

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE READING ROOM ON MONDAY 28th OCTOBER 2024

Present: Cllr Wendy Parker-Foers (Chairperson), Cllr Rachel Rowbottom, Cllr Jenny Chadburn, Cllr Terry Adair, Cllr Bob Croxton, Cllr Victoria Beckett, Cllr Olly Baum-Dixon, Cllr Karen Parry (from item 2024/204)

2024/200 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies. Cllr Parker-Foers advised that she had received the resignation of Cllr Kevin Hickey. The Parish Council wish to thank him for his work during his tenure.

2024/201 Public Question Time

3 members of the public attended, no issues were raised

2024/202 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2024/203 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolved: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 16th September 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 Beckett
Seconded: Cllr Chadburn

2024/204 Cooption to Parish Council

Resolved: To co-opt Karen Parry to one vacancy on the Parish Council

Proposed: Cllr Rowbottom
Seconded: Cllr Chadburn

2024/205 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

2024/37Walls 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. Discussions were held between the homeowner and RMBC around the cause of the walls movement. It was noted that residents of Church Lane have had little clear instruction from RMBC and are being very patient given the circumstances.

2024/124 Fly Tipping – Use of Covert CCTV - Cllr Adair as Ward Cllr updated that RMBC have deployed covert cameras in a number of areas and have also installed new signs in fly tipping hot spots.

2024/145 Speeding through the Village – Police speed cameras were noted on High Hazel during early October. Cllr Adair updated further in the Borough Councillors report.

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

2024/185 Mill Lane Gate

A letter was sent to all residents of Mill Lane (gate side). There has been no formal response or request for meeting.

2024/206 Solar Panel Site near to Treeton Woods

Planning application RB2024/1366 has been made, details were circulated. It doesn't fall within Treeton boundaries. Consideration was given to whether the Parish Council should make representations to the Planning Committee at the relevant planning meeting.

2024/207 Sarah Champion's Letter regarding Road Congestion

It was noted that RMBC's response to Sarah Champion's letter was disappointing and used lack of funding as a reason for not making alterations to the Aughton Crossroads. Cllr in his role as Borough Councillor is arranging to meet with other local Councillors from neighbouring areas to take this forward. It was agreed that this item should remain on the agenda for future discussions.

It was agreed that that the Parish Council would be interested in inviting Sarah Champion to a Parish Council meeting in the future.

Action: Clerk to confirm with Sarah Champion's office.

2024/189 Flag Pole on War Memorial Garden

Cllr Beckett presented two quotations for a flag pole to be erected on the War Memorial Garden.

Resolved: To accept the second quotation and arrange for the work to be carried out before the Remembrance Sunday parade.

Proposed: Cllr Croxton

Seconded: Cllr Baum-Dixon

2024/180 – Proposed Electricity Substation near Brinsworth

Cllrs were updated on the size of the proposed new substation compared to the existing one at Brinsworth/Canklow. The existing site is 7.6 football fields the new proposal is 11 football fields.

It was agreed that the Parish Council are unlikely to be able to influence where this is sited, however the PC should focus on what it can do to positively influence the

project, for example weight and speed restrictions on Long Lane and resurfacing of Long Lane afterwards.

2024/208 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 – October Events
- e. RMBC – Rotherham Town Centre News
- f. RMBC – Tenants Open Day
- g. RMBC – Parish Council Network News
- h. RMBC Parish Council Network Meeting
- i. RMBC – Public Spaces Protection Orders
- j. RMBC - Electric Vehicle Charging Places
- k. RMBC – Linnean Society Local Nature Grants
- l. YLCA - White Rose bulletin
- m. YLCA – News & Notifications
- n. YLCA - Training and discussion group opportunities
- o. YLCA – Parkinson Partnership Training (finance)
- p. YLCA – Law & Governance Bulletin
- q. YLCA - Vacancies on Rotherham MBC Parishes joint working group
- r. YLCA – Proposal for new bus system in South Yorkshire
- s. SYCMA – Supertram overhead line equipment works
- t. SYCMA – Bus Service Changes from 27th October
- u. SYCMA – Webinar briefing sessions
- v. Cllr Croxton – Fly Tipping on Long Lane
- w. ICO – October newsletter
- x. Sarah Champion – relating to road safety and congestion

2024/209 Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Adair in his role as Borough Councillor updated the meeting on various issues throughout the Ward.

In Treeton, the results of the Police speed check activities show that, at the times measured, the average speed of vehicles on High Hazel and Wood Lane was broadly within the speed limits set.

Cllr Adair is to work with other local Borough Councillors to push for measures to improve safety at Aughton Crossroads and to engage with the Police and other necessary authorities regarding introducing speed and weigh restrictions on Long Lane.

He confirmed that the CCTV camera sited on Spa Well Crescent appears to be making that area a safer place to live.

In respect of future flood defences, Cllr Adair confirmed that funding has been

agreed by RMBC for “Aqua Sacks” for Treeton residents at risk of flooding, or who had previously been flooded.

It was also confirmed that RMBC have installed new signs at well known fly tipping spots and that covert CCTV is in use across the Ward and Borough as a whole to identify perpetrators.

2024/210 Project to remedy Cowfield drainage

Cllr Adair advised that the report findings have been received relating to the Cowfield Football pitches. There are three different grants available to claim for, Pitch Maintenance, Drainage and Machinery. Further investigation is being conducted by Treeton Cricket & Football Club to determine any restrictions of use should any of these grants be claimed. It was noted that The Cowfield is widely used by residents for a variety of uses and the Parish Council would not wish to restrict its availability for all residents.

2024/211 Planning & Review of Progress on Projects through 2024

Christmas Trees are to be placed on Lamp Posts as in previous years. Approval from RMBC is in hand.

Christmas Tree Festival in the War Memorial Gardens will take place again. The price of a tree will remain as last year and will be advertised on Social Media on a first come first served basis.

Nativity Scene at St Helens Church to be erected.

Action: Cllr Parker-Foers to confirm acceptability with Rev Barringer.

2024/212 Events Working Group

It was noted that the Hidden Heroes was a success. 11 nominees attended a buffet reception on 25th October at the Reading Room and were presented with certificates in acknowledgement of their work.

It was noted that the Pumpkin Festival held at the Community Centre on 27th October was poorly attended. Consideration will be given to the venue for future years. Items purchased by the Parish Council will be used in future events.

A budget of £300 was agreed for Santa’s Grotto which takes place on 15th December at the Reading Room.

Resolved: Allocation of £300 towards the Santa’s Grotto Event.

Proposed: Cllr Baum-Dixon

Seconded: Cllr Beckett

Carol Singing is planned for the War Memorial Garden on 22nd December.

2024/213 Standing Items

a. Reading Room

i. Parish Cllr, Housing & PCSO Surgeries

Wed 6nd November – Cllrs Parker-Foers, Adair & Croxton to attend.

ii. Signal Booster Now installed on the roof of the Reading Room, payment has been received from Netmore.

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

Details of a standalone alert system have been provided. The Parish Council are happy with the legal and insurance obligations.

Resolved: To purchase the alarm at £36

Proposed: Cllr Beckett

Seconded: Cllr Adair

Action: Clerk to purchase the alarm.

iv. Cllr Croxton will investigate the debris in the Reading Room gutters and clear if possible.

b) Allotments –

Plot 13 Well Lane will be split into 2 and distributed between 12 and 14 as the plot isn't suitable to let as a standalone due to size and access.

Plot 42 Mill Lane has been re-let. Clerk & Chair authority have agreed to fund a skip for rubbish as the previous tenant has left a considerable amount behind.

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. 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. Clerk to chase update from Solicitors.

d) Recreation Ground & Play Areas

It was noted that the Cricket & Football Club have located a new container on their land.

e) Environment

Himalayan Balsam -A discussion took place around Himalayan Balsam and what impact the proposed clean up by Whiston Parish Council may have. It was noted that this would have little or no effect in Treeton.

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:

RB2024/1298 & RB2024/1305 These applications are for works to Trees and are for safety reasons. It was noted that the Parish Council would not wish to make any objection to these works.

Decisions

Old Enterprise Centre – result of appeal to Planning Inspectorate has now been published – the request has been approved to build 2 flats on what was the MUGA. It was noted that the Parish Council have remains concerned that the lack of parking associated with this development will severely impact the local area. It was agreed that in due course, further consideration should be given to requesting that RMBC take measures to mitigate unwanted parking on Church Lane and the surrounding area.

RB2024/1250 – Consent granted to tree works to 4 trees within the conservation area at Rectory Cottage, Church Lane.

g) Newsletter, the next issue is to be distributed early December.

Resolved: To agree to reduce the advertisement rate by 50% for this year due to an issue being withdrawn.

Proposed: Cllr Baum-Dixon

Seconded: Cllr Beckett

h) Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report

2024/214 Report from Representatives on external bodies

a. RMBC/Parish Council's Network Meeting

Updated via Borough Councillors report.

b. YLCA Branch Representatives

Nothing to report

c. Banks Group (now named On Path) – Penny Hill Wind Farm

Nothing to report

d. Treeton Youth Club

Numbers maintained in the first term of the new school year.

e. Community Centre

Events on 22nd November – Neil Diamond Tribute Act and 24th November – Winter Fayre.

f. Community Centre & Playing Fields Memorial Cttee

Nothing further to report

2024/215 Finance & General Purposes.

The Following accounts were approved for payment

Receipts

Netmore - Signal Booster		BACS	350.00
Cooperative Bank - complaint settlement		BACS	200.00
Cremation Plot Pre-purchase		CASH	750.00
Allotment & Garage Fees		BACS	183.00
Payments			
EDF Energy - Gas September 2024		Direct Debit	51.10
Smarty		Card	10.00
Sky Broadband		Direct Debit	28.74
Petty Cash		Card	30.00
V Beckett - Winter Bulbs		BACS	40.00
RMBC - Wood Lane Rent		BACS	25.00
Sarah's Home Cleaning		BACS	45.00
A Flinders - Burial Ground Maintenance		BACS	389.03
Salaries		BACS	1195.67
T Adair - Wreath		BACS	25.00
Heroes Event		Card/BACS	301.54
V Beckett - Tea Towels for RR		BACS	17.50
Halloween Event		Card	226.01
Scottish Water - Reading Room		Direct Debit	53.13
Scottish Water - Burial Ground		Direct Debit	18.93
SJD Sports - Youth Club		BACS	2472.00
Balances at Bank 28/10/24 - Current Account		£	7637.27
Deposit Account		£	52873.21
Cambridge Building Society		£	80000.44
Nationwide Building Society		£	36891.14
Total		£	177402.06

Proposed: Cllr Chadburn

Seconded: Cllr Baum-Dixon

2024/216 Items for information/Future Agenda

Proposal for a new Bus System for South Yorkshire
Land issue – to be discussed in closed session
Picnic on the Pitch Ownership & Responsibility
Footpaths from Waverley to Treeton

2024/217 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 25th November 2024 at 6.30pm in the Reading Room

2024/218 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 to next meeting

Complaint to Cooperative Bank regarding Data Breach

The clerk updated the meeting around a recent complaint made to the Cooperative Bank regarding a data breach.

2024/219 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 Adair
Seconded: Cllr Parker-Foers

2024/220 Land to Rear of Wood Lane

Cllr Adair updated that some works have been carried out to vegetation which has been causing alleged damage to vehicles.

Meeting closed at 20:36

Signed Chairperson: