



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 6.30pm  
in the Templar Room at the Rothley Centre, 12 Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley, Leicester, LE7 7PR**

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

**In attendance:** Gail Newcombe Clerk/RFO, Sue Wyles Senior Administrator  
Cllr L Hadji-Nikolaou

**21/411 Apologies to receive and approve apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**21/412 Declarations of Interest – to receive declarations of interest related to items on the agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

**21/413 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Resolved** the minutes to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

**21/414 Police Report**

No officer in attendance.

**21/415 Public Participation**

Members of the public raised the following issues at the Cemetery:

Grave plots – *once purchased the plots and any memorials which people put in place are subject to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and permission must be sought through the parish office.*

Installation of grave surrounds – *our Cemetery regulations state that surrounds are not permitted around graves or cremation plots.*

Floral Tributes – *these are only removed after a period of time when the flowers have gone over.*

Ornaments – *Our regulations state that ceramic or glass containers are not allowed as these are a H&S hazard to the person operating the strimmer.*

The grass has not been cut on a regular basis – *our contractors attend every 2 weeks occasionally there are delays.*

It was reported there are several unsafe memorials – *we are in the process of carrying out a memorial inspection and several unsafe memorials have been laid flat.*

Badgers causing damage to turfed areas – *we have taken advice from the Ecological Officer at CBC and Leicestershire Badger Group and have re-seeded the grass on several occasions. Badgers are a protected species and we are unable to stop the badger activity at the Cemetery and would not wish to cause them any harm.*

Complaint raised regarding the hedges – *These are subject to Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 and must not be cut during the bird nesting season.*

A complaint was received regarding the state of the bank at Woodgate – *this area of land belongs to CBC who are responsible for maintaining it.*

## **21/416 Clerks Report**

### a) Correspondence/Updates

A meeting has been arranged with the Clerk and Neighbourhood Sgt Wharton to discuss policing matters in Rothley.

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

Content noted.

## **21/417 Borough and County Councillors Reports**, to receive reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Charles sent his apologies.

Cllr Hadji-Nikolaou discussed the application for Highways Improvements and it was agreed to prioritise as follows:

- 1) North Street approach to Pedestrian Crossing – rumble strips
- 2) Loughborough Road approach to the village from the south and north – rumble strips
- 3) Replacement of benches at various locations

The X26 bus service has been withdrawn and is causing issues for students travelling to Rawlins. Cllr Hadji-Nikolaou is taking this matter up with LCC Highways.

The first meeting of the Rothley and Mountsorrel Business Support Group has taken place.

Members asked if Cllr Charles will attend any of our meetings as our elected representative now that Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council meetings take place at the same time as Rothley's meetings. Cllr Hadji-Nikolaou to follow up.

It was reported that there is an issue with the speed hump at the junction of Old School Way and Mountsorrel Lane and an issue with the wall at the corner of Wellsic Lane and Woodgate. Cllr Hadji-Nikolaou to report to LCC Highways.

For the 2021/22 financial year, each borough councillor is allocated an annual budget of £500 to be used to support projects that bring benefits to their ward, Cllr Hadji-Nikolaou will support the food bank in Rothley.

## **21/418 Planning**

- a) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and approve proposals

Resolved all resolutions were approved as presented.

- b) To consider and respond to the following application:

**P/21/1806/2** 973 Loughborough Road, Rothley, Leicestershire, LE7 7NJ

Proposed two storey and single storey extension to rear of dwelling, and installation of wood burning stove and flue – No objection.

- c) To receive updates: (Cllr Brettle) Existing S106 monies Brookfield

Cllr Brettle reported that the legal team at CBC has changed and consequently the issue of the bridge has not moved forward. A virtual meeting to be arranged with CBC and Cllr's Brettle and Hadji-Nikolaou to discuss the matter.

## **21/419 Rothley Centre - refurbishment update**

Awaiting official confirmation from CBC that cabinet has approved proposals for the refurbishment. Clerk waiting for response regarding VAT implications from VAT advisor.

## **21/420 Cemetery – to consider updating Memorial Application Form**

Resolved to update Memorial Application Form making it clear that surrounds are not allowed.

## **21/421 Standing Orders – to remove regulations allowing Virtual Meetings**

Resolved to approve.

## **21/422 Financial Items for consideration**

- a) To receive the Conclusion of Audit Report and Certificate from PKF Littlejohn for the limited assurance review for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate)

*“On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met”.*

Resolved to note the report and display on the council's website and notice board

- b) Approve Insurance Renewal Quotation for the sum of £5,964.16

Resolved to approve.

- c) To approve schedule of payments due for month (Appendix 4)

Resolved to approve the schedule of payments for the month of September for the sum of £26,679.70.

- d) Income and Expenditure report

Resolved to approve.

e) Cash Book Summary

Resolved to approve.

It is recommended that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section (1) and (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

**21/423 Confidential**

- Lease matters – update from the Chair
- Cemetery Matters

**21/424 Date of next Meeting** - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6:30pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed .....

Date .....