

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

## **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 PM in the village hall**

### **Present:**

Cllr Tom Chaplin, Cllr Emily Le Gros and Cllr Pauline Lewis, 4 members of the public, Cllr Poland and the clerk.

### **385/2019 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Cartwright & Cllr Wells

### **386/2019 - 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

### **387/2019 – County Council/Police reports**

- A police reported was received, there were no incidents of crime reported. Councillors raised a concern that there had been three break-ins in the village and that these had not been included in the report. It was agreed that the clerk would contact PC Harbutt about this and whether we can have a more detailed report.
- Cllr Poland reported that council tax bills have been circulated by Charnwood, there is a 9p per week increase on a Band D. Charnwood Borough Council are introducing a new fixed penalty notice for fly tipping. Cllr Poland reported that he had a meeting with Richard Bennett and Sarah Hallam at the planning department. They have looked into the noise situation and shared their response to the latest assessment with the parish council. WVC have taken their own action to help reduce the noise level and the latest reading is higher than 40 decibels but the difference between 40 and 42 is not audible. The planning department have asked Cllr Poland to sign off the report, the courts would not take any action because the difference between 40 and 42 decibels would not be audible. The decision will now go to the planning committee.

### **388/2019 - 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

### **389/2019 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

The minutes of the meetings were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for them to be reviewed. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed and will be uploaded onto the website.

### **390/2019 - Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts**

The clerk reported that the total of the current account as £402.11 and the total of reserve account as £5,386.52. The clerk presented the following payments for authorisation. Cllr Chaplin proposed the approval of all payments and this was seconded by Cllr Wells.

00433	• Garden Care, strimming	£70.00
00434	• Helen Chadwick, clerks salary, expenses & hall hire	£231.39
00435	• Leicestershire County Council, street lighting	£78.90
	<b>Total outgoing cheques:</b>	<b>£310.29</b>

### **391/2019 – Update on May 2019 elections**

The Chair reported that nomination packs can be delivered by hand to Charnwood Borough Council between the 22<sup>nd</sup> March and the 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Details of whether the election will be contested or uncontested will be received on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. A copy of the Notice of Election will go on the noticeboard and website on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### **392/2019 – Update on the Church Lane project, discuss maintenance and installation of solar lights and agree actions**

The Chair reported that he had spoken with the contactor about carrying out the strimming of the area on Church Lane, he has confirmed that because of the incident last year he will not carry out the work. The Chair reported that wild flowers have been planted. The Chair reported that several people reverse into their parking spaces on Church Lane, the area is quite dark and suggested that a small solar light could be installed to aide parking. It was agreed that Cllr Le Gros would speak with the neighbouring property to let know of the proposal. If they are installed they will be at the owners risk.

### **393/2019 – To receive an update on the progress made with the speed camera and agree actions**

The clerk reported that she has been in contact with LCC Highways regarding the installation of the speed camera and an assessment of the current pole was going to take place. Since then a member of the public has been in contact with Highways and it now appears that they believe that we want them to review traffic calming measures in the village and have said that they will investigate this but that it will take four to six weeks. I have been in contact with them and explained where we had got to with our project, they now think that this new enquiry supersedes our original one to take over the LCC pole. The clerk confirmed that she had spoken with Highways again and they are going to review the situation and provide an update.

### **394/2019 – To receive an update on the change of street light to LED lamp**

The clerk reported that she had contacted LCC about the costs related to changing the street light, they are unable to provide a financial breakdown until their budget has been finalised. The clerk will contact them again in April and present the information at the next parish council meeting.

### **395/2019 – To discuss the possibility if having a light fitted to the front of the village hall porch and agree actions**

Cllr Chair reported that at the last meeting it had been agreed that he should source quotes for installation of a light on behalf of the village hall. The clerk reminded councillors that we will need permission from the village hall committee before we can proceed with any work.

### **396/2019 – Parish Councillor Updates**

- Cllr Chaplin asked whether there was an update on the plan for the express way. Cllr Poland reported that the design is purely conceptual at the moment.
- Cllr Lewis asked whether anything could be done about the condition of the road outside Ratcliffe Hall, in their planning application they stated that they would keep the road clean but they are not doing. It was also reported that one of the road signs had been knocked down by one of the lorries visiting the site and the grass verges are being demolished. It was agreed that we would get some images and forward them to Cllr Poland.
- Cllr Lewis asked what had happened to the memorial wreath. Mrs Preston reported that she had removed it because it had been damaged, Cllr Chaplin agreed to have a look at it.

### **397/2019 – Date of next meeting**

The date of the next parish council meeting was confirmed as Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, this will also be the date of the annual parish meeting.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 20:00 PM.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**