

RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2018 at 7.30 PM in the village hall

Present:

Cllr Tom Chaplin, Cllr Mick Wells and Cllr Pauline Lewis, 3 members of the public, Cllr Poland and the clerk.

369/2018 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Le Gros, Cllr Cartwright & Cllr Poland

370/2018 - 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.

- All councillors declared an interest in item 375/2018 as residents of Ratcliffe on the Wreake Parish, the clerk provided a dispensation for all.
- Cllr Chaplin & Cllr Wells declared an interest on item 374/2018 as they had expenses payable

371/2018 – County Council/Police reports

- N/A

372/2018 - 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 raised a concern about the volume and weight of traffic through the village and on Broome Lane. It was agreed to monitor the situation and report any ongoing concerns to Highways.

373/2018 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 20th September 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.

374/2018 - Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

The clerk presented the following payments for authorisation. Cllr Chaplin proposed the approval of all payments and this was seconded by Cllr Wells.

00425	• L L Petch, works to garage on Church Lane	£1,500.00
00426	• St Botolphs Church, churchyard maintenance and light	£230.00
00427	• Mrs B Preston, poppy wreath	£27.50
00428	• CHQ CANCELLED	-
00429	• Helen Chadwick, clerks salary & expenses	£150.00
00430	• Helen Chadwick, village hall hire	£13.00
00431	• Mick Wells, trees and planting	£185.00
00432	• Tom Chaplin, trees and hedges for Church Lane	£120.59
	Total outgoing cheques:	£2,226.09

375/2018 – Resolution to approve budget and precept request for 2019/2020

The clerk circulated a copy of the draft budget prior to the meeting. Councillors reviewed the budget and Cllr Chaplin proposed a precept request for 19/20 of £2,500 and this was seconded by Cllr Lewis. All councillors were in agreement. The Chair, two councillors and the clerk signed the request and the clerk will forward it to Charnwood Borough Council.

376/2018 – Update on the Church Lane project and agree outstanding actions

The Chair reported that all the work has been completed and the car parking spaces have all been rented out. Cllr Chaplin circulated draft proposal for the hedging for the area at the back of the land and this was agreed by all councillors at a cost of £120.59.

The clerk requested that thanks be noted to Les Lewis for the donation of the gravel/hardstanding. Councillors thanked Cllr Chaplin and members of the parish for their hard work and commitment to the project.

377/2018 – To review the maintenance requirements for the land behind the parking space on Church Lane and agree actions

The Chair reported that we have been paying £10 per visit for maintenance of the area but now that the parking spaces have been created there is less area to trim and there will be some new hedges planted. It was agreed that Cllr Chaplin would meet with the contractor onsite to discuss the work that will be required and bring a proposal to the next parish council meeting.

378/2018 – To receive an update on progress made with the speed camera and agree action

The clerk reported that there was nothing further to report, we are waiting for the Memorandum of Understanding from LCC Highways, but it has been suggested that this will not be received until April 2019. The Memorandum of Understanding will allow the parish council to take over the post that will house the speed camera and also the electricity supply.

379/2018 – To receive an update on the tree planting on Thrussington Road and agree actions

Cllr Wells reported that two new trees have been planted and all the trees that had previously been planted had been staked, composted and tied. Councillors thanked Cllr Wells for his hard work.

380/2018 – To receive an update on the change of street light to LED lamp

The clerk reported that following on from several discussions with Highways the lamps that are fitted with the lanterns that we have in the one street light that we own are being phased out over the next year or so and this will mean that it will become progressively more difficult to maintain these lights. The County have converted all their lights to LEDs which saves energy and reduces maintenance costs. Unfortunately as our light is connected to a telegraph pole it will be more expensive to convert and the proposed figure is £700.00 plus VAT. The savings we would make to offset this would typically have taken our maintenance and energy bill this year from £66 plus VAT per year to about £30 plus VAT. In order to assist Parish Councils the County is offering a 5 year payment plan and if we are interested in this we can request a formal quote. Councillors agreed to proceed with a costing for the payment plan and to agree at the January meeting whether to proceed with the replacement of the street lamp.

381/2018 – To discuss the possibility of having a light fitted to the front of the village hall porch and agree actions

Cllr Chair reported that the light on the gate at the Church is successful in lighting the area. It was suggested that the entrance to the village hall is in semi-darkness and another light on the front canopy of the village hall would make the hall more accessible during the hours of darkness. Cllr Wells proposed that we delay the decision until a future meeting and this was agreed by all councillors. Cllr Chaplin agreed to source a quote for the cost of installing a light so that the parish council have an idea of costs.

382/2018 – To discuss planning application P/18/2231/2 – raising roof and installation of front and rear dormers to form habitable space at first floor level at 53 Main Street and agree actions

The clerk circulated a copy of the planning application to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed the application and agree that they had no objection.

383/2018 – Parish Councillor Updates

Cllr Wells reported that:

- Following discussions about the elections in May 2019 he wondered whether we should invite electoral services to meet with councillors to discuss options. It was agreed that the clerk would liaise with electoral services to see whether a meeting could be arranged in early 2019 or whether they have any documentation outlining the options.

384/2018 – resolution to approve meeting dates for 2019

The clerk circulated some draft meeting dates for 2019 to councillors prior to the meeting, these were discussed and councillors agreed to reduce the number of meetings to four and to remove the July meeting. The following dates were agreed.

- Thursday 21st March
- Thursday 16th May – AGM
- Thursday 12th September
- Thursday 5th December

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:50 PM.

Signed:

Date: