

RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 7.30 PM in the village hall

Present:

Cllr Tom Chaplin, Cllr Mick Wells and Cllr Pauline Lewis, 5 members of the public were present, Cllr Poland, one PC, one PCSO and the clerk

309/2018 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Andy Cartwright and Cllr Emily Le Gros

310/2018 - 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

311/2018 – County Council/Police reports

- Cllr Poland reported that the Garden Waste Collection charge has been increased from £28 to £40 a year. LCC had been providing CBC with credits so there had been no increase for the past two years but these credits have now stopped, hence the increase.
- Cllr Poland that there is a new Community Grant Scheme being implemented across the region and each Borough Councillor has £1,000 that they can donate to a good cause. Any community group can submit an application for between £250 and £1,000.
- The PC commented that there had been one burglary in the village but the date and time was unknown because the owners were away. Parishioners were reminded to keep their properties as secure as possible and to look at investing in security devices that can act as a deterrent.

312/2018 - 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 that the footpath by Rearsby Mill has been blocked by a fallen tree.
- A member of the public commented on the condition of the road by Ratcliffe Hall which was caused by the construction lorries.
- A member of the public reported that the hedge at Broome Lane had been cut back but needed additional trimming.

313/2018 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 7th December

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.

314/2018 - Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

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

0335	• Grant Thornton, annual audit	£25.00
0336	• Ratcliffe Village Hall, hall hire	£13.00
0337	• St. Botolphs Church, churchyard maintenance	£200.00

0343	• Mick Wells, tree planting	£40.00
0344	• Grant Thornton, additional audit payment	£5.00
0345	• Leicestershire County Council, street lighting	£65.70
0346	• Helen Chadwick, clerks salary & expenses	£180.00
	Total outgoing cheques:	£290.70

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

315/2018 – Update on Charnwood Borough Council planning application for land on Church Lane and agree action plan of work to be carried out

The clerk reported that no decision had been made on the planning application and that it was expected to be early May.

Cllr Chaplin suggested that he draft a schedule of works and to source quotes so that these can be presented as soon as the planning application has been approved and then work can start as soon as possible. Councillors were in agreement. Cllr Wells commented that the hedge planting will need to be done in the autumn.

316/2018 – To review and sign Charnwood Borough Council lease for the land on Church Lane

The clerk reported that the first draft of the lease had been signed, however, once the planning application had been approved there would be some other documentation that would need signing.

317/2018 – Update from Highways regarding the use of the current VAS posts for new mobile speed activation sign

The clerk reported that she had spoken with Highways regarding the use of the VAS posts and they had asked for clarification as to whether the parish council would be adopting the posts as a public asset and also the electricity supply and who would pay for the electricity supply. Highways had also confirmed that a Memorandum of Understanding would need to be entered into.

Councillors were in agreement that they would adopt the posts and take on the electricity supply. The clerk will provide an update as soon as possible.

318/2018 – To discuss dog foul in the village and agree actions

Councillors and member of the public confirmed that dog fouling remains an issue in the village and it was agreed that an article would be put in the newsletter and that the parish council would look into displaying the dog control orders that Charnwood have adopted.

319/2018 – To discuss problems if burglary and suspicious vehicles in the village and agree actions

The Chair reported that there have been several suspicious vehicles in the village and that any one with any concerns should report them to the Police. The PC present commented that it is difficult to ascertain whether a vehicle is suspicious or just lost but any concerns should be reported as soon as possible. The PC also commented that they could provide flyers about how to protect yourself and property and it was agreed that these would be included in the newsletter.

320/2018 – To discuss the replacement of trees on Thrussington Road

Cllr Wells reported that there were several gaps appearing between the trees that had been planted as part of the Millennium project on Thrussington Road and proposed that we look to source additional trees to replace those that have been lost. Cllr Chaplin proposed a budget of £200 for the replacement trees and this was seconded by Cllr Wells.

321/2018 – To discuss Leicestershire County Council Service Level Agreement for street lighting and agree action

The clerk circulated a copy of the service level agreement to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Chaplin proposed that the agreement be accepted and signed and this was seconded by Cllr Wells.

322/2018 – Update on Broadband

The Chair reported that two boxes have been installed in the village and power has been connected to them. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the team for an update.

323/2018 – Update on co-option of councillors

The clerk circulated a draft advert for the co-option of councillors prior to the meeting and it was agreed that this would be added to the website and included in the newsletter.

324/2018 – Parish Councillor Updates

- Cllr Chaplin proposed that we discuss whether the parish council should make an annual donation to the village hall for specific projects at the next meeting.

325/2018 – Date of next meeting

The clerk confirmed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 17th May 2018 at 7.30 PM in the village hall, the annual parish meeting will commence at 7.00 PM.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:0 PM.

Signed:

Date:

Approved minutes