

MEETING OF ROPSLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Ropsley & District Parish Council Meeting** held in the Memorial Hall, Ropsley on Thursday, 24 July 2018

Cllrs present: Cllr P Buckley – Chair, Cllr A Sentence, Cllr A Marshall, Cllr M Rowbotham and Mr Adrian Illingworth - Clerk

Chair welcomed all present

Meeting started 7.00pm

Public Forum: Three members of the public were present.

Two residents asked if the Parish Council had received any further contact with Chris Duggan, who was interested in developing the Ropsley Fox. The Chair advised, to date, no further communication had taken place. The Clerk to contact Mr Duggan for an update.

The residents appreciated the work carried out by the Council over the past year, most of which is done behind the scenes

A resident raised concern regarding the grass cutting in the village. This was discussed under the relevant agenda item.

Two sycamore trees were over hanging the entrance to Munton Fields. Highways have been out to inspect and work will be carried out later in the year.

The use of a footpath was raised. This had been used over the years by residents but Cllr Sentence, advised the member of the public, this was on private land. An application could be submitted to LCC to ask for the footpath to be made public.

The cost of the new sign for the village was raised. To date no figures are available. Clerk read out the email from the Green Man supporting the new sign.

Public forum closed at 7.15pm

At this stage the Chair asked C Eving, from the Village Hall committee, to speak to the Council regarding a possible donation. The Village Hall committee were grateful for the donations over the years, which go towards maintain fees at a low level A grant of £1200 was requested. This amount to be used towards the ground running costs. After discussion the Council resolved to accept the application. A copy of the Village Hall accounts were handed to the RFO. Bank details to be submitted so payment can be made direct.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Gosbee, Reeve and District Councillor Stephens. Reason for absence noted and accepted. No apologies had been given by Cllr Leslie and County Cllr M Hill.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None

4 SIGNING OF THE NOTES (18/401)

Council resolved to approve the notes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meetings, held on the 17 May, to be a true and accurate reflection of the meetings. The Chair signed the notes.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6.0 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR (18/402)

Ken Porter, a resident of Sapperton, was duly co-opted. DPI, Declaration of Acceptance, GDPR Security and Email consent forms handed to the candidate for completion. The Clerk asked for these to be sent back as soon as possible, as the DPI and Declaration of Acceptance have to be sent to SKDC within 28 days

7.0 TO ELECT A VICE CHAIR

Council resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.

8.0 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLLRS

None due to absence

9.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (18/403)

Cllr Buckley gave an update. The NP committee had met and pulled together the findings of the questionnaires and prioritised areas for consideration. Next meeting September.

10.0 HIGHWAYS (18/404)

10.1 Heather Charles and Ian Robinson have volunteered to help with grass cutting. An article to be placed in the next New News asking for more to come forward.

A discussion took place regarding obligations of the Parish Council. The Clerk to contact LCC Highways regarding amenity cutting, and to clarify areas Parish Council are responsible for.

A kind donation of a new grass strimmer unit plus attachments has been made by Julian & Jane Arundel. Noted with thanks.

A new ride on mower has been purchased which has a better finish, should be lower on fuel costs and reduces the time taken to mow.

Notice sign for the Chase has fallen down. Right hand side sign on Humby Road, going out of Ropsley, needs repairing

11.0 PLANNING (18/405)

No comments had been received from applications submitted.

Since the production of the agenda approval has been given for spot lights on Holly Cottage

12.0 FINANCE (18/406)

12.1 To note income received:

10.1.1 Defib Donation and Interment Fees	518.00
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12.2 To note payments made following the last meeting. Payments made since the May meeting read out by Clerk. For details refer to the agenda.

12.3 It was resolved by Council to approve the following payments

12.3.1 Clerks Salary	285.60
12.3.2 N Coyle	120.00
12.3.3 Community Heartbeat – Defib	2130.00
12.3.4 N Gosbee – Fuel	186.71
12.3.5 CRM Mower maintenance	127.32
12.3.6 Mrs K Taylor – Refund of Cemetery Fee	150.00

12.4 To discuss increase in donation to Braceby carried forward to next meeting

12.5. and 12.6 Council resolved to approve income and expenditure account and bank reconciliation.

13.0 DEFIB UPDATE (18/407)

Cllr Rowbotham gave report. An electrician and the school have been contacted re the removal of the defib from the garage to the school. The new defib to be situated in the phone box.

A spare kit has been purchased by Cllr Rowbotham. Council resolved to reimburse the Cllr. Receipt to be sent to the RFO for payment.

Training still to be arranged

14.0 CEMETERY

To be carried forward to the next meeting. To include donation towards Church Clock

15.0 MATTERS AFFECTING THE VILLAGE (18/408)

15.1 The travellers have now left the site. The Clerk to write to the Forestry Commission asking for barriers to be placed at either end of the site.

15.2 Done

15.3 After discussion Council resolved not to purchase dog bins. A notice to be placed in the New News asking residents with dogs to be more careful and clean up. Clerk to laminate more dog signs.

15.4 The Community Award has been presented to Phil & Leanne Doherty. It was decided to address next year's award at the May meeting

16.0 GDPR (18/409)

Council agreed to approve all policies and procedures. The clerk requested all members set up a separate email address for Council business.

17.0 COMMUNICATION (18/410)

17.1 Chair to continue writing article for the New News. Deadline for the next article 7 September

17.2 Deferred until the next meeting

17.3 Feedback has been received from several quarters welcoming the provision of a village sign. To be placed on the next agenda to finalise.

17.4 Council resolved to adopt the Social Media Policy.

17.5 Council is now using www.ropsleyvillage.co.uk website for notices plus link to be provided to direct to residents to the site run by Lincolnshire Gov.

18.0 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

13 September, 8 November, 10 January and 12 March. All to start at 7.00pm

Meeting finished 8.40pm