

# **RAINWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2014**

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllrs S Jones, B Hardy, L Tift, M Buttery, M Jefferies, V Stephenson, J Stephenson,  
J Saunders, J Middleton, P Cullen.  
D Jones - Parish Clerk.  
One member of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr M Buttery.

The Chairman requested that all mobile phones and tape recording devices be switched off for the duration of the meeting.

The meeting was officially taped by the Clerk from 7pm.

## **APOLOGIES**

Cllr's I Speller, J Bradbury

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr L Tift - Agenda item No.9 - U3A Donation request  
Agenda item No.11 - Planning

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the 9-1-2014 meeting (previously circulated) were unanimously confirmed as a true & correct record by all in attendance at the 9-1-2014 meeting.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

## **POLICE**

Cllr L Tift gave a report regarding the issues discussed at the last Land Owners meeting concerning the former Rufford Colliery site which included the restoration project, new signage, prevention of access for 4x4's, police monitoring of the site and the issue of several section 59 orders.

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

**FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

A schedule of accounts from 1st - 31st January 2014 including payments of £12,945.72 and remittance of £7,152.39 was presented to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr L Tift seconded by Cllr V Stephenson to approve the accounts and payments up to 31-1-2014. 9 in favour. Cllr S Jones abstained from the vote.

**APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

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

**REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Clerk read aloud the review which included, internal controls, effectiveness of the internal audit, responsibilities of the Council and the Clerk and the statement of assurance. It was proposed and resolved unanimously that all were to the satisfaction of the Council. The Chairman signed the internal controls.

**PLAYING FIELDS & OPEN SPACES**

A resident complaint regarding the overgrown trees and hedges on the Little John field which boarder her property will be dealt with as soon as a new Handyperson is appointed. Cllr M Buttery will empty the litter bins on the Preston Rd playing field.

**TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS, FOOTWAYS & LIGHTING**

Cllrs will discuss the options for the village centre car park at the next meeting. It was noted that there were dog fouling problems on the jitty that runs alongside Python Hill School. Cllr L Tift will approach the Headmaster and request his assistance to help alleviate the problem. Cllr L Tift informed the meeting that a project called Helping Hands which includes members of the fire service, the police and the school have discussed ways to improve the area surrounding the Sherwood Parade shops and the adjoining jitty.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received notification from NSDC that ROMO had been asked to clear fly tipping on land owned by them off the Old Pit Lane. Cllr V Stephenson thanked Cllr S Jones for clearing all the fly tipping from the Amber Close field.

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

**DONATIONS**

Cllr L Tift remained in the meeting but did not take part in the discussions or the vote.

The Chairman read aloud donation requests from Little Nippers Pre-school and U3A.

It was noted that £490 remained in the Donations fund for 2013/14.

Following discussions it was proposed 8 in favour 1 abstention that the Parish Council felt that due to the membership of a number of the U3A members being from outside the parish they were not able to support the U3A donation request. Cllrs agreed to donate the remaining £490 in the donation fund to Little Nippers to help with the building costs of a new extension that will provide extra day care facilities for 2-5 year old children within the community. Cllr M Jefferies stated that he would personally add £10 to make the total up to £500.

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

None.

**PLANNING**

13/00487/FUL	School House Warsop Lane	NSDC Approve
13/01256/OUTM	Land off Warsop Lane	NSDC permit outline planning permission
13/01061/FUL	Lurcher Farm, Mansfield Rd Farnsfield Installation of a 60kw wind turbine	P/C object. Concerns regarding the amount of wind turbines in the area
13/00967/FUL	Norwood, Mansfield Rd Blidworth Installation and commission of a single 10kw wind turbine	P/C object. Request that all wind turbine applications be put in abeyance until consultation period ends and a conclusion is reached

Cllr L Tift informed the meeting that she had attended the Draft Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document Consultation meeting on behalf of Rainworth Parish Council and had put the views of the Council forward.

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

**VILLAGE HALL REPS REPORT**

Cllr B Hardy reported that bookings were good, Peter Zakarian-Ball had left for pastures new, the VHMC are currently advertising for a replacement caretaker and several new trustees and volunteers have joined the VHMC.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

NALC - Impact of the European elections on date of annual parish meetings - revised date if effected - Received & noted.

NSDC - Adoption of the developer contributions & planning obligations supplementary planning document and landscape character assessment - Received & noted.

NSDC - Notification of the Chairman of NSDC civic service - Received & noted.

NSDC - Gypsy & traveller site development plan document - Received & noted.

Rainworth Parish Council will oppose any gypsy and traveller sites in Rainworth.

The Chairman read aloud an email received from Cllr J Bradbury requesting an internal review following his Freedom of Information request for a copy of the recording of the 9th January 2014 meeting. Cllr J Bradbury said he required a copy as possible evidence in the Standards Committee case against him and as possible evidence of any complaint to be made by him against members of Rainworth Parish Council. The Chairman also read aloud the reply given to Cllr J Bradbury. The Chairman reiterated the council's stance on the matter following advice from the National Association of Local Councils which states that the council permits the recording of meetings as an aide to the Clerk when preparing the minutes only and that the tape recording of each meeting will be erased after confirmation of the previous minutes, as this is the only official legal paper copy that needs to be retained. The Chairman stated that councillors had plenty of opportunity to visit the office and listen to the tape recording and take notes prior to the confirmation of the minutes at the next meeting.

The Chairman read aloud section 1 (7) of the public bodies (admissions to meetings) act 1960 which states: the act does not give any person or body the right to record parish council meetings, but the parish council can give permission for its own recording to be made. It therefore follows that the parish council can control how this permission is exercised.

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE continued**

It was moved by Cllr M Buttery seconded by Cllr L Tift that the council stands by its original stance regarding the recordings. Cllr's S Jones and V Stephenson requested a recorded named vote.

### **In favour**

Cllr M Buttery  
Cllr L Tift  
Cllr M Jefferies  
Cllr V Stephenson  
Cllr J Stephenson  
Cllr J Saunders  
Cllr S Jones  
Cllr B Hardy

### **Abstentions**

Cllr P Cullen  
Cllr J Middleton

Motion carried.

It was noted that although Cllr J Bradbury had stated in a further email that the Council should have received instructions sent by the Information Commissioners office regarding his request for a copy of the recording on or around 5th February 2014 nothing had been received from them. The only correspondence sent to the council from the ICO was regarding a request from a Graham D Scott on another matter on 4th February 2014. The Chairman questioned Cllr J Bradbury's statement regarding the timings in his email as it was noted that if Cllr J Bradbury felt he needed to make a complaint to the ICO it could not have legally been made until after the required 20 working days allowed to reply to the request (6th February at the earliest) had expired. The Chairman commented that if correspondence from the ICO had never been received by the council regarding Cllr J Bradbury's complaint how did he know that the ICO would send correspondence regarding a complaint on or around that date. The Chairman stated that there was also a possibility that a pseudonym (Graham D Scott) may be being used in FOI requests made to the Council.

The Chairman stated that a Freedom of Information request from Graham D Scott was in the process of being dealt with.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13th March 2014

Following Private & Confidential the meeting closed at 8.10pm.