

# TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor: J.F. Swift (Chairman)  
Councillors: D.A. Goy and D. Whysall.  
In attendance: C.J. Brown (Clerk) and B. Walsh.

## **2019/042 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received Councillor T.W. Adair, A.S. Badger, R.J. Baker and G. Cooper.

## **2019/043 Public Question Time.**

Mrs Smith enquired as if there was any news on the re-instatement of the zip wire in the Well Lane playarea. The clerk was asked to contact the Borough Council for an update.

## **2019/044 Minutes of Meeting.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the council.

**Resolved:** That the minutes are approved.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.  
Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

## **2019/045 Matters Arising.**

- 2019/006 A response had been received from Avant Homes regarding the fencing advising that it was not their responsibility and enclosing maps of the area showing the fencing they were responsible for. The clerk had written back to Jones Homes advising of the reply received and asking for further information as to who exactly was responsible.
- 2019/018 e) The Keep Britain Tidy event had taken place with two teams covering various areas in the village. At the event twenty five black sacks had been filled with the litter collected. Following this event it was hoped that further events would be held in the future.
- 2019/018 h) A further email had been received from Damien Johnson advising that the lease for the Muga site, which was already two years out of date, was effectively now cancelled.
- 2019/032 j) Following the request at the last meeting from the football team to spray the 'Cow Field' with weedkiller, a formal request had now been received from the Treeton Terriers. The clerk had been in contact with Rotherham MBC for advice on the spraying of Open Spaces. Advice was received that those undertaking the spraying should be formally qualified to specific standards and to higher standards if a boom sprayer was to be used. The clerk had notified the Treeton Terriers accordingly also advising that anyone undertaking the work should also possess the relevant insurance cover. Proof of qualifications and insurance was requested before any work could be started.
- 2019/034 A reply was received from Streetpride in relation to the grass cutting raised by Councillor Whysall. This advised that during the period March to October they would be undertaking eight cuts to district housing and public open spaces. Council bungalow sites would receive a minimum of thirteen cuts during the same period and their teams would also remove reasonable amounts of general litter before the cut was undertaken. The removal of cutting does not

take place and it is envisaged that the amount of cuttings left will subside as the cuts progress.

2019/039 Following the clerks email to the Police and Crime Commissioner, no response had been received other than an automated acknowledgement of the email.

### **2019/046 Correspondence Received.**

- a) South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue – A copy of their March 2019 enewsletter was received.
- b) S.Y.P.T.E. – An email was received outlining the fare changes applicable from April was received.
- c) S.Y.P.T.E. – An email was received advising of the Transport User Groups in the region and what they hoped to achieve together with an invite to the next meeting which was to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April.
- d) Welcome to South Yorkshire - An email was received enquiring if the Parish Council wished to advertise the village in the next edition of their Welcome to South Yorkshire Publication. Entries started at £275 for a quarter page.
- e) Yorkshire Local Councils Association – An email was received with a guide to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Parish and Town Councils. This could prove particularly useful in view of the recent approval of the Jones Homes application for 94 houses off Wood Lane.
- f) Parish Council Liaison Officer Rotherham MBC – An email was received advising of the next meeting of the Town and Parish Council Network Meeting which was to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May starting a 6.30 p.m. at Aston Parish Hall.
- g) Cannabis Smoking Complaint – A complaint was received from a village resident regarding youths smoking cannabis on land adjacent to her property. The Clerk had responded to the complaint advising that the area she was referring to was not Parish Council land but Borough Council Lane. She was also advised that the matter had been raised with the local PCSO by the Parish Council Chairman who had also raised it with Rotherham Youth Services who were to visit the area and try to engage with the youngsters smoking the cannabis.
- h) Request to Park on Cow Field – A request was received from Treeton Terriers to allow cars to park on the Cow Field during their Soccer Tournament on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. A long discussion took place on this item before a decision was agreed upon.

Resolved: That the application is approved subject to the parking taking place on the topside of the footpath where the Bonfire Event had been held and on no account was parking to take place on or close to the playing area of the 'Cow Field'.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

- i) Public Rights of Way Local Paths Partnership Scheme – The clerk had received correspondence from Christian Hayes of Rotherham MBC regarding the scheme for the 2019/2020 financial year requesting to know if the Parish Council still wished to participate. The clerk had responded advising that they wished to participate and had completed the agreement on behalf of the Parish Council. Christian Hayes was to arrange for the transfer of the relevant funds to cover this to the Parish Council.
- j) The Clerk had been contacted by Shaun Singleton regarding the planting around the colliery memorial now that the housing application had been approved. The clerk had contacted Jones Homes to see what their plans were from a timescale point of view. Currently the final legal agreements had not been completed neither had the purchase of the land, as such the relocation of the headwheel would not take place before the end of July at the earliest and may not take place until after the summer.

Resolved: In view of the information received from Jones Homes, planting of the memorial takes place as normal.

### **2019/047 Borough Councillors Report.**

Borough Councillor Walsh commented on the success of the Keep Britain Tidy day which had recently been held. In Thurcroft Borough Councillors had contributed to a group who were carrying out these events regularly. A group in Treeton had expressed an interest in keeping this going in the village and Borough Councillors were now looking at funding equipment for them. The Community Devolved Budget has to be spent in this year or it will be lost, plans for its spending were currently being looked into.

### **2019/048 Allotments, Environment and Cemeteries.**

**2019/048 a)** Councillor Goy raised the issue of the Container on the Mill Lane playing area and noted that tipping was taking place around it.

*Resolved:* The clerk was asked to contact Rotherham MBC regarding the problem.

**2019/048 b)** Councillor Whysall expressed his disappointment regarding the straying off the public footpaths on to private land and the damage that was being caused. It was suggested that this be mentioned in the next edition of the Parish Council Newsletter.

### **2019/049 Recreation Grounds and Play Areas.**

Following reports on Social media that a circus was to visit the village on the Well Lane playing field the clerk had been asked to contact Rotherham MBC green spaces regarding the reports. Rotherham had confirmed that the relevant licence had been sought and granted and that the necessary health and safety measures were in place. Concerns were expressed as to how close this was going to be to properties and the clerk was asked to let Rotherham MBC know of the Parish Councils concerns. Borough Councillor Walsh knew nothing of the proposed event.

### **2019/050 Education Report.**

Councillor Swift reported that Aston Academy which was effectively now full were being asked to take an additional 300 students in the coming year.

### **2019/051 Planning Applications.**

Since the last meeting the following new applications had been submitted:

RB2019/0555          Single storey rear extension of 11 Falconer Way for Mr. Teasdale.

*Resolved:* The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

### **2019/052 Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**2019/052 a)** The clerk outlined the accounts to date, and produced a copy of the cashbook and an up to date financial statement of the council's affairs.

**2019/052 b)** The following accounts were approved for payment.

			£
Co-Operative Bank	Direct Debit		24.99
Staff Salaries	Bank Transfer		1,965.43
Petty Cash	Bank Transfer		42.37
J. Haddell	Bank Transfer		30.00
Rotherham MBC	Direct Debit		1,378.20
Rotherham MBC	Bank Transfer		437.48
Rotherham MBC	Bank Transfer		25.00

Post Office	Direct Debit	107.24
Yorkshire LCA	Bank Transfer	722.00
Paul Wickson	Bank Transfer	360.00
SJD Sports Coaching	Bank Transfer	1,758.75
Treeton Community Centre	Bank Transfer	213.00
Opus Energy	Direct Debit	96.25
Opus Energy	Direct Debit	45.91

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.  
 Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall

**2019/052 c)** That Paul Wickson be appointed Internal Auditor of the 2019/2020 Financial Year.

Resolved: That the appointment is approved.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.  
 Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

**2019/052 d)** That the Annual Governance Statement of the Council, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 be accepted and signed.

Resolved: That the statement is approved and signed.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.  
 Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

**2019/052 e)** That the completed Accounting Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 was presented to the council for approval and signature.

Resolved: That the statement is approved and signed.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.  
 Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

**2019/053 Date of Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00 p.m. to follow the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**