

## MEETING OF ROPSLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Ropsley & District Parish Council Meeting** held in the Memorial Hall, Ropsley on Thursday, 14 March 2019

**Cllrs present:** Cllr P Buckley – Chair, Cllr A Marshall – Vice Chair, Cllr A Sentence, Cllr N Gosbee, Cllr Rowbotham Cllr K Porter and Mr Adrian Illingworth – Clerk.

Chair welcomed all present

In the absence of no members of the public present the Parish Council meeting started at 7.02pm.

### **2 APOLOGIES (18/444)**

Apologies received from Cllr Reeves and Cllr Leslie. Reason for absence noted and accepted by Council  
No apologies received from Dist. Cllr P Stephens or County Cllr Hill

### **3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS (18/445)**

Cllr P Buckley declared an interest in point 8.1.3 Planning application – Claylands, Main Street.

### **4 SIGNING OF THE NOTES (18/446)**

Council resolved to approve the notes of the meeting, held on the 10 January 2019, to be a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. The Chair signed the notes.

### **5.0 REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLLRS (18/447)**

No reports presented due to absence.

### **6.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (18/448)**

6.1 The report is ready to be written up. An advance bill for services has been presented. A grant is to be applied for in the new tax year. It is the intention of the Planning Committee to reimburse the Parish Council for previous payments made by them.

6.2 Council resolved to appoint Nicky Harrison as report writer at an hourly rate of £10.

### **7.0 HIGHWAYS (18/449)**

7.1.1 Work to the slow down sign on Long Lane has been completed. Still awaiting chevrons and a bigger signs to be installed.

7.2.2 The sign on the Chase has still not been replaced despite LCC Highways being informed on several occasions. The Clerk to chase.

7.3.3 Potholes in the Parish Boundary to be reported.

7.4.4 The state of the bridge on the footpath from Sapperton to Little Humby to be reported.

7.1.5 When a fault or defect needs reporting the Parish Council would recommend as many residents report to LCC Highways.

7.1.6 A letter, from a resident, has been sent to Highways regarding the none clearance of the gullies on Crown Hill and surrounding areas. Copy received by Council. Anglian Water have confirmed the gullies are the responsibility of LCC.

7.2 The pavement to the rear of properties at Wood End have lifted and are to be reported.

### **8.0 PLANNING (18/450)**

8.1 The following application had been received, with no comments made by the Council:

8.1.1 S19/0006 – New Class Room at Ropsley School. A letter from Cllr Reeves was read out. Council resolved should any further application be submitted in future years the Council would comment as to why the mobile classroom cannot be removed and replaced with a permanent room.

8.1.2 S19/0306 – Manor Farm Cottage, Braceby – Tree work

8.1.3 S19/0283 – Claylands, Main Street – Single storey extension and single detached garage. (Cllr Buckley declared an interest)

8.1.4. Update on planning application, Cold Harbour. A letter had been sent by the Chairman to County Cllr M Hill regarding the Application. Although the development is no longer in Cllr Hills division, he agrees the development is not suitable nor are the comments made by Highways.

Under NPPF guidance there now must be severe detriment to justify a refusal request. This to be pointed out to Planning

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### 8.2 Update on Ropsley Fox Site.

A letter has been received from the prospective purchaser who agrees the fencing needs repairing and will arrange for work to be done. The buyer has secured the option to buy the site and is currently working on getting the site developed subject to planning. A problem remains regarding the TPO's imposed on the two willow trees. Materials are being dropped off for future needs.

### 8.3 Decisions made

8.3.1. S18/2308 – Birchwood, School Lane – Erection of a detached timber boarded garage.

All applications can be viewed on SKDC's web site.

## 9.0 FINANCE (18/451)

9.1 To note income received:

None

9.2 To approve the following payments:

9.2.1 Mr C McGarrigle – Increase in donation to maintain grass	75.00
9.2.2 N Gosbee – Fuel	24.64
9.2.3 Royal British Legion	120.00
9.2.4 LALC Annual Subs	243.22

Council resolved to make payments as listed.

9.3 Council resolved to accept the monthly income and expenditure account and Bank Reconciliation.

The Clerk advised the meeting monies held with Melton Mawbery were in a fixed rate account and these funds would not be accessible until 2020.

## 10.0 MATTERS AFFECTING THE VILLAGE (18/452)

10.1 The provision of dog bins has been discussed at previous meetings. Council resolved not to purchase dog bins due to the cost, but to consider the purchase of three normal bins to be placed in the area. A discussion took place and the consensus was dog owners still need to be educated. To continue placing item on Facebook.

10.2 A resident had made a complaint regarding parking around the Village Hall. A letter read out by the Chair, from Cllr Reeves, stated this was an isolated incident. Cones and signage to be used on the occasion of future larger events at the sports field.

10.3 Council resolved to take over ownership of the defib in Humby. A letter of confirmation and thanks to be sent.

10.4 Council resolved to apply for Best Kept Village.

10.5 The infestation of moles, in the cemetery, has been resolved

10.6 Several trees need attention. Planning application to be submitted.

## 11.0 COMMUNICATION (18/453)

11.1 A discussion took place regarding the future of the New News. Currently funding is a concern and it was agreed ALL Parish Councils should contribute towards the cost. Ropsley Parish Council to monitor.

11.2 A discussion took place regarding the future funding towards Ropsleyvillagehall.co.uk. Search engines do not respond immediately when the address is entered. The Chairman to contact the web manager to obtain figures as to the amount of traffic using the site and its viability.

11.3 Design of the Village Sign has been completed and is awaiting to be cut.

## 12.0 ELECTION 2019 (18/454)

Nomination papers handed out to all Councillors. The clerk explained the procedure and advised of the timetable during the next few weeks.

## 13.0 NEXT MEETING (18/454)

The next meeting is Thursday 16 May, in the Village Hall, starting at 6.45pm.

Please note this will include the Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting. All residents and groups are invited to attend.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.