised by all councillors.

0331	• Helen Chadwick, clerks salary and expenses	£242.40
0332	• Ratcliffe Village Hall, hall hire	£13.00
0333	• 2Commune Ltd, website provision for 2017/2018	£330.00
	<b>Total outgoing cheques:</b>	<b>£585.40</b>

**Resolved:** The clerk will arrange for all payments to be made as soon as possible.

**275/2017 – To discuss and agree any amendments to Parish Council Standing Orders**

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

**276/2017 – To discuss and agree any amendments to 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.

**277/2017 – To discuss and approve year end accounts for 2016/2017**

The clerk presented the year end accounts for 2016/2017 which showed an income of £1,578.80 and expenditure of £3,290.00. The parish council has reserves of £9,377.25. 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 Wells.

**Resolution:** The year end accounts were signed by the Chair and the clerk, the clerk will submit them to the auditor, Grant Thornton.

**278/2017 – Update on planning application for the land on Church lane**

The Chair reported that he had spoken with Helene Barker the Senior Planning Officer at Charnwood Borough Council regarding our planning application and had included her recommendations in the report that he had circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Lewis proposed that we proceed with the planning application and this was seconded by Cllr Wells.

**Resolved:** The clerk will submit the planning application.

**279/2017 – Update on Broadband**

The clerk circulated a report on superfast broadband which confirmed that most properties in the village are currently connected to a telephone cabinet located in neighbouring Thrussington. The cabinet in Thrussington has been upgraded but is located too far away to provide any speed uplifts to anyone in Ratcliffe. Upgrades for Ratcliffe village are due for completion between June 2017 and December 2017. A small number of properties in the village will not be upgraded until early 2018. The clerk will continue to provide updates.

**280/2017 – To discuss planning issues in the village including the development at Ratcliffe Hall, the land at the bottom of Church Lane and the horse training land on Thrussington Road and agree actions**

Cllr Wells raised concerns about the amount of development taking place at Ratcliffe Hall and whether it complies with planning requirements as there seems to be a lot of very major building work and tree removal. It was also commented that the horse training land on Thrussington Road

now appears to be used as a storage yard and there seems to have been an increase in the number of horses that they have approval to locate on the land.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the clerk would submit a request to Charnwood Borough Council asking them to look at the issues raised within the parish. Cllr Poland commented that if the clerk copied him into the email he would also look into this.

**281/2017 – Parish Councillor Updates**

- N/A

**282/2017 – Date of next meeting**

The clerk confirmed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September and will commence at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 9.05 PM.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**