

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2022 at 6.30pm
at the Village Hall, Fowke Street, Rothley, Leicester**

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

In attendance: Gail Newcombe Clerk/RFO and Sue Wyles Senior Administrator

21/498 Apologies to receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllr Bromwich

Cllr M Charles (Borough Councillor).

21/499 Declarations of Interest – to receive declarations of interest related to items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

21/500 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 21st February 2022

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

21/501 Police Report

No officer in attendance.

Crime Figures for February:

- Reported vehicle crime (a decrease in vehicle crime, 2 reported in January)
- Suspects attempted to enter a parked vehicle. No suspects identified.
- Reported thefts (Increase in thefts, 0 reported in January)
- Thefts from a shop – Currently under investigation
- Theft of a parcel – No suspects identified.
- No burglaries reported (Neither an increase/decrease in burglaries, 0 reported in January)
- No reports of criminal damage (Neither an increase/decrease, 0 reported in January)

Anti-Social Behaviour:

- No reports of anti-social behaviour.

Other News:

The beat team have been conducting Speed Operations on Loughborough Road and Swithland Lane, Rothley. We have been collating data to put forward to the Country Council and we have been sending Warning Letters to speeding offenders.

21/502 Public Participation (Members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 5 minutes. Members of the public should address their representations through the chair of the meeting)

No members of the public were in attendance.

21/503 Clerks Report

a) Correspondence/Updates

A response to speeding on Swithland Lane and collisions on Town Green Street received from LCC who inform us that at Town Green Street there were no overriding highway factors that contributed to the incidents and request for average speed cameras on Swithland Lane, the installation of speed cameras across the county is bound by nationally agreed criteria and the level of severity of accidents at this location would not meet the criteria.

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

Content noted.

21/504 Borough and County Councillors Reports, to receive reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Leon Hadji-Nikolaou reported LCC response to accidents on Town Green Street disappointing and he will be follow up. Swithland Lane does not meet the criteria for average speed cameras.

LCC have applied to Government to have an elected Mayor for all Leicestershire and Rutland. This would get more funding for the county so better services can be offered to residents.

21/505 Planning

a) To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022 and approve proposals

Resolved all resolutions were approved as presented.

b) To consider the following planning applications:

P/22/0312/2 - Oska Copperfield Nursery, Loughborough Road, Rothley, Leicestershire, LE7 7NH

Discharge of conditions 4 (details of proposed materials), 5 (details of proposed drainage) & 7 (details of proposed landscaping) of planning permission ref P/21/2027/2
No Objection.

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

No further update.

21/506 To receive the minutes of the Buildings, Premises and H&S Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022 and approve proposals

Resolved all resolutions were approved as presented.

21/507 Rothley Centre

- Refurbishment update

Cllrs Gross and Hartshorn met with representatives from CBC and the Building Contractor. The work is on schedule and should be completed by the end of April.

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.

Resolved to move the following item to confidential matters.

- Lease update - meeting with Solicitor

21/508 To consider request from Community Library to plant a tree at Mountsorrel Lane Playing Field

Resolved to approve request to plant a Tree to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

21/509 To consider response to false allegations made on social media against the Parish Council and its Staff

It was agreed not to make any comment or response to inaccurate and inflammatory information posted on social media sites.

21/510 Financial Items for consideration

a) To review and approve:

(1) Risk Management and Financial Risk Management

Resolved to approve.

(1.1) Asset Register

Resolved to approve.

b) To note pay increase of 1.75% for 2021/22

Pay increase and back pay from 1st April 2021 noted.

c) To approve quotation for Floral Display

Resolved to approve the quotation from Plantscape for the sum of £1,976.00 + VAT.

d) To approve schedule of payments due for month

Resolved to approve the schedule of payments for the sum of £38,714.23 for the month of March.

e) Income and Expenditure report

Resolved to approve.

f) Cash Book Summary

Resolved to approve.

g) To review ear marked reserves

Resolved to move any surplus reserves at year end into the buildings and premises reserve for improvements at the Village Hall.

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21/511 Confidential Items

Resolved to move the meeting into a closed and confidential setting.

- To receive and approve the minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on 7th March
- Lease matters – update from the Chair
- Cemetery Matters – update Cllr Mitchell
- Lease update meeting with Solicitor

21/512 Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 6:30pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Date

Signature