

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd March 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor: T.W. Adair (Chairman)
Councillors: D.A. Goy, Ms. E Levin, S. MacKie.
In attendance: C.J. Brown (Clerk).

2020/031 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Cooper, L.J. Pickford, J.F. Swift and D. Whysall who were all absent due to restrictions imposed because of the Covid-19 virus outbreak and Borough Councillor Walsh.

2020/032 Public Question Time.

The general public were not allowed to attend the meeting, following guidance received regarding the Covid-19 virus.

2020/033 Minutes of Meeting.

Minutes of the meetings held on the 24th February 2020 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 S. MacKie.

2020/034 Matters Arising.

2020/022 The clerk had, as requested, written to the farmer regarding an additional piece of land adjacent to the Burial Ground, but no response had as yet been received.

2020/028 a) The Chairman had met Charlton's Plumbing Services with regards to the refurbishment of the toilets. For the replacement of the urinals in the gents and new facilities in both the ladies and disabled including removing the pipework outside the quote was £2,000.

Resolved: That the quotation is accepted.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor S. MacKie.

2020/035 Correspondence Received.

- a) Covid-19 Virus – There were numerous emails received from Rotherham MBC, the Yorkshire LCA, The Post Office and other bodies regarding the Covid-19 virus which was sweeping the country. This correspondence offered advice on the virus, what measures to take to prevent its spread, guidance as to service levels now being provided and also provided further links to other agencies which were offering advice and guidance.
- b) Northern Gas Networks - A copy of their February 2020 Update was received.
- c) S.Y.P.T.E. – Details of service changes operative from the 26th April 2020 were received.
- d) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification was received that the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme passes would, from 21st March, be available to use before 9.30 a.m. any day of the week.
- e) S.Y.P.T.E. – Notification was received that from 23rd March 2020 South Yorkshire Bus Operators would move to a reduced timetable in response to the Covid-19 virus crisis.

- f) John Harker – Peak and Northern Footpaths Society – A copy of his proposed article for the Newsletter was received although too late for the March edition. Councillors discussed the article and how this could reflect upon the Parish Council, who, had no direct involvement in the issue.
Resolved: That the Parish Council do not publish the article in its Newsletter.
 Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
 Seconded: Councillor Ms. E. Levin.
- g) Richard Nettleton Rotherham MBC – Email received from Richard Nettleton advising that the Grass Cutting contract for the ‘Cow Field’ was nearing the completion of the first year of the three years. In accordance with the agreement the charge for the work would increase by 1.7%, Councillors had no problems with the work carried out and the clerk had confirmed continuation with Richard.
- h) Lynne Rowan Area Housing Manager Rotherham MBC – Email received advising that they were in the process of realigning Housing Officers to the forthcoming Ward Boundary Changes and once this had been completed, she would inform the Parish Council accordingly. In view of the cancellation of the Elections this year, the Ward Boundary changes were also not taking place, the clerk had contacted Lynne Rowan asking for the current contact, but no response had been received.
- i) Samuel Palmer South Yorkshire Housing Association – An email was received advising of community walks, with Sarah Palmer, that were happening in Rother Valley during late March.
- j) Christian Hayes Countryside and Rights of Way Rotherham MBC – Email asking if the Parish Council wished to continue its participation in the Public Rights of Way Scheme. The clerk replied advising that they Parish Council wished to and signed the agreement on behalf of the Parish Council. The countersigned agreement had now been received back with the advice that the payment for the coming year would be £850.
- k) Darren Shaw – Email received reporting the condition of the footpaths at the Treeton side of the Waverley works between the train bridge and footbridge over the river, The clerk had forwarded this to Christian Hayes who replied that he was aware of the problem but could do nothing until the new financial year as his current budget was already spent. The information had been passed to Darren Shaw.
- l) Scott Engering – An email was received enquiring about the land at the rear of the Wood Lane houses which the Parish Council had started reclaimed from wasteland. Whilst the Parish Council had not formally made a decision on its future it was more that likely that it would be turned into car parking and would be fenced off from the houses.
- m) Nick Wells South Yorkshire Boat and Ski Club – An email was received advising that he was the contact for the organisation. This followed recent incidents of fly tipping following the access gate being left open. Councillor Goy had discussed this with Nick Wells and Jones Homes had been given access through the gate and had not closed it and this had led to the problems.

2020/036 Allotments, Environment and Cemeteries.

- 2020/036 a)** Councillor Goy advised that there were still ongoing problems on the Biffa site at Catcliffe. He had been in discussions with Environment and Network Rail who confirmed that the problems were on Biffa land and that they would report it to them direct. However, when they came back to Councillor Goy, they had only reported it to the same body as the Parish Council had done in the first instance.
- 2020/036 b)** Councillor Goy also advised council that the sewer pipe running through Flatts Farm had burst for the third time in the last twelve months, again leaking raw sewage into the surrounding area. The problem had now been attended to.

2020/037 Youth Club.

The Chairman advised that the club was currently suspended with the Community Centre being closed due to the Covid-19 virus.

2020/038 Planning Applications.

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

The Chairman advised that the Cricket Club had now received the funding for the Ball Stop Netting extension at the club. It was hoped that the structure would be up and running by the 18th April 2020.

2020/039 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2020/029 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.

2020/039 b) The following accounts were approved for payment.

| | | £ |
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| Lord Mayor's Charity | | 50.00 |
| Co-Operative Bank | Direct Debit | 71.04 |
| Staff Salaries | Bank Transfer | 2,353.88 |
| Inland Revenue | Bank Transfer | 997.23 |
| Petty Cash | Bank Transfer | 34.86 |
| J. Hadrell Cleaning | Bank Transfer | 30.00 |
| Fowler Sandford & Co. | Bank Transfer | 61.20 |
| Rotherham MBC | Bank Transfer | 145.00 |
| SJD Sports Coaching | Bank Transfer | 803.52 |
| Business Stream | Bank Transfer | 55.44 |
| Yorkshire LCA | Bank Transfer | 15.00 |
| John Brailsford Print | Bank Transfer | 383.00 |
| Glendale Countryside | Bank Transfer | 810.00 |
| Opus Energy | Direct Debit | 146.98 |
| Opus Energy | Direct Debit | 49.01 |
| SJD Sports Coaching | Bank Transfer | 803.52 |
| Charlton's Plumbing Service | Bank Transfer | 2,000.00 |

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.

Seconded: Councillor Ms. E. Levin.

2020/039 c) Following advice from both the Yorkshire LCA and the S.L.C.C. following the restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 virus, the Parish Council were asked to consider the following resolution:

“To consider extending the delegation of the Council decisions to the Clerk during any period of restricted activity declared by the Government in respect of the Covid-19 virus. Such delegation to enable the Council to fulfil its responsibilities to its residents.”

Resolved: That the resolution is adopted with immediate effect.

Proposed: Councillor D.A. Goy.
Seconded: Councillor Ms. E. Levin.

2020/039 d) The Clerk advised that he had carried out the Financial Risk Assessments for the Council which were all currently in line with recommendations.

2020/040 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday 27th April 2020 to follow the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 p.m. This would be subject to restrictions currently in place due to the Covid-19 virus, being lifted.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: