

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE READING ROOM ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Present: Cllr Wendy Parker-Foers (Chairperson), Cllr Terry Adair, Cllr Victoria Beckett, Cllr Kevin Hickey, Cllr Jenny Chadburn, Cllr Rachel Rowbottom

2024/179 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bob Croxton & Cllr Olly Baum-Dixon

2024/180 Proposed electricity sub-station near Brinsworth (Brinsworth to High Marnham)

Representatives from National Grid attended and gave a presentation regarding the electricity sub-station which is proposed to be completed to the East of Long Lane, towards Whiston. Cllrs raised concerns over the aesthetics of the finished sub-station, over traffic to and from the site with a 3 year building programme and potential increased flood risks. The team confirmed that this is their preferred site for the sub-station, though, as yet, the land has not been purchased and no formal planning application has been made with the expectation to submit early 2025. An electronic copy of their presentation is available to view.

Action: Clerk to contact Whiston Parish Council to arrange a meeting to discuss mutual concerns in the near future.

2024/181 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2024/182 Public Question Time

2 members of the public attended, no issues were raised

2024/182 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolved: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 29th July 2024 to be taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the Parish Council previously and with the agenda, are approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Chadburn
Seconded: Cllr Hickey

Resolved: The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 20th August 2024 be taken as read, copies having been circulated to all members of the Parish Council previously and with the agenda, are approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Chadburn
Seconded: Cllr Rowbottom

2024/183 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

2024/37 Walls around St Helen's Church & the closed burial ground – RMBC have closed Church Lane to all but local traffic and have issued a repair notice to the property owner as the wall is deemed unsafe.

2024/86xxvii Correspondence - Sewage leak – There has been no further update from the Environment Agency and no further leak had been reported. Item closed.

2024/115 Shorland Drive/Windle Court – work started 1st July. Item closed.

2024/124 Fly Tipping – Use of Covert CCTV - Cllr Adair as Ward Cllr updated that RMBC are looking to move a camera from another area to address the issues in Treeton.

2024/145 Speeding through the Village – It was agreed that there appear to be two issues relating to speeding in the village, one is general speeding during the day and the other is cars appearing to race around during the night.

In respect of daytime speeding, SYP have agreed that they will arrange a speed camera presence in the village in coming weeks or months.

In respect of night time speeding, these should be reported as incidents to SYP.

Cllr Adair informed the Parish Council of an initiative to create a local Speed Awareness team. This was not deemed as being appropriate by the remaining members present, similar initiatives in other areas have met with local opposition.

2024/146 Defib in Bole Hill Area
Project remains paused.

2024/185 Mill Lane Gate

Following a recent attempted vehicle theft, it was agreed that the clerk would write to all residents on Mill Lane reminding them that the gate was installed to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour and to encourage its use as intended, ie that it be closed but not locked during the daytime, and locked at night time.

2024/184 Clerk's report & correspondence

The following have been circulated to Parish Councillors by email and are for information:

- a. RMBC - Details of planning applications, decision and appeals.
- b. RMBC - Rotherham Roundup
- c. RMBC – Rother Vale News

- d. RMBC – Local Plan and Planning Policy Consultation (on agenda under planning applications.
- e. RMBC - September Events
- f. RMBC – Planned road closures
- g. RMBC – Rotherham Town Centre News
- h. YLCA - White Rose bulletin
- i. YLCA - Training and discussion group opportunities
- j. SYCMA – Proposed changes to bus timetables from 1st September
- k. SYCMA – Community Transport Fare Rises
- l. SYCMA – Travelmaster Unlimited Ticket Prices
- m. SYCMA – Changes to Student bus fares from 1st September
- n. SYMCA – Travel South Yorkshire mobile app
- o. Scribe – National Allotment Week & Website Updates
- p. RMBC – Postcode Lottery Grant availability
- q. Cllr Croxton – Clearing Well Lane roundabout vegetation (Cllr Croxton thanked for his effort)
- r. Rotherham Hospice – Presentation Opportunities for local groups
- s. Cllr Croxton – Woodhouse Mill Floodgates
- t. Northern Powergrid – Support available during Storm Lilian
- u. ICO – September newsletter

2024/184 Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Adair, in his capacity as Ward Cllr gave updates on the Improving Places Meeting, on Property Services, on Housing Allocation registers, on the Catcliffe Recovery from last year's flooding, on Forge Island, on Fly Tipping and on the recent CAP meeting.

Relating to Treeton, the CCTV installed on Spa Well Crescent has already had an impact on Antisocial Behaviour and Vandalism.

Cllr Adair has suggested that "Billy & Belinda" figures may be placed on the pavement around Treeton school to attempt to reduce the speed of traffic leaving the roundabout on The Crescent.

Discussions with Highways department have taken place relating to placing weight restrictions along Long Lane towards Whiston.

2024/185 Project to remedy Cowfield drainage –Cllr Adair

Cllr Adair reported that although the samples had been taken, there had been an issue with the electronic submission and that this was being resubmitted.

2024/186 Co-option

Resolved: To contact the two residents who expressed an interest in co-option and ask, should they still wish to be considered, for them to submit their brief resume for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Chadburn
Seconded: Cllr Beckett

2024 /187 Request to rent the Cowfield for American Football

A request had been made via Cllr Parker-Foers to rent the Cowfield to an American Football team. After discussion, and following input from the Cricket & Football club who use the Cowfield regularly, it became apparent that this would not be a feasible proposition.

Action: Cllr Parker-Foers to confirm to the American Football team that we would not be able to meet their request.

2024/188 Planning & Review of Progress on Projects through 2024

The forward planner was reviewed

Resolved: to purchase winter bedding plants with a budget as 2023+10%.

Resolved: To seek approval from RMBC to site Christmas Trees on lamp posts and to re-order as in previous years.

Resolved: To seek approval from RMBC to site Christmas Trees in War Memorial Gardens for the Christmas Tree Festival

Resolved: To purchase 1 Remembrance Wreath

Resolved: To seek approval from RMBC to site Poppies on lamp posts between St Helens Church and the War Memorial site and to purchase the appropriate number of Poppies.

Proposed: Cllr Beckett
Seconded: Cllr Rowbottom

2024/189 Flag Pole Consultation

The results of the flag pole consultation run via Facebook were overwhelmingly in favour of both having a flag pole on the War Memorial Gardens and to fly the Union Flag. 104 residents responded, 96% were in favour the erection of the flag pole and 93% in favour of flying the Union Flag.

Resolved: to seek to purchase a flag pole which would not require planning permission and erect this in the War Memorial Garden ahead of Remembrance Sunday.

Action: Cllrs Beckett and Hickey to manage.

Proposed: Cllr Beckett
Seconded: Cllr Hickey

2024/190 Events Working Group: Report from the Group on Recent Events and Future Plans including Consideration of Risk Assessments, Agreement to any Financial Implications & Parish Council Sign Off

Resolved: That the Parish Council will cover the cost of £10 for hire of the Community Centre for the Pumpkin Festival event on 27th October.

Proposed: Cllr Chadburn
Seconded: Cllr Hickey

Resolved: To seek approval from RMBC to hold Carol Singing at the War Memorial Garden with the sale of hot drinks and snacks to be included along with a Gazebo.

Proposed Cllr Rowbottom
Seconded: Cllr Parker-Foers

2024/191 Suspension of Standing Orders

Resolved: That Standing Orders limiting the length of a Parish Council meeting to 2 hours be suspended to allow business to be completed.

Proposed: Cllr Beckett
Seconded: Cllr Chadburn

2024/192 Standing Items
a. Reading Room

i. Parish Cllr, Housing & PCSO Surgeries

Wed 2nd October – Cllrs Adair and Croxton (if available) to be in attendance

ii. Signal Booster – potential to be installed atop Reading Room

Resolved: To agree proposal from third party company to erect a signal booster on the Reading Rooms subject to its being located at the rear of the building and therefore not requiring planning permission.

Proposed: Cllr Beckett
Seconded: Cllr Rowbottom

Action: Clerk to confirm to the third-party company that we are happy for this to go ahead.

iii. Fire Alarm system – decision on replacement or removal.

Resolved: Cllr Hickey to source and install a standalone alarm system, at which point

the existing alarm will be decommissioned.

Proposed: Cllr Beckett

Seconded: Cllr Hickey

iv. Cleaning

Cllr Rowbottom advised that the Reading Room cleaning will now take place twice a month for 1.5hours instead of once a month for 3 hours.

b) Allotments –

Resolved: to allow the tenant of Area 6, Plot 13 to swap to Area 6 Plot 12.

Proposed: Cllr Chadburn

Seconded: Cllr Beckett

Three allotment plots will shortly be available to offer to residents on the waiting list. – plots 13 and 14 on Well Lane and Plot 42 Mill Lane. These will be offered to those residents on the waiting list in order of their length of wait and preferred site.

Cllrs Parker-Foers and Rowbottom visited the overgrown tree on Well Lane Allotments and arranged under Clerk & Chair authority to have this professionally removed at a cost of £160.

c) Burial Ground

- i. Registering the land – The land has now been measured by a surveyor and the updated plan submitted to the Solicitors to update at the Land Registry.
- ii. Paving – Cllr Parker-Foers confirmed that there is no further update and agreed that this matter should now be closed.
- iii. Additional Land – as part of i. above the full extent of the land in the original purchase agreement has been determined. The current burial ground measures 56 metres in length, land owned by Treeton Parish Council extends to 94.6 metres in length.

d) Recreation Ground & Play Areas – Cllr Adair updated that there has been some damage caused by vandalism to the playground surface on Well Lane.

e) Environment

Nothing to report

f) Planning Applications –

The weekly lists of planning applications and planning decisions in the Borough were circulated by email to all Parish Councillors.

In Treeton there has been:

New applications –

RB2024/1298 – Application to undertake works to trees within the conservation area – 3 Woodlands Farm

RB2024/1305 Application to undertake works to trees protected by a TPO 16 Lyminton Lane – from planning portal, ‘Sycamore tree A large reduction on one side removing all dangerous overhanging limbs onto the property of 27c front street where they have already had a large fallen branch on the garden’

Action: Clerk to confirm exact proposals relating to the trees.

Decisions – No decisions in Treeton

Other matters:

Old Enterprise Centre – result of appeal to Planning Inspectorate is still awaited.

RMBC Local Plan was noted.

g) Newsletter

The next newsletter will be produced early November to include an update on Heroes and the Pumpkin Festival

h) Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to update

2024/193 Report from Representatives on external bodies

a. RMBC/Parish Council’s Network Meeting

Nothing to report

b. YLCA Branch Representatives

Nothing to report

c. Banks Group – Penny Hill Wind Farm

Nothing to report

d. Treeton Youth Club

Cllr Adair reported that numbers of attendees fluctuate

e. Community Centre

Nothing to report

f. Community Centre & Playing Fields Memorial Cttee

Nothing to report

2024/194 Finance & General Purposes.

The Following accounts were approved for payment

Receipts

Reading Room Letting	BACS	310.00
RMBC Precept	BACS	31000.00
HMRC VAT refund 1.4.24-31.7.24	BACS	1,211.56
FUNDS RAISED AT PICNIC ON THE PITCH	CASH	1100.00
Foers Burial Plot	BACS	1500.00
Allotment & Garage fees	BACS	801.00

Payments

Staff Salaries Pension Expenses, August 2024	BACS/DDebit	899.14
PKF Littlejohn LLP	BACS	504.00
Opus – Electricity August 2024	Direct Debit	64.23
Smarty – Office Mobile Phone monthly tariff August	Direct Debit	10.00
Sky: 14.8.24 – 13.9.24 – broadband	Direct Debit	28.74
Sky: 14.9.24 – 13.10. 24 – broadband	Direct Debit	28.74
A Flinders – Burial Ground Maintenance July 2024	BACS	389.03
A Flinders – Burial Ground Maintenance August 2024	BACS	389.03
Sarah's Home Cleaning Services Ltd – Clean RR Aug	BACS	45.00
Sarah's Home Cleaning Services Ltd – Clean RR Aug	BACS	45.00
Rotherprint – Newsletter	BACS	721.00
HP – Laptop, Monitor & Printer	BACS	1390.99
Canva Subscription	BACS	100.00
St John Ambulance – Picnic on the Pitch	BACS	205.92
Hobsons Nurseries – Spring Bulbs	BACS	250.00
Petty Cash	Cash	79.15
Amazon – Laptop bag, stand, keyboard & mouse	Card	74.13
Earl of Arundel – Rent for Land	BACS	61.20
Microsoft – 365 Subscription	Card	79.99
Office Supplies (Paper & Envelopes & Stickers)	Card	34.90

Bank & Cash Book Reconciliation 16th September 2024

Balances at bank: Current account	* 9785.80
Deposit account	* 52693.78
Cambridge Building Society	80,000.44
Nationwide Building Society	36,891.14
Total	£179,371.16

Proposed: Cllr Chadburn

Seconded: Cllr Parker-Foers

2024/195 Items for information/Future Agenda

No items were noted

2024/196 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 28th October 2024 at 6.30pm in the Reading Room

2024/197 Exclusion of the Press & Public

To consider exclusion of the Press & Public on the grounds that the consideration of the following items may involve the likely disclosure of confidential information (s1 (2) Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960).

Proposed: Cllr Chadburn
Seconded: Cllr Rowbottom

2024/156 Property Lease

Decision on Property Lease - deferred

2024/198 Land

A discussion took place around land issue.

2024/199 Burial Ground

The clerk gave an update on a burial issue.

Meeting closed at 21:07

Signed Chairperson: