

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th December 2018 at 7.30pm in the Lecture Room at the Rothley Centre, 12 Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley, Leicester, LE7 7PR

PRESENT: Cllrs Hall, Gross, Hartshorn (Chair), Mitchell, Brettle, Simons, Sutherland, Ferguson and Watts

IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Newcombe – Clerk Pamela Armstrong – Deputy Clerk, Cllr L Hadji-Nikolaou – CBC and J Jackson – Rothley Post

18/115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL

There were no apologies for absence.

18/116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – to receive declarations of interest to items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

18/117 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair Cllr Hartshorn.

18/118 POLICE REPORT (PCSO 6204 Danielle O’Flynn)

No report received. Rothley’s beat officer has returned from leave. We are still waiting for a PCSO for Rothley, in the meantime the PCSO’s from Anstey and Mountsorrel have been asked to provide some cover in Rothley.

18/119 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – time set aside for residents to raise issues on agenda items or raise issues for future consideration

There were no members of the public in attendance.

18/120 CLERKS REPORT

a) Correspondence/Updates

Charnwood Heritage Plaques Scheme would like to consider installing a plaque to commemorate Lord Macauley in Rothley. A representative from Rothley Heritage Society has provided CBC with information. The Parish Council would like to be involved in deciding where the plaque should be installed and await a template to complete from CBC.

b) LRALC/SLCC Newsletter and Round Robins – to consider and comment to content – previously circulated

Statement on “Capping” – Provisional local government finance settlement.

- Council tax referendum principles will not be extended to local (parish and town) councils in 2019/20.

- The secretary of state for housing, communities and local government, James Brokenshire MP, announced the provisional local government finance settlement for 2019/20 in the House of Commons today, the key section from the consultation paper on the settlement says: 'The Government has decided to continue the deferral of setting referendum principles for town and parish councils subject to the conditions above, but encourages parish councils to continue this downward trend, and will keep this area under active review'.

18/121 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT (Cllr Peter Osborne)

Cllr Osborne not in attendance, no report submitted.

18/122 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT (Cllrs L Hadji-Nikolaou and B Page)

Cllr Hadji-Nikolaou reported on a new member conduct clause whereby a Charnwood Borough Council officer would accompany Councillors on core visits. This proposal was rejected by one vote.

18/123 PLANNING (Appendix 1)

To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th December 2018 and approve proposed resolutions

RESOLVED: all resolutions were approved as presented.

18/124 OPEN SPACES (Appendix 2)

To receive the minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on 5th December 2018 and approve proposed resolutions

RESOLVED: all resolutions were approved as presented.

Cllr Ferguson raised the matter of lack of lighting along the footpath near St Mary's Church, it is believed this is part of the S106 agreement with Charles Church as part of the Warren Way Development to provide lighting for a safe route to the Primary School. Clerk to follow up.

18/125 BUILDING AND PREMISES COMMITTEE (Appendix 3)

To receive the minutes of the Building and Premises Committee Meeting held on 12th December 2018 and approve proposed resolutions

RESOLVED: all resolutions were approved as presented.

18/126 HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (Appendix 4)

To receive the minutes of the Health and Safety Committee Meeting held on 12th December 2018 and approve proposed resolutions.

RESOLVED: It was agreed a cabinet for the defibrillator inside the Rothley Centre was not necessary however the signage needs to be improved.

The following recommendations to be referred to the Buildings & Premises Committee:

- No heating in entrance lobby
- Stress crack under the window sill to the floor
- No thermostatic controls on radiators
- No lagging to the hot water cylinder

All other resolutions were approved as presented.

The positioning of a new defibrillator outside the Library was discussed, Cllr Mitchell will raise matter with the Library Committee and report back.

18/127 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To approve re-appointment of Internal Auditor for 2019/20

RESOLVED to approve the continued appointment of Richard Willcocks of Redwood Pryor Ltd as the internal auditor for 2019.

b) To approve draft budget as itemised in Appendix 5 and sign Precept request form.

The Council received the supporting paperwork to the budget and **RESOLVED** to approve the budget and set a precept amount of £132,000.00. The precept form was signed by the Chair, two other Councillors and the Clerk.

It was noted that it is difficult to give exact calculations until the Band D housing numbers are confirmed by Charnwood Borough Council. These figures are not provided in time for us to consider the Precept further at our January meeting as the Precept form has to be returned to CBC by 16th January 2019.

c) To approved schedule of payments due for month (Appendix 6)

RESOLVED to approve.

d) Income and Expenditure against budget (Appendix 7)

e) Contents noted.

f) Cash Book Summary (Appendix 8)

Contents noted.

18/128 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 21st January 2019 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed: Date: