

MEETING OF ROPSLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ropsley & District Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Ropsley on Monday, 13th January 2020

Meeting started 7.00pm.

No members of the public attended.

1.0 Chairman Patrick Buckley welcomed attendees to the council meeting and wished them a happy New Year. In attendance: Cllr P Buckley – Chair, Cllr A Marshall, Cllr M Rowbotham, Cllr N Gosbee, Cllr K Porter, Cllr J Leslie and District Cllr S Trotter.

2.0 Apologies from Cllr A Sentance and Cllr G Reeves.

3.0 No comments.

4.0 Signing of the minutes.

4.1 Previous minutes were for Monday, 25th November 2019 were approved by Cllr's Marshall and Gosbee and duly signed by the Chairman.

5.0 Report received from District and County Councillors.

5.1 Report received from District Cllr S Trotter.

- County Cllr not in attendance
- A village walkabout to inspect drains took place on Sunday 15th Dec. Attending were DCllr S Trotter, CCllr M Hill, resident Chris Cordon, Cllr N Gosbee and Cllr A Sentance
Particularly noted where the broken drain on Water Lane
Cllr M Hill to report the drain issues to LCC
- Cllr M Hill has undertaken to arrange a walkabout to look at highways issues, particularly in Little Humby – to be arranged
- An update was given about the ward grant allocation to Ropsley & District and £150 is available. It was agreed that this should go towards the new village sign. Cllr Buckley to fill in the grant application form
- An update was given about the planning application for a change of use from residential to a children's home at Walnut House, Somerby Road. At the previous SKDC planning meeting it was decided to defer the decision about the application pending more information on viability and access

6.0 Recruitment of a New Parish Clerk.

6.1 Following advice received from LALC Cllrs Marshall and Buckley had prepared job spec, terms and advert.

6.2 Job spec, terms and advert approved and it was agreed that the advert would run until 15th Feb, then applications would be reviewed and then interviews provisionally planned for week commencing 24th February. Approved by Cllrs Rowbotham and Gosbee.

Cllr Reeves had previously requested that it should be noted that previous clerking experience and experience with cemetery management would be preferable.

7.0 Finance.

7.1 Receipts noted and confirmed as paid in.

7.2 Payments made noted.

7.2.7 Ropsley Maintenance costs – cheque issued.

7.2.8 Humby Maintenance costs – cheque issued.

7.2.9 St Peter's Church Clock donation – cheque issued and Cllr Gosbee to pass on.

7.2.10 Section 137 Village Hall Grant – cheque issued.

7.2.11 British Legion donation – cheque issued.

7.2.12 Clive Keble – Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy – approval of BACS payment to be made by Cllrs Rowbotham and Marshall.

7.3 Noted.

7.4 Noted no comments.

7.5 Deferred to future meeting.

7.6 Following a full discussion it was unanimously agreed by all present to slightly increase the 2020/21 Precept to £12,500. The PC runs a tight budget compared with other councils and it was felt we needed a contingency and small increase for aspirational projects.

7.7 It was agreed that Cllr Buckley would look into options for engaging a 3rd party assistance to help with the compilation of this year's accounts given that there is no sitting clerk. This was previously supported by Cllr Reeves.

7.8 Cllrs Sentance and Reeves to be asked to change banking details.

7.9 None to report.

8.0 Matters arising from previous meeting.

8.1 Cllr Trotter to chase this up.

8.2 See 5.1 above ref Ward Grant.

8.3 None.

9.0 Planning.

9.1 Noted and no comments.

9.2 Noted and no comments.

9.3 See 5.1 above Walnut House.

9.4 Noted no comments.

9.5 Noted no comments.

9.6 Noted no comments.

10.0 Matters affecting the villages.

10.1 See 5.1 Walkabout held on 15th Dec in Ropsley above.

10.2 None noted.

11.0 Highways.

11.1 Cllr Leslie highlighted issue of flooding on the road in Braceby which she asked to be included in the village walkabout noted in 5.1 above.

Cllr Sentance had previously reported on signage for 'tractors turning' towards Humby/Ropsley. To be clarified and discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Marshall noted flooding off road between Ropsley and Ropsley Rise Wood.

12.0 Neighbourhood Plan.

12.1 Cllr Buckley informed the committee that the draft neighbourhood plan was substantially complete and that this would be published for public consultation between 14th Feb and 28th March 2020. Public notices about this to follow.

13.0 Cemetery.

13.1 Cllr Gosbee informed the committee that the lawn mower had gone in for servicing but given its age and difficulty of sourcing reasonably priced spares that that in future it would probably need replacing.

14.0 Next meeting to be held on Mon 9th March 2020

End.