

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY ROOM, FISHER CLOSE, REPTON AT 7.30 P.M. ON  
MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Lloyd (Chairman), Thompson, Perks, McArdle, Rainey, McGahan, Steel, Dickson, Skeith, Sheldon and Thomas

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

**2527/18 APOLOGIES:** District Councillor Smith

**2528/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Perks declared a personal interest in Repton Village Hall Proposal and Councillor Rainey declared a personal interest in planning application 9 2018 0447 – Proposed extension and alteration to 18 Monsom Lane, Repton – reconsultation due to amended scheme.

**2529/18 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Skeith informed the meeting of his decision not to serve as Vice Chairman.

**RESOLVED: Councillor Thompson would serve as the sole Vice Chairman.**

**2530/18 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

**RESOLVED: That they be signed as a true record.**

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

**2531/18 PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

There were no issues raised under public speaking.

**2532/18 PLANNING MATTERS**

**a) Planning Applications**

9 2018 0392 – The erection of extensions and alterations to 14 Burdett Way, Repton

9 2018 0561 – The erection of extensions at 34 Springfield road, Repton

9 2018 0447 – Proposed extension and alteration to 18 Monsom Lane, Repton – reconsultation due to amended scheme

9 2018 0564 – Work to trees at The Lodge, Mitre Drive, Repton

9 2018 0582 – The erection of an extension at 54 Milton Road, Repton

**Councillor Thompson queried the planning policy with regard to on-site parking for new build housing or extensions -9 2018 0561 – The erection of extensions at 34 Springfield road, Repton, and questioned whether this application was compliant with both the NDP and SDDC guidance. District Councillor Stanton said he would check this issue with SDDC.**

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

**b) Planning Decisions**

9 2018 0507 – The pruning and felling of various trees covered by SDDC TPO no 31 at The Coach House, Well Lane, Repton – consent granted

9 2018 0399 – The erection of extensions, together with a loft conversion and alterations to existing garage at 1 Stratford Close, Repton – householder permission granted

9 2018 0286 – The pruning and felling of various trees at The Coach House, Well Lane, Repton – consent granted

**Standing Orders Resumed**

**2533/18 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

- a) In his absence District Councillor Smith had confirmed to District Councillor Stanton that training sessions for the Speedwatch Campaign would commence shortly. Councillor Dickson questioned the allocation of s106 monies to East Staffs Borough Council and not SDDC for a development near Newton Solney. District Councillor Stanton confirmed this and said that, at times, allocation was made to a neighbouring Council, if they would have the responsibility for service provision. Boundary reviews were also ongoing. District Councillor Stanton thanked all those involved in the Open Gardens Weekend.
- b) County Councillor Ford reported that plans were ongoing for the demolition of The Dales and a new care provision facility which would link to the Fisher Close site, some market housing would also be involved. Councillor Thompson stated that the NDP designated this area as 'care accommodation' only, with no provision for market housing.
- c) Councillor Perks raised the possibility of a voluntary library for Repton. County Councillor Ford advised him to register an interest in the ongoing consultation, as financial support would be provided from DCC for the first 4 years of operation.
- d) Councillor Dickson had circulated feedback from the Transforming The Trent Valley Community Conversations, with traffic problems being highlighted. The Clerk had reported Footpath / Bridleway 42 at Brook End to DCC as the path was overgrown and Councillors would check on the Monsom Lane to Twyford Footpath this week.
- e) Councillor Dickson also highlighted effluent problems, currently being investigated by Severn Trent Water, in the Burton Road and Tanners Lane vicinity. The Chairman asked all Councillors to compile a list of any areas within the village where there were sewerage problems; a master report could then be compiled. County Councillor Ford advised Councillors to attend the regular Flood Liaison Meetings, as this was an opportunity to raise such issues directly with Severn Trent Water.
- f) Councillor McGahan reported that the knotweed on Willington Road had grown again. The Clerk would report this to DCC.
- g) Councillor Thompson had been contacted by a local resident regarding the 'permanence' of the A boards on the pedestrian area near Repton Cross. As DCC had advised that a planter could not be located here, due to highways safety issues, the Clerk would question the placement of these A boards.

## **2534/18 CLERK'S REPORT**

### **a) Benches Update**

The Clerk had received clearance from DCC and Western Power for the bench to be returned to its location at the corner of Mount Pleasant and Springfield Roads. The Clerk had written to the householder of 13 Mount Pleasant Road, informing them of our intended action and no response had been received. The conditions imposed by DCC and Western Power were that the original bench should be returned to the same location and the original length fittings should be used.

**RESOLVED: Councillors Thompson and McArdle would identify and mark the location and the bench would then be re-sited.**

### **b) Letter from Repton Resident re Area Forum**

A local resident had asked if a Councillor could raise the issue of overhanging trees in the car park of The Mount Pleasant Inn at the Area Forum, as they were unable to attend. District Councillor Stanton informed the meeting that, following a complaint in 2017, a Tree Officer from SDDC had checked these trees, and they had been judged to be healthy at that time.

**RESOLVED: Councillor Skeith would raise the concerns of the local resident at the Area Forum.**

## **2535/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that a couple of the Neighbourhood Overview areas (Councillor Working Groups) still needed to be allocated a Councillor. Councillor

Perks said he would be responsible for the Priory Grange area and Councillor McArdle would monitor Milton Road / Clayfields.

### **2536/18 AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS**

Councillors discussed amending 12 a) regarding the election of a chairman and the length of term of office: increasing the term from 'an annual rotational basis.'

Councillor Sheldon proposed a 3 year term – to gain experience in the role and Councillor Rainey proposed a 2 year term of office, which would allow for 2 Chairmen during a 4 year elected period of office.

**RESOLVED: The Councillors voted on the length of the term of office – 7 votes for a 2 year term and 4 votes for a 3 year term. The Standing Orders would be amended: 'To elect a Chairman for 2 years. The Chairman, upon completion, will not be eligible for election as Chairman, at the next Annual Meeting of the Council.' A Chairman could restand for a further term of office provided a gap in service had occurred.**

Councillors also discussed an amendment to 1 d) regarding the time for the conclusion of the meeting – 'the meeting shall conclude no later than 9.00pm.'

**RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to amend section 1 d) to: The meeting shall conclude no later than 9.00pm, unless extra time is agreed by the Council to complete business. Any unfinished business shall then be carried over to the next meeting.**

### **2537/18 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY**

The Clerk circulated the policy prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED: The Councillors adopted the Equal Opportunities Policy.**

### **2538/18 GRIEVANCE POLICY**

The Clerk circulated the policy prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED: The Councillors adopted the Grievance Policy**

### **2539/18 ALLOTMENTS**

Regarding the requests made by Repton Allotments Society Councillor Rainey recommended that a skip should be provided by the Parish Council annually (either in spring or the autumn); the current inspection process for unkempt plots should continue and be strictly enforced; and that the Parish Council supported the provision of a shared polytunnel but could not provide financial assistance. Councillor Steel raised concerns regarding a chicken on an unkempt plot. The Clerk would contact the plot holder.

**RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to provide a skip annually at the allotments, however the Parish Council could not offer financial assistance for the provision of a polytunnel.**

### **2540/18 VILLAGE SIGNS & PLANTER FOR REPTON**

Councillor Skeith advised that he had received a quote to repair the damaged fingerpost sign of £70.00 + vat. Leander Architectural, Buxton had quoted £121.00 + vat + delivery to supply a new fingerpost. Councillor Thomas proposed a new fingerpost, as this would be of superior quality and should last longer.

**RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to purchase a new fingerpost sign.**

Councillors discussed restoration work for the 3 existing 'Mercia' signs. These had been purchased by the, now, non-existent, Village Improvement Group. Councillor Thompson stated that any restoration should be of a professional quality that would last. Councillor Steel advised that the work should entail removing the signs and sand blasting them.

Councillor Skeith had obtained 3 quotes for work to the 3 signs:

Lemon Signs £540.00 + vat

Robert Lewis Signs £792.00 + vat

Peter Dudley £696.00 + vat

**RESOLVED: Councillor Skeith would make further enquiries regarding the specification of these quotes; the best value option which included sand blasting the paintwork would be accepted.**

#### **2541/18 FOOTPATH OFF CHESTNUT WAY**

Councillor McArdle had removed the bramble from the footpath, however there was still overhanging foliage.

**RESOLVED: The Clerk would report the footpath to DCC and ask them to contact the householder regarding this matter.**

#### **2542/18 BROOMHILLS FIELD & PAVILION**

Councillor Skeith reported that no information had yet been received from Bernard Sheriden at SDDC. He would continue to ask for information regarding this issue.

#### **2543/18 REPTON VILLAGE HALL PROPOSAL**

The Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government had requested further information regarding the loan application; the details had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillor Thomas advised that the document had omitted his name from the resolution in section 1. The Clerk would advise the Ministry.

Confirmation had been requested that the resolution to borrow minutes was on public display.

**RESOLVED: The Clerk would respond advising that all minutes were displayed on the Parish Council website and that the sentence: 'The Parish Council welcomes the views, suggestions and feedback from the residents on the projects and associated borrowing approval application' would be added.**

A query had been raised regarding the annual loan repayments in the budget not being aligned with the repayments required. The Parish Council was applying for the loan using the annuity scheme and the payments were then consistent with the budget.

**RESOLVED: That Repton Parish Council seeks the approval of the Secretary of State for DCLG to apply for a loan of £415,000 from PWLB for a period of 25 years on an annuity basis. Councillors Lloyd, Thompson, Steel, Dickson, McArdle, Rainey, McGahan, Skeith, Thomas and Sheldon voted in favour of this resolution. Councillor Perks abstained from the voting, due to his role at Repton Village Hall Company.**

The question had also been asked as to whether the Parish Council intended to draw down the full loan either in stages, or, as one whole amount, in the 12 month approval period.

**RESOLVED: Once the tenders have been received for the rebuilding of the village hall the full loan amount will be drawn down in one whole amount during the 12 month approval period.**

#### **2544/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

Councillor Thompson said he had not received formal notification that the NDP had been passed.

**RESOLVED: The Clerk would request confirmation regarding the formal status of the NDP and would also request a copy of the final document.**

#### **2545/18 FINANCE**

**a) Receipts since last meeting:**

RBS interest to 30.04.18	£	1.56
Central England Co-Operative Ltd – interment	£	250.00
A W Lymn – headstone fee	£	200.00
Mr P Dutton – allotment fee	£	35.00

**b) Payments since last meeting:**

None

**c) Payments for Approval:**

S. Reilly – Net Pay to 1 <sup>st</sup> June	£ 684.01
Cheque no 002764	
SDDC – room hire	£ 10.00
Cheque no 002765	
C Hawksworth – pavilion cleaning	£ 63.00
Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1953 s4 (2)	
Cheque no 002766	
Direct Debits:	
BT – Office telephone	
01.06.18	£ 48.00
Eon – Pavilion electricity – 04.06.18	£ 62.29
Standing Order:	
Jaipur Restaurant – office rent 01.06.18	£ 220.00

**RESOLVED: The payments should be made**

**d) Bank Balances:**

RBS Direct Reserve Account 30.04.18	£35695.81
Nat West Current Account 04.06.18	£29492.34
Repton Recreation Ground Account 04.04.18	£1262.68

**2546/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

**South Derbyshire District Council:** Festival of Leisure; Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy; Annual Flood Liaison Meeting; Area Forum Agenda Pack;

**Derbyshire County Council:** School Crossing Patrol Service Review; Mobile Library Focus Groups;

Repton resident – Area Forum

**RESOLVED: Councillor Skeith would raise the letter received from the Repton resident at the Area Forum and to note all other correspondence.**

**2547/18 REPORTS TO NOTE**

Dalc 07 – GDPR;

**RESOLVED: to note all reports**

**2548/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Community Room, Fisher Close, Repton at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm