

RAINWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY 2013 at 7pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr's M Buttery, L Tift, B Hardy, V Stephenson, J Stephenson, M Jefferies, J Middleton, J Bradbury, P Cullen and J Saunders.

County Councillor Geoff Merry from 7.30pm.

Parish Clerk D Jones

The meeting was taped from 7pm.

Meeting chaired by Cllr M Buttery.

APOLOGIES

Cllr's I Speller and A Armin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members did not declare any interests at this stage of the proceedings.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10-1-2013 were confirmed as a true & correct record by all members in attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

POLICE

Date of next Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting - Monday 25th February at Joseph Whitaker School at 6.30pm.

Information regarding the Draft Police and Crime Plan received and noted.

The Chairman reported that there had been a recent spate of burglaries in the village.

Ongoing parking problems around Python Hill School have lead to fines being issued to owners of illegally parked vehicles.

FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

A schedule of accounts up to 31st January 2013 including payments to the total of £12,402.91 and remittance of £7,151.17 was presented to the meeting.

It was proposed and resolved unanimously to approve the accounts and payments up to 31-1-2013.

Signed..... Date.....

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was unanimously agreed to approach David Slight and offer him the position.

MOTIONS FROM CLLR J BRADBURY

Motion 1

(The council therefore resolves that the Clerk will produce draft minutes by 5 days after the meeting concerned and that they be clearly shown as "draft". These draft minutes to be circulated to members either by email or by post, posted on the Parish Council notice boards and the Council website).

Seconded by Cllr J Middleton.

Cllr J Bradbury handed additional information to each member present.

Cllr J Bradbury read his accompanying statement which stated his reasons for requesting the motion to the meeting.

Cllr L Tift disagreed with the proposed motion pointing out that there was no legal requirement to circulate minutes prior to a meeting and that as a matter of courtesy; the minutes were given to members along with the agenda approx 1 week preceding the next meeting. Cllr L Tift stated that there was already a system in place that worked very well and draft minutes were unnecessary extra work.

Cllr J Saunders pointed out that Councillors could pop into the office at anytime if they required any information or wished to look at anything.

Cllr M Jefferies pointed out that other preceding Council's had also approved of and used the present system.

Cllr's V Stephenson, J Stephenson, B Hardy, M Jefferies, L Tift J Saunders and M Buttery all stated that they were happy with the present system, which worked well and they did not wish to change it.

Cllr's P Cullen and J Middleton stated they supported the motion.

Cllr J Bradbury exercised his right to reply and requested a recorded vote.

In favour of Cllr J Bradbury's motion

J Bradbury

J Middleton

P Cullen

Against Cllr J Bradbury's motion

M Buttery

L Tift

M Jefferies

V Stephenson

J Stephenson

J Saunders

B Hardy

3 in favour, 7 against - Motion not carried.

Signed..... Date.....

Motion 2

(This Council therefore resolves that a copy of the summary of payments, receipts and balances be delivered to members together with the calling and agenda papers of the following meeting and that copies of the summary, once approved, shall be made available on request to any person and displayed on the Council's notice board and website).

Seconded by Cllr J Middleton.

Cllr J Bradbury read his accompanying statement to the meeting which stated his reasons for requesting the motion.

Cllr L Tift pointed out that the Council had a modest precept and spent very little and little changed from year to year and the need for this motion was totally unnecessary.

Cllr M Jefferies stated that not all Cllr's in the past had been vigilant and sometimes lost previously circulated financial papers.

Cllr M Buttery said the present system was satisfactory and did not need to change.

Cllr's L Tift, M Jefferies, V Stephenson, J Stephenson, J Saunders, B Hardy and

M Buttery stated that there was no need to change the present system and they would not support this motion.

Cllr's P Cullen and J Middleton stated they supported the motion.

Cllr J Bradbury exercised his right to reply and requested a recorded vote.

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3 in favour 7 against - Motion not carried.

County Councillor Geoff Merry arrived at this point

Signed..... Date.....

PLAYING FIELDS & OPEN SPACES

Village Hall Play Equipment

A discussion took place regarding the removal, relocation and disposal of the play equipment sited at the rear of the Village Hall. It was noted that Clare Dady of Rainworth Youth Club and Phil Beard of NSDC were happy to relocate the play equipment to a site adjoining the Youth Club

It was proposed and resolved unanimously to remove the play equipment at the Village Hall and donate all the items that were still in good working order to Rainworth Youth Club and scrap the remainder if required.

Playground Signs

It was proposed and resolved unanimously to purchase 2 playground information signs.

TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS, FOOTWAYS & LIGHTING

Cllr V Stephenson reported that lighting column No.13 on Sherwood Rd had been removed due to damage.

It was noted that pot holes around the village had not yet been filled, County Councillor Geoff Merry will look into this.

Grit bins in the village will continue to be filled on a regular basis during the winter months.

County Councillor Geoff Merry stated that he was not happy with recent comments on a personal blog regarding the subject of a new safety barrier which is to be erected adjacent to the roundabout at the Kirklington Rd end of the bypass before the end of March.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Cllr J Bradbury reported that he had contacted NSDC regarding the possibility that a fox may have been responsible for killing a chicken in an isolated case in the St Peters Drive area of the village.

DONATIONS

None

COMMUNITY MATTERS

None

PLANNING

Modifications to Newark & Sherwood Allocations & Development Management DPD - received and noted.

12/01075/FUL	Lockwell Hill Farm, Kirklington Rd	P/C Support
13/00039/FUL	Joseph Whitaker School	P/C Support

Signed..... Date.....

VILLAGE HALL REPS REPORT

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

NSDC - Section 166 - No Casino Resolution information received & noted.

NSDC - Invitation to attend forthcoming charity event.

NCC - Review of NCC Statement of Community Involvement received & noted.

NCC - Proposals for Sherwood Forest Landscape Partnership Scheme received & noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 14th March 2013.

Meeting closed at 8.17pm.