

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd September 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor: T.W. Adair (Chairman)
Councillors: G. Cooper, D.A. Goy, J.F. Swift and D. Whysall.
In attendance: C.J. Brown (Clerk) and B. Walsh.

2019/106 Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence recorded.

2019/107 Councillor Disqualification.

The clerk advised Councillors that with the failure to attend the meeting by Councillor Baker, this was his sixth consecutive missed meeting, he would be informed that he was formally disqualified to act as a Parish Councillor. He would be notified of this in writing and the Returning Officer at Rotherham MBC would be notified accordingly.

2019/108 Public Question Time.

The meeting was attended by Mr Croxton who wished to advise the Parish Council of the work that he had been doing around the village. He had been concerned about the overgrowing hedges and rambles on some footpaths, particularly near the dyke, and had trimmed them back himself. He had met with both Streetpride and Green Spaces regarding the trees that were leaning at the bottom of Mill Lane with the Junction of Treeton Lane and he had also trimmed some of them back. There were problems on the former Biffa site with 4 x 4 vehicles gaining access from the Mill Lane play area. He had also been given permission from Rotherham MBC to carry out some conservation work in the hope of encouraging bluebells back into the woods. Councillors agreed that there were problems in the village, which, although reported did not appear to be taken up by Streetpride. It was felt a meeting with Streetpride would be of advantage.

2019/109 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meetings held on 22nd July 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 G. Cooper.

2019/110 Matters Arising.

2019/089 a) Councillor Goy advised council that Susan Scarafile had now left the employ of Rotherham MBC with no replacement advised to who problems could be addressed. This was confirmed by Borough Councillor Walsh.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to contact Lynne Rowan for the new contact.

2019/089 c) The clerk advised that Cadent had been out as had Opus Energy and the problems had now been resolved. As a result, the boiler had now been serviced.

2019/111 Correspondence Received.

- a) Northern Gas Networks – copies of their July and August Updates were received.
- b) S.Y.P.T.E. – Advice on the service changes operative from the 1st September was received.
- c) S.Y.P.T.E. – Advice that the Tap & Cap system was going to be trialled in Doncaster.

- d) Grant Application – An application was received for a grant to support Caitlyn Hawley who had been selected to represent Team GB at an American Continental Competition in Mexico in November and needed to raise £2,000. The clerk had already advised councillors that individuals could not be given grants. The Chairman advised that they were prepared to offer the Community Centre on evening for a Fund Raiser and had already approached various local organisations who had promised prizes for the event. Parish Councillors also stated that they would support the event with individual raffle prize donations. The clerk was asked to inform the Hawley's of the offers of support.
- e) Textile Banks – An email was received from The Air Ambulance Service asking if a Clothing Bank could be situated in the village that they could then open and make funds from the clothing left. Unfortunately, the Parish Council did not have a suitable piece of land for such a bank to be placed.
- f) Friends of the Earth – An email was received from Simon Bowens of the organisation regarding the current Climate Emergency with suggestions for Treeton.
Resolved: That the email is noted.
- g) Licensing Rotherham MBC – An email was received regarding an initial consultation of the Licensing Act and Gambling Act policies of Rotherham MBC.
- h) Y.L.C.A. – Notification was received on a Consultation on Proposed Reforms to Permitted Development rights to support the development of 5G and extend mobile coverage. Links to the consultation were provided.
- i) Complaint alleging noise nuisance, dog barking on allotments Well Lane – A letter was received from Environmental Health on the issue but nothing could be traced. It was reported that the possible culprit was at the bottom half of Well Lane and not on the Parish Council allotments.
- j) Parish Council Liaison Officer Rotherham MBC – Copies of the approved minutes of the April Joint Working Group meeting were received together with a structure chart and contact list for the Early Help and Family engagement service.
- k) Parish Council Liaison Officer Rotherham MBC – paperwork from the Planning Enforcement Seminar held on 18th July were received.
- l) Parish Council Liaison Officer Rotherham MBC – Copies of the Ward priorities for the Borough Council wards were received.
- m) Parish Council Liaison Officer Rotherham MBC – invitation to the Community Infrastructure Levy seminar to be held on 8th October was received.
- n) Parish Council Liaison Officer Rotherham MBC – copies of the Emergency Planning seminar held on 4th September were received, the clerk advised council that he was currently working on an updated Emergency Plan.
- o) Penny Thompson Rotherfed – Information about the courses that she was planning should anyone be interested.
- p) Kris MacKay – Notification that he was organising a monthly Well Rotherham catch up on the 26th September at the Winter Green Pub in Waverley.
- q) Kyley Taylor – Information was received on the Be the One suicide prevention campaign.
- r) Speeding Complaint – A letter was received from David Moore regarding the speeds that vehicles travelled through the village. The Chairman had already raised the issue with the Police but had received no response. Borough Councillor Walsh advised that a speed awareness sign would soon be installed permanently in the area. The clerk was asked to respond accordingly.
- s) Treeton Baptist Church – Application was received for a grant towards their Fireworks display for this year.

Resolved: A grant of £500 is awarded.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall.

- t) Rotherham Parish Council Network - A copy of their September 2019 update was received.
- u) Playground complaint – A complaint was received from John Tinkler over the condition of the playground on Washfield Lane and attached photographs for information. He also asked if it would be made clear to residents that this was the responsibility of the Memorial Trust and not the Cricket Club. The chairman had already taken up the matter.
- v) Rat Complaint – A complaint was received through the Parish Council website regarding rats on Arundel Cottages. The clerk had replied advising who to contact and the Chairman had already taken up the matter.

2019/112 Borough Councillors Report.

Borough Councillor Walsh advised that the Waverley Junior Academy was on time and place bidding was now open. He was hoping to arrange a Halloween Clean up in conjunction with Simon Dungworth and the youth of the village to try and encourage them to take care of their community. Fly tipping continues to be a problem and the matter had been taken up by Kevin Barron MP with various issues raised with ministers regarding rural enforcement. The Borough Councillors were due to hold their quarterly meeting and following issues raised at this meeting he proposed to invite Streetpride to the meeting and Parish Councillors could raise their concerns at this meeting.

Councillor Goy asked if the Waverley Community Council were responsible for the path around the Waverley Lagoon which was currently unwalkable and in need of more red shale. Borough Councillor Walsh was to take up the matter with the Council. Councillor Goy also raised the lack of seating in the area but it was replied that this would be resolved at a later date.

2019/113 Education Report

Councillor Swift stated that he could see problems in the future at Aston Academy as they were now having to take another 500 pupils, mainly coming from the Waverley Estate. Borough Councillor Walsh thought this should not be a problem as they would be receiving additional per capita funding.

2019/114 Community Centre.

The Chairman reported that the Centre was currently being used six days per week and on some weeks seven days per week. Recent newcomers to the centre were Diabetes Prevention for four days per week and Trauma Children from Rotherham also for four days. Agreement had now been made with Rotherham MBC for herringbone parking to be marked out on Pit Lane, and this should resolve parking issues in the area. The Youth club in the centre continues to flourish.

2019/115 Planning Applications.

Since the last meeting there had been one new application submitted:

RB2019/1190 Replacement Cricket Nets for Treeton Memorial Community Centre

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Questions were asked regarding the application for houses adjacent to the Working Men's Club and Doctors Surgery. Borough Councillor Walsh was to look into the matter and report back.

2019/116 Any Other Urgent Business.

- 2019/116 a)** Councillor Whysall raised the issue of residents parking on Treetown Crescent although they may not be residents of that road and there was the possible need for a parking deterrent. It was replied that drivers were allowed to park anywhere on the highway that was not restricted although councillor Goy had taken up the matter with Rotherham MBC.
- 2019/116 b)** There had been complaints regarding potholes on the access road to the Rother Crescent allotments. It was replied that this was a private road and was the responsibility of the residents of that access road.
- 2019/116 c)** Security problems – Councillor Whysall highlighted a recent incident at the Working Men’s club which resulted in a Police call, they asked if there was CCTV and a week later no-one had been to view the footage. Other incidents were noted in the area, particularly youths riding bikes and causing problems, this had also been reported to the Police.

2019/117 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

- 2019/117 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.

- 2019/117 b)** The following accounts were approved for payment.

		£
Co-Operative Bank	Direct Debit	83.70
Staff Salaries	Bank Transfer	1,967.03
Petty Cash	Bank Transfer	55.54
Opus Energy	Direct Debit	1.83
Opus Energy	Direct Debit	40.39
Dignity UK	Bank Transfer	2,306.00
Co-Operative Bank	Direct Debit	2.00
Staff Salaries	Bank Transfer	2,365.89
Inland Revenue	Bank Transfer	997.43
Petty Cash	Bank Transfer	24.94
J. Hadrell	Bank Transfer	60.00
Fowler Sandford & Co.	Bank Transfer	61.20
Homeglow Plumbing & Gas	Bank Transfer	108.00
PKF Littlejohn	Bank Transfer	360.00
Yorkshire Water	Bank Transfer	49.43
John Brailsford Print	Bank Transfer	383.00
Glendale Countryside	Bank Transfer	810.00
Treeton Baptist Church	Bank Transfer	500.00
Opus Energy	Direct Debit	4.15
Opus Energy	Direct Debit	43.20

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall

- 2019/117 c)** The clerk had now received confirmation of completion of the 2018/2019 Financial Year audit, from the external auditors, at which, no problems were found and the accounts had been signed off.

2019/118 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 28th October 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: