**TREETON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE READING ROOM ON MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2025**

**Present:**

Cllr W Parker-Foers (Chairperson), Cllr T Adair, Cllr O Baum-Dixon Cllr J Chadburn, Cllr B Croxton, , Cllr K Parry and Cllr R Rowbottom,

**In Attendance**

Mrs Y Colverson – Clerk

2 members of public

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair introduced the new Clerk and thanked Cllr Rowbottom for her work as Clerk and Cllr Chadburn for her assistance, over the previous months, during the time there was no employed clerk in post.

**2025/33 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr V Beckett

**2025/34 Public Question Time**

2 members of the public were in attendance and no questions were raised.

**2025/35Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2025/36 Minutes – To approve minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 27th January 2025**

Minutes had been circulated to all members and taken as read.

Proposed: Cllr Chadburn

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th January 2025 are approved as a true record.

**2025/37 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.**

2024/37 Walls around St Helen’s Church & the closed burial ground

Cllr Adair reported that work on the bottom boundary on Church Lane is due to begin on 26th February 2025

RESOLVED: That this information is received

**2025/38 Clerk’s report**

The Clerk gave a verbal report, introducing herself and explaining changes she would be making to the format of agendas in future.

RESOLVED: That this information is received

**2025/38 Borough Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Adair reported on matters from the Borough Council

Cllr Adair reported that there will be a meeting on The Cowfield, with contractors and RMBC Pitch Advisor, to consider what remedial action can be taken.

RESOLVED: That this information is received

**2025/39 Project to remedy Cowfield drainage.**

Cllr Baum-Dixon has arranged a meeting with contractors and the Cricket Club in order to discuss the progression of drainage, this will take place on Friday 14th March.

RESOLVED: That this information is received, and Cllr Baum-Dixon will report back to the council at the next meeting

**2025/40 Planning & Review of Progress on Projects through 2024/25**

Council considered the provision of flowers on lampposts.

RESOLVED: That the display of flowers on lamppost will be the same as the previous year.

**2025/41 Grant Applications**

There were no Grant Applications to consider.

**2025/42 Review of grounds maintenance machinery**

Council considered concerns raised by the footpaths officer regarding the condition of the two mowers.

**Cllr** Parker-Foers presented a quotation for a new mower, the cost being £650.

RESOLVED: That one new mower will be purchased, the two used mowers will be serviced with a view to making one good second mower.

RESOLVED: All maintenance machinery will be serviced annually by a professional contractor.

**2025/43 Events Working Group**

The Clerk advised that the Events Working Group become a formal committee of the Council. Any future events would then be covered by the Council’s insurance and funds could be kept within the Council’s accounts however earmarked for event committee use. A committee of the Council delivering events can include non-members.

RESOLVED: That an Events Committee will be formally adopted at the Annual meeting in May.

**2025/44 Standing Items**

1. **Reading Room**

Parish Cllr, Housing & PCSO Surgeries

Wed 5th March – 10am – 11am

1. **Allotments**

It was noted that an allotment check is due.

RESOLVED: That a check will take place in April 2025

1. **Burial Ground**
2. Registering the land – This is now being completed by the solicitor

RESOLVED: That this information is received

1. **Recreation Ground & Play Areas**

No discussion or decision

1. **Environment**
2. Proposed Electricity Substation near Brinsworth

No planning application has been submitted at this time

1. Whitestone Solar Farm

Comments have been submitted. A Zoom meeting will be held on 19th March 2025, Councillors have been emailed link to this.

RESOLVED: That this information is received

1. Footpath Well Lane to Catcliffe

It was noted that RMBC had previously advised that this path would be repaired or resurfaced during this financial year. This does not appear to have taken place yet.

Action: Clerk to chase RMBC

1. **Planning Applications**

Application No: RB2025/0061

Site Address: Mill House, Mill Road, Treeton

Description: Application for a certificate of lawful development for the erection of 2no. dwellings (with development plateau), erection of detached garage, raising of land levels, and the continuous use of the land for a mixed use of residential purposes and in association with haulage and storage business

An email was received on 20th June 2024, from Chris Wilkins, assuring the Council that the commercial operations at the site would cease the following day. However, the current planning application would suggest this has continued despite not having permission to do so.

RESOLVE: That the council will object to this planning as the business has continued to operate without permission and heavy vehicles turning into the site have caused damage to the roadside verges.

1. **Newsletter**

Cllr Baum-Dixon agreed to produce one more newsletter.

The Council discussed the number of newsletters to be produced each year, expressing that it is challenging to find enough content for four.

RESOLVED: That two newsletters are planned for the financial year 2025/26, and additional one may be produced if there is sufficient material.

RESOLVED: That the price of advertising will be resolved at the next meeting of the Parish Council

1. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Nothing to report

**2025/45 Report from Representatives on external bodies**

* 1. **RMBC/Parish Council’s Network Meeting**

Please see item 2025/38

* 1. **YLCA Branch Representatives**

Nothing to report

* 1. **On Path – Penny Hill Wind Farm**

Nothing to report

* 1. **Treeton Youth Club**

Cllr Adair reported that the youth club is well attended, and they have experienced no issues

RESOLVED: That this information is received

* 1. **Community Centre**

Cllr Adair reported that the Community Centre is doing well with the ‘Warm Hub’, held each Thursday morning between 10 – 12, is well attended.

RESOLVED: That this information is received

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

Nothing to report

**2025/46 Finance & General Purposes.**

The following payments were presented for approval:

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| **Receipts** |  |  |  |
| Burial Fees |  |  | 700.00 |
| Room hire |  |  | 80.00 |
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| **Payments** |  |  |  |
| Petty Cash |  |  | 100 |
| Hobsons Nurseries |  |  | 2540.40 |
| A Flinders |  |  | 395.65 |
| Printing |  |  | 11.99 |
| Mobile phone |  |  | 10.00 |
| Cleaning |  |  | 45.00 |
| Grant |  |  | 500.00 |
| EDF Energy |  |  | 66.57 |
| Sky wifi |  |  | 28.74 |
| Information Commissioner’s Office |  |  | 35.00 |
| Amazon |  |  | 29.00 |
| C&H Alarms |  |  | 96.00 |
| Dignity UK |  |  | 516.00 |
| Staff costs |  |  | 1515.77 |
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| Balances at Bank 25/02/25 - Current Account |  | £ | 12,197.01 |
| Deposit Account |  | £ | 42,873.21 |
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| Cambridge Building Society |  | £ | 80,000.44 |
| Nationwide Building Society |  | £ | 36,891.14 |
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| Total |  | £ | 171,961.36 |

RESOLVED: That these payments are approved

**2025/47 Precept for 2025/2026**

The precept request has been submitted to RMBC.

RESOLVED: The budget will be presented for approval at the next meeting

**2025/48 Items for information/Future Agenda**

Reading Room facilities and storage

Flagpole & Flagmaster

Bus terminus – possible installation of boulders or posts

Casual vacancy following the resignation of Cllr K Hickey

**2025/49 Date of next meeting**

RESOLVED: The following meetings will be held:

Monday 24th March – Parish Council Meeting

Monday 12th May – Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 30th June – Parish Council Meeting

Monday 28th July – Parish Council Meeting

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

Resolved: That Standing Orders limiting the length of a Parish Council meeting to 2 hours be suspended to allow business to be completed.

**2025/50 Exclusion of the Press & Public**

Due to the confidentiality of the following meetings, and in consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the following items were discussed with the public excluded:

1. **Expired Lease**

Decision on Expired Lease – deferred to March meeting.

1. **Land Issue**

RESOLVED: Legal advice is currently being sought

Meeting closed at 20:45

Signed Chairperson: