

**REPTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REPTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, FISHER CLOSE, REPTON
On Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.00pm**

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

In attendance: District Councillors Stanton and Smith, Susan Reilly (Clerk to the Council), and 7 members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1) Apologies: County Councillor Ford, Councillor Thomas

2) Minutes from the Parish Meeting held on 11th September 2017

The minutes were approved as a true record.

3) PCSO Harriet Dunn

The Chairman announced that PCSO Dunn was unable to attend the meeting, due to other duties.

4) Matters Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Thompson reported that, upon inspection of the hedge, on the eastern side of the road at the top of Mount Pleasant, he could see no reason why it should be given special protection.

5) Any Other Business

A member of the public raised the issue of when would work start on the new Repton Village Hall.

The Chairman replied that no firm timetable had yet been established, the final design outcomes would be discussed at the Parish Council meeting tonight.

Councillors had to ensure that due diligence was carried out regarding the public monies which would fund the project.

The question was then asked as to what due diligence was needed and when would it be completed, and was it the responsibility of the Parish Council to consider the design options.

The Chairman responded that the Parish Council had always been clear that Councillors would examine all possibilities regarding the design options for a new village hall, so as to ensure best value for public funds.

A further member of the public said that this was not the role of the Parish Council, but of the RVH Committee and the Parish Council should obtain the loan and pass over the funds to the RVH Committee.

The Bursar, Repton School, stated that the Parish Council was, in his opinion, acting in good faith and giving due consideration to the process.

The Chairman said that the Statement of Requirements and the decision to proceed with the loan application would be resolved this evening.

The design option proposed by Councillor Rainey deserved consideration, in contrast to the RVH Committee proposal, and this would be scheduled for the April Parish Council meeting, to allow time for Councillors to consider the options.

Councillor Perks said that a new proposal could cause significant delays for the design process and for planning permission to be obtained.

A further member of the public raised concerns regarding speeding traffic on Milton Road. He had already submitted comments to both SDDC and Heather Wheeler MP. District Councillor Stanton replied that the Safer Neighbourhood Forum would be a good arena to address these issues and District Councillor Smith said that he would advise when a new Speedwatch campaign would be launched.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.