

TREETON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr O Baum-Dixon (chairperson), Cllr R Rowbottom, Cllr J Chadburn, Cllr B Croxton, Cllr T Adair

2024/246 Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr W Parker-Foers, Cllr V Beckett and Cllr K Parry.

2024/247 Public Question Time

2 members of the public were in attendance and no questions were raised.

2024/248 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2024/249 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Resolved: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 25th November 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 J Chadburn

Seconded: Cllr B Croxton

2024/250 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

2024/37 Walls around St Helen's Church & the closed burial ground
No update given.

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

2024/251 Treeton School Board and PTA

Relating to the PTA, it was advised that the school may be seeking help from TPC and would mainly be emails and grants etc.

Relating to the School Board, it was advised that they are looking for Expression of Interest's for now.

2024/252 Survey on future of Electric Vehicle Charging in Rotherham

There has been no feedback

2024/253 Enhancing Treeton's Biodiversity

A resident had enquired in a professional capacity whether there would be Parish Council land available to plant trees. It was confirmed that there is no space owned by the PC that would be suitable for this purpose.

2024/254 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 – December Events
- e. RMBC – Christmas Events
- f. RMBC – Rotherham Town Centre News
- g. RMBC – Parish Council Network News
- h. RMBC - Parish Council Network Meeting
- i. YLCA - White Rose bulletin
- j. YLCA – News & Notifications
- k. YLCA - Training and discussion group opportunities
- l. YLCA – Law & Governance Bulletin
- m. SYCMA – Christmas Travel in South Yorkshire
- n. ICO – December newsletter
- o. Point North – November Newsletter
- p. Cllr Croxton – Bollard damaged on High Hazel
- q. A Resident on behalf of SYMCA – Enhancing Treeton's Biodiversity

2024/255 Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Adair gave an update relating to Aughton Crossroads advising that a meeting is to be held on 22nd January 2025 with a view to use Strategic CIL Funding in order to provide measures to improve safety at the crossroads.

Cllr Adair advised the repairing of paths and roads of Front Street and Well Lane would be looked at in 2025 with Cllr Adair to look into the suggestion that the paths are not to be repaired.

2024/256 Project to remedy Cowfield drainage.

RMBC confirmed it would be suitable to use CIL Funding for this project.

Cllr Adair to investigate the land ownership of the Treeton Cricket Club area.

2024/257 Planning & Review of Progress on Projects through 2024/25

It was noted that there has been positive feedback received relating to the Christmas trees on the lampposts with some constructive feedback regarding the brightness of the lights on the trees.

The War Memorial Trees are in place with positive feedback received. An item to add to the forward planner relating to additional decorations for the Reading Rooms in future years and also some lights on the mine wheels and flower tubs.

2024/258 Grant Applications

There were no Grant Applications to consider.

2024/259 HR Committee Update

It was agreed in the latest HR Committee Meeting to go out to advert for the Clerk/RFO in early January 2025. The related documents to the advert (job description and person specification) were updated and it was agreed to advertise in Sheffield and Rotherham.

2024/260 Events Working Group

Santa's Grotto took place at the Reading Room on 15th December. Any leftover reindeer food and hot chocolate cones were to be sold at Treeton News with the funds then going back into the Events Group Funds.

Carol Singing is planned for the War Memorial Garden on 22nd December between 5:15-5:45pm and then those who wished could then attend the carol service at St Helens Church at 6pm. The paths etc at the War Memorial Gardens will be checked or safety prior to the event.

2025 Events would be looked at in Jan/Feb.

2024/261 Standing Items

a) Reading Room

- i. Parish Cllr, Housing & PCSO Surgeries
Wed 8th January Cllrs Croxton and Adair
- ii. Fire Alarm System
Still awaiting details of manual alarm.

b) Allotments

No update given

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. Awaiting update from the Solicitors

d) Recreation Ground & Play Areas

Item not taken

e) Environment

2024/180 – Proposed Electricity Substation near Brinsworth

No additional information is currently available, item to remain on the agenda pending planning application.

2024/230 Whitestone Solar Farm

A leaflet has been delivered to all homes in Treeton with information relating to a proposed Solar Farm to be located in Rotherham. It was noted that the sites identified include land in and bordering Treeton. It was agreed that this item will be retained on the agenda under Environment for monitoring. Cllrs Parker-Foers and Croxton attended a public consultation and suggested we write to the company for a consultation in Treeton. Cllr Adair advised that the community centre would be available to hold the meeting if required.

It was noted that it may be wise to get the views of Cllr Beckett also.

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 –

Application for Works on a tree with a TPO at 16 Lyminton Lane – this relates to a previous application and is amended in accordance with the Tree Officer's requirements.

RB2024/1686 – Demolition of outbuilding and erection of a single storey rear extension on Treetown Crescent

Decisions

Planning decision to allow the tree work at the Old Rectory, Front Street relates to the current closure of Church Lane. The three trees which they to be felled are on the advice of the structural engineers as it seems that these trees are responsible for the movement of the boundary wall. These need to be taken down before remedial work can be taken to make safe the wall.

g) Newsletter

Cllr Baum-Dixon advised that there have been mechanical issues at the printers and it was agreed that the Parish Council make amendments to the newsletter and reprint in January.

h) Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report

2024/262 Report from Representatives on external bodies

a. RMBC/Parish Council's Network Meeting

Item not taken

b. YLCA Branch Representatives

Item not taken

c. On Path – Penny Hill Wind Farm

Item not taken

d. Treeton Youth Club

Nothing to update

e. Community Centre

Cllr Adair updated that from recent fundraising, £1000 was raised for Rotherham Hospice.

f. Community Centre & Playing Fields Memorial Cttee

Nothing to update

2024/263 Finance & General Purposes.

Item Deferred. Discussions to be held about the precept via email prior to the January Parish Council meeting for an agreement to be made.

Financial Monitoring report to be deferred to January.

2024/264 Items for information/Future Agenda

Burial Ground Rules & Fees

Budget Review

Fence at Catcliffe Flash layby

Newsletter

Footpath from Well Lane to Catcliffe

2024/265 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 27th January 2025 at 6.30pm in the Reading Room

2024/266 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 Expired Lease

Decision on Expired Lease – deferred to January meeting

2024/ Complaint to Cooperative Bank regarding Data Breach

Item revisited and decision remains.

2024/2 Land Issue

A discussion took place over an issue relating to land. Additional information is to be identified and appropriate advice sought.

Meeting closed at 19:50

Signed Chairperson:

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