

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY ROOM, FISHER CLOSE, REPTON AT 7.30 P.M. ON  
MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Rainey (Chairman), McArdle, Shortt, Thompson, Lloyd, Perks and McGahan

**STAFF AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** S Reilly (Clerk), District Councillor Stanton, 1 member of the public

The Clerk advised the meeting that a letter of resignation, due to work commitments, had been received today from Councillor Alan Dale.

**2225/17 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Skeith, County Councillor Ford and District Councillor Smith

**2226/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

**2227/17 APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**RESOLVED: Minute number 2216/16 was amended to read:**

Councillor Shortt stated that the older part was owned by SDDC and the newer area (**hall**, lobby and kitchen) by the Parish Council. The Parish Council had a responsibility to maintain and repair the older part of the building. SDDC had previously suggested **transferring ownership** of the older part of the building to the Parish Council **but the dilapidations report revealed that a lot of work was needed.**

**The Chairman lifted Standing Orders to enable a member of the public to speak.**

A member of the public, who had previously held office as a Parish Councillor, **agreed** that the Parish Council had a responsibility to maintain and repair the older part of the building, however these issues were health and safety ones, rather than maintenance. A structural engineer's report had shown that underpinning was required **to the back wall** of the building. The Parish Council had declined to accept responsibility for this part of the building.

**and that they then be signed as a true record.**

**Standing Orders lifted for Public Speaking and Planning**

**2228/17 PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

No issues were raised under Public Speaking.

**2229/17 PLANNING MATTERS**

**a) Planning Applications**

9 2016 1140 – Erection of a detached forestry building to accommodate driven forestry machinery, hand operated equipment and storage of materials (amended scheme) on land adjacent Harvest Barn, Main Street, Milton

**RESOLVED: - There would be no comments on the planning applications.**

**b) Planning Decisions**

9 2016 1220 – The pollarding of a hazelnut tree at 8 Main Street, Repton – no objection

9 2016 1183 – The felling of a flowering cherry at 16 Main Street, Repton – no objection

9 2016 1153 – The erection of a front single storey extension at 8 Forge Close, Repton – householder permission granted

## **Standing Orders Resumed**

### **2230/17 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

- a) District Councillor Stanton announced that the Local Plan Part 2 had been approved by SDDC last week and should be adopted by mid-summer. He also said that planning applications that were rejected at district level were now often overturned on appeal.
- b) Councillor Shortt reported that the 'Repton, Historic capital of Mercia' sign, located at the south end of Main Street, in the area known as Wood End, was missing. The Clerk would make enquiries with DCC and an appeal would be placed in the Jottings in the Parish Magazine. For the records the Chairman would obtain details regarding the commissioning of the sign.
- c) Councillor Shortt asked for an update on the issues relating to The Mitre Field. The Chairman replied that the complaint regarding the dog fouling the field had been reported to SDDC. With regard to the boundary issue, the householder had now removed the trees, however the shrubs remained. After further discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would again write to the householder regarding the out of line boundary and place this matter on record.
- d) Councillor Lloyd said that the 'Health Centre' sign in Repton was now misleading, as the building was now used only as offices for the NHS. The NHS would be asked to consider changing the wording of the sign.
- e) Councillor McArdle said that the dog waste bins were still overflowing and this issue needed further discussion, it would be agenda item at the next meeting.
- f) The Chairman reported that a skip was no longer required at the allotments, as the waste had been removed. The funds, previously agreed by the Parish Council, for the composting area and slabs were also not needed, as donations had been received. However the monies could be used for the provision of plants for the Community Garden. This would be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- g) The Chairman, in the absence of Councillor Skeith, reported a problem with moles at Broomhills field. Councillor Skeith would be meeting with Repton Casuals next week and this issue would then be discussed at the next meeting.

### **2231/17 CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **a) Summer Activities 2017**

The Clerk had booked four different activities for next summer, including a 'Big Fun Friday Event.'

#### **b) Repton Recreation Ground Bank Account**

The new bank account was now active.

### **2232/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

### **2233/17 PARISH PRECEPT 2017 / 2018**

The Councillors discussed increasing the Parish Precept, acknowledging that RPI was currently 2% and an increase would be required to maintain services at their current level, due to rising costs.

**RESOLVED: The Councillors agreed by a majority to increase the Parish Precept by 1.9% to £16,210.00 per annum, for the financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2017. This figure results in an increase of £0.28 per Band D household, £14.98 per annum for a property in this Band. Councillor Perks abstained from the voting, due to requesting the Parish Council to consider a larger increase, as the Parish Council was not currently capped.**

### **2234/17 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The Clerk had circulated the revised regulations prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED: The Councillors adopted the Financial Regulations.**

#### **2235/17 ANNUAL FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Clerk had circulated the revised Annual Financial Risk Assessment prior to the Parish Council meeting.

**RESOLVED: The Annual Financial Risk Assessment was adopted by the Parish Council.**

#### **2236/17 BURIAL GROUND – REGULATIONS & UPDATE ON THE SAFETY CHECKING OF MONUMENTS**

The Clerk had circulated the regulations prior to the meeting. Of the seventeen monuments identified as requiring stabilisation, thirteen families had been traced and asked to carry out remedial work and Sam Phillips Garden Care Ltd had been instructed to band and stake the remaining four plots. A new inspection would be conducted later this year.

**RESOLVED: To adopt the Burial Ground Regulations and to continue to monitor and inspect the monuments for safety issues.**

#### **2237/17 PROPOSED WILLINGTON BUS SHELTERS**

Willington Parish Council proposed installing two new bus shelters, one Burton bound at the bottom of Beech Avenue and one Derby bound outside the old Calders site. The shelters would cost approximately £12000.00 and Willington Parish Council would need to contribute fifty per cent of the cost. As the location was close to the Doctors' Surgery this would benefit Repton residents and Repton Parish Council had been asked for a financial contribution.

**RESOLVED: The Councillors would consider making a financial contribution, without obligation, at the end of the current financial year, once the final year end figures were determined.**

#### **2238/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

Councillor Thompson reported that the rewriting of the Plan was almost complete, The report would then be sent to SDDC, who would arrange for the pre-submission consultation, over a six week period.

**The Chairman lifted standing orders to allow a member of the NDP Committee to speak.**

The Committee member was disappointed in the approach taken by SDDC regarding the housing application for land close to Burdett Way. He asked for this application to be allowed to go to the Planning Inspectorate for determination, as the draft Local Plan Part 2 proposed 49 new houses for Repton and if this application is passed, all houses will already have been approved (including 25 on this site), prior to the plan being agreed. He called on SDDC to back the NDP and reject this planning application. He stated that the NDP had been in line with SDDC until the boundary change outlined in the draft Local Plan Part 2.

**Standing Orders Resumed**

**RESOLVED: The Councillors agreed that Councillor Lloyd, together with the NDP Committee member would draft a letter to the Chief Executive and Planning Services Manager, SDDC, outlining these concerns.**

#### **2239/17 FINANCE**

##### **a) Receipts since last meeting:**

RBS interest to 30.11.16	£	0.57
Mr J Large – allotment fee	£	16.00
J Beresford & Sons – memorial fee	£	180.00

##### **b) Payments since last meeting:**

None

##### **c) Payments for Approval**

S. Reilly – Net Pay to 1 <sup>st</sup> January	£ 569.09
Cheque no 002633	
SDDC – room hire	£ 20.00
Cheque no 002634	
Sam Phillips Garden Care Ltd – burial ground work	£ 150.00
Cheque no 002635	
C Hawksworth – Cleaning & supplies	£ 44.50
Cheque no 002637	

**S137 Grant:**

Milton Village Hall Committee	£ 850.00
Cheque no 002636	

Direct Debits:

BT – Office telephone	
01.01.17	£ 42.50

Standing Order:

Jaipur Restaurant – office rent	
01.01.17	£ 220.00

**Repton Recreation Ground Account:**

Sam Phillips Garden Care Ltd – hedge cutting	£ 190.00
Cheque no 000001	

**RESOLVED: The payments should be made**

**d) Bank Balances**

RBS Direct Reserve Account 30.11.16 £35683.96  
 Nat West Current Account 05.01.17 £19889.22

**2240/17 CORRESPONDENCE**

**South Derbyshire District Council:** Leader's Xmas Message; Xmas Recycling Tips; Interactive Window; Xmas Opening; Infinity Garden Village; Jack Bodell Tribute; Breastfeeding Scheme Relunched; Area Forum & Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

**Derbyshire County Council:** Review of Broadband Access;

Heather Wheeler MP – December 2016 Newsletter

**RESOLVED: To note all correspondence**

**2241/17 REPORTS TO NOTE**

Dalc 19 – Proposal for a Public Service Ombudsman; 01 – Index of Circulars

**RESOLVED: To note all reports**

**2242/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm in The Community Room, Fisher Close, Repton**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm