

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

## **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30 PM in the village hall**

### **Present:**

Cllr Tom Chaplin, Cllr Mick Wells and Cllr Emily Le Gros, 3 members of the public were present and the clerk

### **293/2017 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Andy Cartwright , Cllr Lewis and Cllr Poland

### **294/2017 - 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.

- All councillors declared an interest on item 305/2017 as residents of Ratcliffe on the Wreake village, the clerk provided a dispensation for all.

### **295/2017 – County Council/Police reports**

- N/A

### **296/2017 - 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

### **297/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> September 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.

### **298/2017 - 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
0338	• St. Botolphs Church, church light	£30.00
0339	• Mrs B Preston, poppy wreath	£35.00
0340	• Garden Care, Church Lane strimming	£60.00
0341	• Helen Chadwick, clerks salary & expenses	£287.20
0342	• Moss Solicitors, Church Lane lease	£660.00
	<b>Total outgoing cheques:</b>	<b>£1,310.20</b>

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

### **299/2017 – Update on Superfast Broadband**

Cllr Chaplin reported that a planning application had been submitted for the green box in the village. The clerk commented that she not received any further updated from LCC.

### **300/2017 - Update on Charnwood Borough Council lease and planning application for land on Church Lane**

The clerk reported that she had received a request from Charnwood Borough Council to complete the necessary permission forms, as the Parish Council only lease the land on Church Lane we have to have permission from the land owner before a planning application can be considered. The forms have been submitted and it is hoped that a decision will be made in February.

### **301/2017 – To review and sign Charnwood Borough Council lease for the land on Church Lane**

The clerk reported that she had received the lease documents from the solicitor and asked councillors whether they would be happy to sign these before the planning application had been approved. Cllr Wells proposed that we sign the lease as we would wish to continue leasing the land even if the planning application was unsuccessful, this was seconded by Cllr Chaplin.

### **302/2017 – To discuss vehicle activation speed signs and agree purchase and action**

Following the demonstration of vehicle activation speed signs at the July meeting by Morelock Signs, Cllr Wells proposed that we purchase one VAS at a cost of £2,250 + VAT once we have agreement from Highways that we can utilise the current poles, this was seconded by Cllr Chaplin.

### **303/2017 – To discuss dog foul in the village and agree actions**

Cllr Chaplin reported that the level of dog foul in the village is unacceptable and asked the clerk to report this to Charnwood Borough Council. Cllr Chaplin proposed that we include an article in the next edition of the newsletter and all councillors were in agreement. It was agreed that this item would be added to the March agenda so that the situation could be reviewed.

### **304/2017 – To discuss planting of trees in the village and agree actions**

Cllr Wells commented that he would like to donate a Poplar tree to the parish and for it to be planted on Thrussington Road as part of the Millennium Avenue of Trees. Councillors were in agreement with the donation and planting of the tree and agreed for Cllr Wells to go ahead and arrange the planting.

### **305/2017 – To review and agree 2018/2019 precept request**

The clerk circulated an updated budget for income and expenditure for 2018/2019 and following a review Cllr Wells proposed that the budget be accepted and that we submit a precept request to Charnwood Borough Council of £2,000, this was seconded by Cllr Le Gros and all councillors were in agreement.

### **306/2017 – To discuss co-option of councillors and agree outcome**

Cllr Chaplin commented that whilst we have a full complement of councillors there are some that are unable to attend on a regular basis because of work commitments and that all councillors will be up for election in May 2019. Cllr Wells proposed that we look to co-opt new councillors between now and the elections in May 2019 and asked the clerk to draft the necessary documentation so that it could be circulated. This was seconded by Cllr Chaplin.

### **307/2017 – Parish Councillor Updates**

- N/A

### **308/2017 – To discuss and agree meeting dates for 2018**

The clerk circulated a list of draft dates prior to the meeting and councillors confirmed that they were happy to accept this. The clerk confirmed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 and will commence at 7.30 PM in the village hall.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 8.50 PM.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**