**TREETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE READING ROOM**

**ON MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2022**

**Present: Councillor: T.W. Adair (Chairman)**

**Councillors O. Baum-Dixon, V. Beckett, R.J. Croxton,**

**W. Parker-Foers, G Scott**

**In attendance: J. James Clerk to the Council**

**2022/199 Apologies for Absence**

**Apologies were received from Cllr E. Levin.**

**2022/200 Public Question Time**

**6 members of the public were in attendance, no questions were raised.**

**2022/201 Declaration of Interests**

**There were no declarations of interest.**

**2022/202 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 21st November 2022 were taken as read copies having been circulated to all members of the Parish Council previously and with the agenda.**

**Resolved: That the minutes are approved and signed by the Chairman.**

**Proposed: Councillor Beckett**

**Seconded: Councillor Scott**

**2022/203 Matters Arising**

2022/151e Environment – Parking on Pavements. The Clerk reported that she has not had a response from RMBC regarding bollards on Front Street/Well Lane and that RMBC are exploring installing wooden posts to address parking on Well Lane playing field.

It was reported that quad bikes are again damaging the site and colleagues encouraged to report all incidents to the police. There was discussion over possible provision of off-road parking however the site proposed is private land.

**2022/204 Clerk’s Report & Correspondence Received**

**The Clerk’s report previously circulated was noted. It detailed the following:**

1. RMBC - Details of planning applications, decision and appeals.
2. RMBC - Roadworks reports
3. RMBC - Details of Licensing applications
4. RMBC – What’s on through December
5. RMBC - Rotherham Town Centre News
6. RMBC - Rotherham Roundup
7. RMBC - Rothervale Ward News from your Neighbourhood
8. YLCA – White Rose update
9. NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin
10. Alexander Stafford MP -Objection to Jones Homes application to retain the mine wheel in its current location, general items of local and national interest.
11. SYPTE – Christmas Travel Arrangements & impact of strike action on train services
12. Combined Mayoral Authority update.
13. PCC – Consultation on priorities as part of precepting
14. Buckingham Palace – Response to letter & noting the book of condolence
15. Resident – Dead swans on Treeton Dyke – Advised the Boat Club
16. Residents x 3 – Compliments on Christmas trees returning to lamp posts
17. Resident – interest in becoming a PCllr – advised to attend a couple of PC meetings to better understand the role
18. Resident – the PC’s proposals for the land r/o Wood Lane, consultation on plans, repairing the unadopted road way – advised this is wrapped up in your decision to acquire an interest and RMBC to respond.
19. Resident – Children drawing ‘don’t litter/pick up poo’ signs for installation on lampposts – **action** Clerk to research and add to January agenda
20. Cllr Croxton – Overhanging trees Washfield Lane/Wood Lane – reported to RMBC twice
21. Resident – off roading and damage r/o Mill Lane – reported to RMBC
22. Resident – theft of memorabilia from the burial ground – acknowledged and expressed regret.

**2022/205 Borough Councillors Report**

Item not taken.

**2022/206 R/o Wood Lane site**

Pending confirmation of continuing to seek a long-term future interest in the site from RMBC it was agreed to engage with residents across the village through an item in the March newsletter to seek views mindful of initial and ongoing costs and its proportionality to any benefit.

**2022/207 War Memorial – Proposals for restoration**

Cllr Parker-Foers updated proposals for the next stage of this project which included fencing, ground clearance prior to seeding, creating a paved area and shared details of proposed seating and location. There was a full discussion with suggestions over plans and sequencing to help inform next steps.

Resolved: To purchase and site the 2 wooden benches and to inscribe both with the words ‘Treeton Parish Council 2023’.

Proposed: Councillor Parker-Foers

Seconded: Councillor Dixon

**2022/208 Planning & Review of Progress on Projects through 2022/3**

1. Proposals to remedy drainage on Cowfield

Cllr Adair advised that he is continuing to seek quotes and remains in discussion with the Banks Group over potential grant funding.

1. Christmas projects:

* Treeton Christmas Bake off - Cllr Beckett reported on a successful event.
* Christmas tree by the War memorial - Cllr Beckett reported on plans for a carol service by the side of the tree.
* Christmas Trees/Lights on lamp posts – Cllrs held mixed views on the trees with some dissatisfied over the tinsel and the variation in quality. Agreed to review for 2023 and that Cllr Beckett would explore the purchase of ‘plug in lamp post’ installations.

The forward planner was reviewed and noted.

**2022/209 Standing Items**

1. **Reading Room**
   1. Housing & Parish Councillor surgeries:

21st December – Cllrs Adair & Croxton

4th January - Cllrs Adair, Beckett, Croxton & Parker-Foers

18th January– Cllrs Adair & Croxton

Proposals for refurbishment:

Plastering & Painting - It was noted that Community Pay Back have commenced work and that it is likely to take a couple of weeks to complete.

Kitchen Refurbishment - Cllr Beckett obtaining quotes

Frontage - Cllr Croxton is continuing to undertake work on the notice board and will install it. The Clerk reported that both the defibrillator and its cabinet had been received. Agreed to locate to the right of the door.

1. **Allotments/Garage sites**
2. Conditions site check.

Concerns over unauthorised parking on the bottom access road to the Well Lane allotments and garage plots were noted and hoped that those parking would do so with greater care to ensure there is no obstruction.

1. **Burial Ground**
2. Extension to the burial ground

The Clerk reported that this remains with the Land Registry and the likely completion date is November 2023.

1. Progress on programme of repairs and maintenance

The Clerk reminded that the work to replace the footpaths is planned to commence on 16th January and that is will take 2 to 3 weeks depending on weather. Agreed signage on the gate to ensure visitors are aware there will be disruption.

1. Salting footpaths

Resolved: Given limited resources means that the PC cannot salt effectively the current practice of not salting paths in burial ground remains.

Proposed: Councillor Croxton

Seconded: Councillor Dixon

1. **Recreation Ground and Play areas**

Well Lane playing field

The Clerk reported that she is still waiting for RMBC to respond over creating 5 aside pitches and replacing the goal posts.

1. **Environment**

Nothing to report

1. **Planning Applications**

The weekly lists of planning applications and planning decisions in the Borough were circulated by email to all Parish Councillors. In Treeton there have been:

Application for non-material amendments to plans for an extension at 3 Dale Croft – granted.

Pre application consultation on behalf of Cornerstone/Telefonica to replace the telecoms mast on Long Lane – no comment.

**2022/210 Report from Representatives on External Bodies**

1. **RMBC/Parish Council’s Liaison Committee**

Nothing to report

1. **YLCA Branch Representatives**

Nothing to report

1. **Banks Group – Penny Hill Wind Farm**

Nothing to report

1. **Treeton Youth Club**

The Chairman reported that it is pleasing to see new young people coming along to the youth club and that a Christmas disco is planned for this week.

1. **Community Centre & Playing Fields Memorial Committee**

Nothing to report

**2022/211 Community Centre**

The Chairman reported on a range of successful lettings and activities and that a Christmas lunch for 50 people is planned for this week.

**2022/212 Chairman’s Review**

The Chairman remarked that it is nice to see the Christmas decorations across the village and thanked the litter pickers for their continuing work. He also expressed frustration and disappointment at the return of off roading and quad bikers and in particular at the damage they cause to green spaces.

**2022/213 Finance and General Purposes**

1. **Budget & Precepting 2023/24**

Resolved: That the draft budget is agreed and that the Treeton Parish Precept for 2023/24 remains unchanged at £56,000pa.

Proposed: Councillor Beckett

Seconded: Councillor Parker-Foers

1. **Financial Monitoring**

The month 8 financial monitoring report was presented and contents noted

1. **Approval of accounts for payment**

The following accounts were approved for payment.

Receipts £

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| Clarksons memorial fees | BACS | 50.00 |
| RMBC – Grant for War Memorial seats | BACS | 1,000.00 |
| Northern Power Grid – Ground rent | Cheque | 2.30 |

Payments

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| Staff Salaries, Arrears, Pension & Expenses Dec 2022 | BACS/DDebit | 1,918.80 |
| HMRC Q3 Tax & NI | BACS | 836.45 |
| Opus Energy - Gas December 2022 | Direct Debit | 28.65 |
| Opus Energy – Electricity December 2022 | Direct Debit | 58.86 |
| Jane Haddrell – Youth Club & R. Room Clean Dec | BACS | 71.28 |
| A Flinders – Burial Ground Maintenance November | BACS | 266.66 |
| A Flinders – Additional work in Burial Ground | BACS | 1,100.00 |
| Churches Fire Emergency light service | BACS | 2.36 |
| Foers Contracts –Pointing Reading Room Front (EMR) | BACS | 2,400.00 |
| Gulthwaite Nurseries – Xmas Tree | BACS | 144.95 |
| BHF – Contribution to grand aided Defibrillator (CIL) | BACS | 600.00 |
| WelMedical Defib case & consumables (CIL) | BACS | 558.96 |
| C&H Alarms – refitting alarm and new alarm cover | BACS | 102.00 |
| Amazon – Gifts Santa’s sack | Direct Debit | 384.67 |
| Fowler Sandford Ground Rent Well Lane | BACS | 0.60 |
| Amazon Stationery – A4 paper | Direct Debit | 32.99 |
| Amazon Stationery- post its | Direct Debit | 5.22 |
| Petty Cash –refreshments, hardware notice board | BACS | 34.16 |
| Bliss Internet – in lieu of advert in newsletter | - |  |
| **LATES** |  |  |
| Petty Cash – Materials -decorating, notice bd & clng | BACS | 62.27 |

Proposed: **Councillor Scott**

Seconded: **Councillor Parker-Foers**

**Bank & Cash Book Reconciliation 30th November 2022**

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Balances at bank: Current account 19,237.44

Instant account 48,214.02

Cambridge Building Society 80,000.00

Nationwide Building Society 35,055.46

**Total £ 182,506.92**

**2022/214 Any Other Urgent Business**

Fence by Mine Wheel – Wood Lane – concern was raised over the inadequacy of the fence to prevent off roading access however as this is on private property the Parish Council is limited on what action they may take.

Use of Reading Room as a warm hub – Cllr Becket to bring proposals once the refurbishment of the Reding Room is complete.

**2022/215 Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Mon 30th January 2023 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman: Date:

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