

RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 2020 at 7.30 PM via Zoom

Present:

Cllr Tom Chaplin, Cllr Pauline Lewis, Cllr Ken Wood 2 members of the public and the clerk.

457/2020 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Emily Le Gros and Cllr James Poland

458/2020 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- All councillors declared an interest in agenda item 463 as residents of the parish.

459/2020 – County/Borough Councillor & Police reports.

- N/A

460/2020 - Public Questions

- The clerk reported that no police had been received but that she had made them aware of the zoom meeting.
- Cllr Poland submitted the following report by email:

5 year housing land supply

National planning policy requires local authorities to maintain a five year supply of housing land. An update of the five year supply position is published each year based on the situation as of 31 March. The supply of housing land has over the last few years been measured against the Core Strategy housing requirement of 820 homes a year for Charnwood Borough. However, once a plan is more than five years old the supply of land must be measured against the local housing need which is calculated using a nationally prescribed formula. This formula shows the local housing need for Charnwood is currently 1,105 homes a year.

Reviewing the five year supply position using the national formula shows from 9 November there will be a total of 4.10 years of supply of housing land against the local housing need figure. This means from 9 November 2020, the Council will no longer be able to demonstrate a five year supply. It is a significant change from the position published in May, which showed a 5.52 years supply as of 31 March 2020. Whilst there continues to be a significant amount of land with planning permission for housing in Charnwood the amount that is expected to be built within the next five years is no longer sufficient to meet the amount required when measured against the national formula.

Being able to demonstrate a five year housing supply is important because the National Planning Policy Framework says that local plan housing policies should not be considered up-to-date if the local planning authority cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites. Where this is the case a presumption in favour of sustainable development applies (para 11 NPPF) and some of our local plan policies will have less weight when making decisions on planning applications affecting how we can control the location of housing development in Charnwood. This will make it harder to refuse applications even if they run counter to Council policy.

Charnwood Borough Council is currently in the process of developing a new Core Strategy which should hopefully be adopted next year.

Leicestershire sets ambitious net zero target

Leicestershire is leading the way in the fight against climate change, as the county council commits to being carbon neutral ahead of national targets. Leicestershire County Council has joined the UK100 coalition of the most ambitious local leaders in the UK and pledged to reach a revised target of achieving 'net zero' across the county by 2045 – five years sooner than the government target of 2050. This new pledge reflects the council's commitment to

tackling climate change, both now and in the years ahead, and stretches current ambitions to drastically cut emissions in order to see a lasting environmental impact. Leicestershire signed up to the original UK100 pledge in 2017. Since that time, the council has declared a climate emergency and agreed a £16 million package of measures over the next four years to take action on reducing carbon, such as generating clean renewable energy on the council’s estate and increasing the efficiency of our buildings and streetlighting. The ultimate ambition is to become a carbon neutral council by 2030, and net zero countywide by 2045.

Lateral flow test kits arrive in County

The first batch of lateral flow test kits – up to 16,000 – have arrived in Leicestershire as the fight goes on to drive down coronavirus infection rates across the county. Receiving the test kits puts the county at the forefront of the plan to expand asymptomatic testing across the country with pilot schemes now running across more than 60 local authorities. Mike Sandys, director of public health for Leicestershire County Council, has outlined in more detail how the test kits work. He said: “§ challenge has always been that some people who have Covid-19 don’t show any symptoms. Where the lateral flow tests differ from the usual swab kits is that there’ll be a test result within an hour, without the need for lab processing. It now means we can test high-risk groups, help identify cases and then get people to self-isolate quickly to break the chain of infection.”

The council can draw down from the national supply as needed, but it is looking to have a stock of 10,000 kits at any one time to deploy rapidly.

461/2020 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 17th September 2020

The minutes of the meetings were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for them to be reviewed. Cllr Chaplin proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Lewis and all councillors were in agreement.

462/2020 - Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

The clerk reported that the first instalment of the precept had been received. The clerk represented the following payments for approval. Cllr Wood proposed the approval of all payments and this was seconded by Cllr Lewis and all councillors were in agreement.

• Community Heartbeat Trust, defibrillator	£2,157.00
• Cllr Tom Chaplin, purchase of memorial trees	£164.75
• Helen Chadwick, clerks salary	£150.00
Total outgoing cheques:	£2,471.75

463/2020 – Resolution to approve 2021/2022 budget and precept request

The clerk circulated a copy of the 2021/2022 budget to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed the budget and Cllr Chaplin proposed that it be accepted and that we submit a precept request of £3,000, this was seconded by Cllr Wood and all councillors were in agreement.

464/2020 – To discuss planning applications

The clerk reported that planning applications had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed application P/20/0882/2 and P/20/1870/2 and agreed that they had no comments.

465/2020 – To discuss the parish website and agree actions

Councillors discussed the website and agreed that whilst it was being kept up to date with regards to the agenda and minutes for the meeting there was not a lot else being added. It was agreed to add the newsletter to the website and any other news items that councillors were made aware of. The clerk reported that details of the defibrillator installation had been added. Councillors agreed that we would continue with the current provider but that we need to make more use of it.

466/2020 – Update on the installation of the defibrillator

The Chair reported that the defibrillator had been installed and was now live. It was noted that a resident has agreed to lead a team of volunteers and will carry out the regular checks on the equipment. It was agreed that when possible a training event will be held in the village hall.

467/2020 – Update on Church Lane

The Chair reported that the trees have been planted and the landscaping is underway. It was noted that all four spaces have now been let out.

468/2020 – Update on the speed cameras

The clerk reported that the second speed camera has been installed, however, it was noted that it may need testing because it is showing the speed to early and is flashing intermittently.

469/2020 – Update on the planting of memorial trees

The Chair reported that the trees had been purchased and they will be planted as soon as possible. It was noted that the plaques have still to be purchased.

470/2020 – To receive an update on a rubbish bin in the village and agree actions

Councillors discussed the possible locations for a bin in the village and agreed that the only places it could be installed would be on the wall near the Church or at the village hall and both will require permission. Councillors to leave this for now and revisit it later in the year.

471/2020 – Parish Councillor Updates

- The Chair reported that we do still have a councillor vacancy and suggested that we revisit the co-option process in the New Year. It was agreed that the clerk would circulate a draft advert.

4572/2020 – Resolution to approve 2021 meeting dates

The clerk circulated a list of proposed dates which councillors agreed. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 18th March at 7.30 PM via Zoom.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:20

Signed:

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