

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th December 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

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

2019/151 Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2019/152 New Parish Councillor.

The Chairman welcomed new Parish Councillor Leslie Pickford. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Members Interests were both signed and other relevant documentation had been provided by the clerk.

2019/153 Public Question Time.

There were no questions from the floor.

2019/154 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meetings held on the 18th November 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.

2019/155 Matters Arising.

2019/111 r) The proposed Speed Check had taken place at the end of the previous week. Some concerns were expressed at the time that this was carried out but this was dependant upon when the PCSO's could attend to carry out the operation.

2019/156 Correspondence Received.

- a) Janice Curran RMBC – Following the Finance Seminar, copies of the presentations made were received showing the precept, how increases were calculated and tax bases and precept for each council.
- b) Janice Curran RMBC – Details of Yorkshire Day celebrations in Rotherham for 2020 were received.
- c) Janice Curran RMBC – Estimates of the Election costs for the Elections in May 2020 were received, these were for both a contested election and an uncontested one.
- d) Janice Curran RMBC – Details of a Far-Right Extremism Workshop to be held on either 30th January or 2nd March were received.
- e) S.Y.P.T.E. – Details of Supertram and Tram Train timetable changes from 15th December were received.
- f) S.Y.P.T.E. – Details of Christmas travel arrangements were received.
- g) S.Y.P.T.E. – Details of Travelmaster and Supertram product changes from 2nd January were received.
- h) S.Y.P.T.E. – An email was received regarding press complaints regarding the services that they were offering.

- i) Andy Adams Highways Rotherham MBC – Details of the Winter Partnership scheme for 2019/2020 were received. As the Parish Council had nowhere to store the salt, the clerk had informed Andy that they would be unable to take part again this year.
- j) Superfast South Yorkshire – An email was received advising that SFSY were launching an initiative inviting community groups to ‘adopt’ their local broadband cabinet, painting them with a design reflecting the community and then sealing them with an anti-graffiti coating to prevent vandalism. The Chairman confirmed that the project was being considered by the Youth Club.
- k) Y.L.C.A. – An email was received regarding the strengthening of Police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments.
- l) Parish Councillor Application – A letter was received from Eve Levin enquiring about the current vacancies for Parish Councillors.

Resolved: That the Chairman, Councillor Goy and the clerk arrange a suitable meeting to discuss her application.

2019/157 Borough Councillors Report.

Borough Councillor Walsh advised that little business had been transacted in the previous month due to purdah prior to the General Election. Councillor Goy reported that 4 x 4 vehicles had been spotted on the Biffa Land and then over land owned by the Borough Council. The only solution to this would be to install boulders.

2019/158 Allotments, Environment and Cemeteries.

Following the Parish Council’s change of Policy on the keeping of poultry on allotments, an application was received from Andrew Raynes to keep some poultry on his allotment.

Resolved: The application is approved subject to the poultry not including any Cockerill’s.

2019/159 Recreation Ground and Play Areas.

Councillor Swift raised the issue of residents parking on both sides of the road when there was football taking place, councillors felt that even allowing for the parking there was sufficient space for emergency service vehicles to pass safely.

2019/160 Youth Club.

The Chairman advised that numbers were still being maintained. Future events included walking football, the litter pick and the Christmas Disco.

2019/161 Community Centre.

The Chairman reported that the Centre was booked up and progressing well. The Luncheon Club was thriving.

2019/162 Chairman’s Review.

The Chairman was thankful of the continued support from Rotherham MBC for the funding for the Footpaths Officer. Jones Homes had now started work on their latest development in the village. He also wished to thank the clerk, the village handyman and footpaths officer and fellow councillors for their help and support during the past year.

2019/163 Planning Applications.

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

RB2019/1824	Creation of balcony to front of 15 The Crescent, Wood Lane, for Mr. M Collins.
RB2019/1840	Demolition of existing and erection of replacement rear conservatory at 25 Bradshaw Way, for Mrs S Sharpe.

Resolved: That there were no objections to these applications.

2019/164 Any Other Urgent Business.

Councillor Whysall enquired as to the locations of the grit bins within the village and as to if there were sufficient.

Resolved: The clerk would look into having a list of those in the village provided.

2019/165 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2019/165 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.

2019/165 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

		£
Co-Operative Bank	Direct Debit	2.00
Staff Salaries	Bank Transfer	2,621.43
Inland Revenue	Bank Transfer	997.43
Petty Cash	Bank Transfer	4.14
J. Hadrell	Bank Transfer	45.00
Fowler Sandford & Co.	Bank Transfer	0.60
John Brailsford Print	Bank Transfer	383.00
SJD Sports Coaching	Bank Transfer	803.52
Dignity UK	Bank Transfer	492.00
PPG Architectural Coating	Bank Transfer	48.83
Business Stream	Bank Transfer	53.58
Glendale Countryside	Bank Transfer	810.00
Rotherham MBC	Bank Transfer	834.29
Yorkshire LCA	Bank Transfer	45.00
Opus Energy	Direct Debit	134.10
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Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor D. Whysall

2019/165 c) The clerk informed Councillors that he was submitting his notice to terminate his employment with the Parish Council with effect from 30th April 2020. This would be the end of the current Parish Council and would enable him to complete all the financial year end procedures that were necessary before his departure.

Resolved: The Parish Council reluctantly accept the decision of the clerk. It was suggested a meeting between the Chairman, Councillor Goy and the clerk be arranged to discuss the way forward.

2019/165 d) Annual Reviews.

The following Annual Reviews were carried out to be applicable from the 1st April 2020.

2019/165 d) i Allotment Rents.

Resolved: That Allotment and Garage Plot rentals remain at the current rates.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor G. Cooper.

2019/165 d) ii Burial Fees.

Resolved: These continue to be charged in line with those of the Borough Council plus 15% for administration charges.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor G. Cooper.

2019/165 d) iii Caretakers Salary.

Resolved: Continue to pay at 26 hours at the National Living Wage.

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

2019/165 d) iv Clerks Salary and Expenses.

Resolved: That the payment of the clerks' salary continues to be paid in line with the rates paid at national level for the agreed hours worked. An Ex-gratia payment of £100 is made for additional works carried out, travel paid at National Mileage Rates and clerical expenses be reimbursed.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor G. Cooper.

2019/165 d) v Village Handyman.

Resolved: That payment continues in line with previous years. 16 hours per week to be paid at the National Living Wage.

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

2019/165 d) vi Village Footpaths Officer.

Resolved: That payment continues in line with previous years. 16 hours per week to be paid at the National Living Wage. This being subject to continued funding being received from Rotherham MBC.

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

2019/165 d) vii Reading Room Lettings – General.

Resolved: Those lettings are increased to £5.00 per hour and £10 per hour for groups external to the village.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor G. Cooper.

2019/165 e) The clerk also asked councillors for guidance for items that they wished to have included in the estimates for precept for the 2020/2021 financial year. These included increasing the Reading Room Repair reserve and provision for surfacing and fencing around the reclaimed area on Wood Lane.

2019/166 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: