

MEETING OF ROPSLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Ropsley & District Parish Council Meeting** held in the Memorial Hall, Ropsley on Monday, 25th November 2019

Meeting started 7.00pm

Public Forum:

Prior to the council meeting representatives of The Place Young People's Company attended to introduce their plans for a new establishment on the outskirts of Ropsley. The presentation was warmly received and progress will be followed with interest.

A Ropsley resident asked the Council if any pressure could be applied to local land-owners to assist in resolving the evident problems with Surface water drainage in Ropsley. The Chairman agreed to speak to the County Council and Highways Authority.

A representative of the Baboons thanked the Council for the donation and confirmed its receipt.

1.0 Chairman Patrick Buckley welcomed attendees to the council meeting.

In attendance: **Cllrs present:** Cllr P Buckley – Chair, Cllr A Sentence, Cllr A Marshall, Cllr G Reeves, Cllr M Rowbotham, Cllr N Gosbee and Cllr K Porter

2.0 Apologies: Cllr J Leslie and Mr Adrian Illingworth - Clerk

2.1 The Chairman reported receipt of a formal letter of resignation from Adrian Illingworth (Parish Clerk) and this was accepted unanimously by the council.

2.2 It was agreed that Cllr A Marshall would seek advice regarding the replacement of the Parish Clerk.

3.0 No comments.

4.0 Previous minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

5.0

5.1 District Councillor not in attendance

5.2 County Councillor not in attendance

6.0

6.1 All approved. In addition it was agreed that Cllr M Rowbotham, would discuss a previous accidental overpayment to the Community Cleaner direct with him.

6.2 A recent bank statement was presented by the chairman and all appeared to be in order.

6.3 Deferred to next meeting.

6.4 Deferred to next meeting.

6.5 Baboons payment confirmed Village Hall yet to be paid.

6.6 Deferred to next meeting.

6.7 Electoral costs of £139 were settled in August.

6.8 Deferred to next meeting.

6.9 Ground maintenance costs revenue presented by Cllr N Gosbee (£161.01 for fuel). He confirmed income of £120 from burial of ashes. It was agreed that the parish council mower should be serviced.

6.10 The Church Clock maintenance Grant was approved by Council. (£100)

6.11 The Royal British Legion Grant was approved by Council. (£120)

7.0

7.1 Nothing to report.

7.2 Tree work underway 2 done 2 to go. Thank you letters have been sent by the Chairman.

8.0

8.1 No adverse comments.

8.2 Conversion work to the former Foxes Brush is due to commence in early 2020.

9.0

9.1 It was noted that the forced removal of obstructions in Little Humby has led to noticeable deterioration of the verge

9.2 Council are content with the proposed removal but, subject to confirmation of ownership, will not contribute to costs.

9.3 Any Other Issues

9.3.1 It was agreed that a new tree would be procured to go near to the village sign within the gap in the hedge. This to be confirmed via Cllr M Hill that it will not be against highway policy.

9.3.2 Paint to be obtained for phone boxes.

9.3.3 Further prices to be obtained for new notice boards.

9.3.4 Work has started on the new village hall and Cllr G Reeves agreed to bring construction plans for the new building to the next meeting.

9.3.5 A Little Humby resident wishes to replace the existing dying cherry on the green with a crab apple tree. There were no adverse comments from the council.

10.0

10.1 Some minor works have been carried out but no walkabout as yet.

10.2 No other issues

11.0

11.1 The neighbourhood plan committee are due to meet on the 4th of December to review the draft plan.

12.0

12.1 No update.

12.2 Deferred to next meeting.

13.0 date of next meeting 9th January 2020.