

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th November 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor: T.W. Adair (Chairman)
Councillors: A.S Badger (from 7.30 p.m.), G. Cooper, D.A. Goy,
J.F. Swift and D. Whysall.
In attendance: C.J. Brown (Clerk) and B. Walsh.

2019/135 Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2019/136 Councillor Disqualification.

The Chairman had contacted Richard Baker and they were hoping to arrange a meeting in the future to decide the way forward.

2019/137 Public Question Time.

The meeting was attended by a resident of Windle Court regarding the tree issue that was raised at the last meeting. Earlier that day she had returned home to find workmen allegedly trimming the tree, when she looked later the tree had been completely removed. Her complaint was that there had been no consultation with the residents or landlords of properties on Windle Court

2019/138 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meetings held on the 28th October 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.

2019/139 Matters Arising.

2019/089 a) Councillor Goy asked if there had been a response from Lynne Rowan regarding the new contact for housing queries. The clerk replied that there had been no response, and as requested both Janice Curran and Borough Councillor Walsh had been copied into the email. The Chairman advised that the position had as yet not been filled permanently.

2019/111 r) Councillor Goy advised that proposed speed check had had to be postponed as the PCSO's had been seconded to Doncaster to help deal with the aftermath of the recent flooding. It was planned that this would go ahead at a future date. It was also confirmed that following the last exercise there were at least two prosecutions one of which may result in a custodial sentence.

2019/140 Correspondence Received.

- a) Y.L.C.A. – Details of the pre-election purdah were received prior to the December General Election.
- b) Y.L.C.A. – Details of their Guide to Tackle Loneliness were received.
- c) Y.L.C.A. – Details of The Tree Charter Day and Free Trees were received.
- d) Y.L.C.A. – Details of the increase in membership fees from the National Association were received which would result in an average increase of 2.5% on the current year.
- e) Janice Curran RMBC – A reminder was received of the next Town and Parish Council Network Meeting which was to be held the following evening was received.

- f) Janice Curran RMBC – Notification was received that the Finance/Budget seminar had now been changed to the 20th November.
- g) Janice Curran RMBC – Request for information regarding Flood Victim Support following the recent floods. The clerk had responded with comments from the Chairman who had also responded personally. These comments had been passed on to the relevant parties.
- h) Janice Curran RMBC – Flood recovery situation, an update on the recovery in Rotherham was received.
- i) Janice Curran RMBC – Confirmation that the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for Treeton was Mandy Ardron and her contact details were also provided.
- j) Janice Curran RMBC – Following the recent Community Infrastructure Levy Seminar a copy of the questions and answers from the session were received.
- k) Neil Rainsforth RMBC Planning – Notification of the submission of Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan was received.
- l) Steve Shaw Power for People – Email received requesting a council motion request re national community energy campaign.
- m) Opus Energy – Notification that the current contract, three years with 12 months' notice would, from 6th December only be subject to 30 days' notice.

2019/141 Borough Councillors Report.

Borough Councillor Walsh advised that the shale problem raised at the last meeting had been raised with the land management company. The lake was to be a permanent feature but the path around it would not be permanently developed until the end of the development. In the meantime, the shale path had now disappeared due to the inclement weather. Councillor Goy asked if the matter could be raised again with a view to having more shale laid and Borough Councillor Walsh was to raise it with the Land Trust. The former village school currently being advertised was to be up for auction on 5th December with a current guide price of £150k. There had been expressions of interest in the site and buildings which did not include the former headmasters house.

2019/142 Allotments, Environment and Cemeteries.

2019/142 a) The clerk advised that Under the Allotment Act 1950 hens could be kept on allotments but cockerels could not be.

Resolved: Councillor Whysall asks the person requesting chickens on his allotment to formally submit a request to the Parish Council.

2019/142 b) Councillor Whysall enquired as to if a decision was going to be made as to the future of the land at the back of Wood Lane which had recently been reclaimed. Originally the plan was for allotments, possibly up to four allotments, but there was also consideration to be given for the creation of a car park which would hopefully alleviate some of the parking problems on Wood Lane. The Chairman was to see the Community Payback regarding fencing around the area and possible laying of a hardcore surface.

2019/142 c) Councillor Goy advised that the lock on the gate on the Biffa site had been angle ground off. Network Rail had recently cleaned up the area but would not let the Environment Agency have a key without permission from Biffa. The clerk was to provide Councillor Goy with the Biffa contact to pass on the information.

2019/142 d) Councillor Goy advised a large section of the wall in the Church Lane Burial Ground had recently collapsed, possibly due to the recent inclement weather, he had previously given the contact details to the Church as repairs fell under Rotherham MBC. Brough Councillor Walsh advised that Streetpride should be contacted.

2019/143 Recreation Ground and Play Areas.

Councillor Whysall enquired as to the condition of the Cow Field after the recent inclement weather. Whilst football had not been played on it for a couple of weeks due to the rain, it was in a better condition than was experienced before the drainage was installed.

2019/144 Youth Club.

The Chairman advised of the Halloween event held at the centre for the youngsters who spent most of the day there. Creating masking in the morning, doing a litter pick in the afternoon then as disco after tea. 17 bags of litter were picked during the afternoon.

2019/145 Community Centre.

The Chairman reported that Kris McKay the Well Rotherham Programme manager from Waverley was providing funds to open a café in the Centre for a 12-month period. A walking football club was to be introduced later in the year.

2019/146 Chairman's Review.

The Chairman wished to thank Margaret Stewart for the effort she put in with the Poppies around the village and also Councillor Whysall's grandson for laying the wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. The Community payback were still active in the village currently painting various areas inside the Church. Fly tipping seems to have slowed down at the moment but how much of this could be attributed to the weather is not known. He had been in contact with Janice Curran regarding the flooding backup suggesting a container is located at the bottom of Mill Lane houses at which sandbags could be stored for use if necessary, for future flooding events. He also suggested that all the grates in the village needed cleaning.

2019/147 Planning Applications.

Since the last meeting there had been no new applications submitted.

2019/148 Any Other Urgent Business.

Councillor Whysall wished to thank Borough Councillor Walsh for allowing him to attend the meeting with Rotherham MBC. Following the meeting he had been visited by someone regarding the lighting of the area who noted all his points but no-one had as yet been regarding the grass cutting and roads. The Chairman advised that at the last Area Housing Panel meeting Solar Powered Lights were to be installed. Councillor Whysall was also disappointed at the Police response to the CCTV incident at the Working Men's Club. The person involved did not wish to take the matter further but no contact had been made with the club regarding the damage caused. The assailant had been dealt with by the Club.

2019/149 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2019/149 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.

2019/149 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

		£
Co-Operative Bank	Direct Debit	2.00
Staff Salaries	Bank Transfer	1,967.23
Petty Cash	Bank Transfer	235.78
J. Hadrell	Bank Transfer	60.00
SJD Sports Coaching	Bank Transfer	903.96

Opus Energy	Direct Debit	124.54
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Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall

2019/150 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 16th December 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: