

# **RAINWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RAINWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllrs: S Jones, C Salmon, I Speller, S Tift, L Tift, J Stephenson, V Stephenson, M Buttery, M Jefferies, J Bradbury and J Saunders.

PCSO's Tracy Stokes and John Arins

Parish Clerk – D Jones

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman read aloud a statement regarding the recording of meetings of the council and requested that all mobile phones be switched to silent for the duration of the meeting.

### **APOLOGIES**

J Pearce

The meeting was chaired by Cllr M Buttery

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

### **DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTENTION TO RECORD THE MEETING**

Cllr J Bradbury – Audio only.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr L Tift – Agenda item No.14 – Planning.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9-7-2015 (previously circulated) were unanimously confirmed as a true & correct record by all in attendance at the 9-7-2015 meeting.

### **POLICE**

PCSO's Tracy Stokes and John Arins informed the meeting that:

- Regular patrols had seen a decrease in anti-social behaviour
- No further drinking issues had been reported on the Preston Rd playing field
- Police are dealing with drug offences in a number of Rainworth village car parks and Cannabis warnings have been issued
- Anti-social behaviour continues to be monitored on the Python Hill School jitty
- Police are aware of a drug problem on the new skate park/play area
- Regular patrols will continue
- Urged people to report any issues or problems so they could be dealt with
- Awaiting results of a review of police staffing

Cllr J Saunders made the police aware of potential drinking problems on the Thoresby Rd open space. The police will monitor the area.

The Chairman thanked the PCSO's for the updates and for attending the meeting.

Tracy Stokes and John Arins left the meeting at this point.

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

## **FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**

A schedule of accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 including payments of £60,925.01 and remittance of £20,782.07 was presented to the meeting.

Questions regarding the accounts were answered to the satisfaction of the council. It was proposed and resolved 10 in favour to approve the accounts. Cllr S Jones abstained from the vote.

### Larger refuse bin

It was proposed and resolved unanimously to change the present waste contract with NSDC and upgrade to a 660L trade waste bin.

### New petrol mower

It was proposed and resolved unanimously to purchase a larger 21 inch cut petrol lawn mower.

## **CONCLUSION OF AUDIT**

The Clerk reported that the audited Annual Return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 had been received. Grant Thornton, the appointed auditor reported that “on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met”.

The notice of the conclusion of audit has been posted.

## **PLAYING FIELDS & OPEN SPACES**

### Adoption of Davidsons open spaces

It was agreed to arrange a site visit with Phil Beard (NSDC) and a representative from Davidsons to check for any problems or defects and finalise any details prior to the transfer. It was proposed and resolved unanimously to give the Chairman authorisation to proceed if everything is in order and to the satisfaction of the council. Any problems that may delay the transfer will be reported back to the next meeting.

### Maintenance of grass verge – The Hollies

Cllr L Tift declared an interest

It was proposed and resolved 10 in favour 1 abstention not to adopt or take over the maintenance of the grass verge on a strip of land between No's 7 & 8 the Hollies.

The Chairman will contact NS Homes regarding hedge cutting issues and overflowing litter bins on the Thoresby Rd open space.

It was proposed and resolved unanimously to remove the damaged goal post on the Preston Rd playing field.

Cllr C Salmon commented that older children had asked for a youth shelter next to the skate park, it was noted that grant funding would be sought to cover the cost of the shelter. It was proposed and resolved 10 in favour 1 abstention to support the project.

The Chairman advised Cllr C Salmon to inform Rainworth Miners Welfare of the project.

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

**DISPENSATION TO ALLOW RAINWORTH COUNCILLORS TO VOTE AND SET THE PRECEPT UNTIL THE END OF THE CURRENT ELECTION PERIOD**

Following advice from NSDC all members present signed (in the presence of the Clerk) a request for a dispensation which would allow each councillor to speak and vote on the setting of the precept until the end of the current election period. As no matters were brought to the attention of the Clerk, dispensation was granted to each member. The Clerk advised that any changes to members "Register of Members Interest" forms should be reported to the Clerk or the Monitoring Officer at NSDC as soon as possible.

**TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS, FOOTWAYS & LIGHTING**

B6020 Warsop Lane – extension to existing 30mph speed limit – received & noted.

Concerns were raised regarding overgrown hedges on Kirklington Rd and Southwell Rd East. Cllr J Bradbury will contact the appropriate authorities and request that these are cut back. Cllr J Bradbury will investigate the appearance of temporary illuminated speed signs that have appeared in two locations in the village.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

Nothing to report.

**DONATIONS**

Sherwood Forest Money Advice Centre

Following a discussion Cllr S Tift proposed giving £100 to the group. A vote was taken, 3 in favour 8 against. Motion not carried.

CAB

It was proposed and resolved 8 in favour 3 against not to give a grant this year. It was agreed to write to the CAB and ask if an outreach service could be provided in Rainworth in the future.

Rainworth Miners Welfare Trust – Community Bonfire

It was proposed and resolved 6 in favour 3 against 2 abstentions to donate £600 towards this year's event.

Rainworth Miners Welfare Football Club

It was proposed and resolved unanimously not to make a donation towards the cost of preventing rabbits entering the football field.

**COMMUNITY MATTERS**

The "Seasonal Decoration Licence" application has been sent to NCC.

Suggestions were requested for relocation sites for the large planter situated at present at the junction of Southwell Rd East/Rugby Rd.

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

## **PLANNING**

NCC – Notification – Erection of Gas to Grid Anaerobic Digestion Plant – Application withdrawn.

15/01195/FUL	110 Westbrook Drive	P/C Support
15/00936/ADV	Primary Care Warsop Lane	NSDC Approve
15/00901/FUL	48 Sycamore Close	NSDC Approve
15/00523/RMAM	Land off Warsop Lane	NSDC Approve

Cllr L Tift will seek clarification from NSDC regarding the additional planning application for 30 additional dwellings on land off Warsop Lane.

It was noted that a plot of land has been purchased and cleared adjacent to Churchfield Drive nursing home and the residential caravan park. Residents have raised concerns as there have been rumours that this may be turned into a gypsy site. It was noted that no official notices or planning applications have been received at present but Cllr L Tift stated that the council needed to be vigilant.

## **VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr M Jefferies reported that the hall was doing well and once again praised the VHMC for all their commitment and hard work.

Cllr L Tift will make arrangements for Cllr M Jefferies and M Buttery to receive notifications of future meetings.

Requested info still not received from the VHMC, it was noted that this issue is preventing Rainworth Parish Council from moving forward regarding the purchase of the village hall.

## **VILLAGE HALL – ANNUAL GRANT**

It was proposed and resolved 9 in favour 2 abstentions to award a grant of £2,000 for 2015/16 to the VHMC to help towards utility costs.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

PCSO John Arins – notification of SNG meeting – 29/09/2015 at 6:30pm Joseph Whitaker School.

Greenwood – offer of free small scale tree planting projects – Cllr C Salmon to action for new play area/skate park.

NSDC – Annual Parish Conference – 05/10/2015 at 6pm Kelham Hall.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Following Private & Confidential the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

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