

REMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the CHURCH at 7.30 pm on Monday 15th November 2010

Present: Mr D M Walker (in the Chair) Mr J Santoro
Mr R Beeby Mr D Bunker
Mrs A Lovett Mrs J Taylor
Mrs N Dalton

In attendance: Mrs J M Walker (Clerk to the Parish Council)
Three members of the Public were also present.

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Mr R Beeby

The Chairman received a declaration of expression of interest from Cllr Mrs A Lovett regarding Item 5(c).

2. The Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 13th September 2010 were accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs N Dalton and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Lovett.

3. Chairman's Review

Local Improvement Scheme A60 - new footpath south from traffic lights to county boundary

Still no feedback, awaiting January assessment.

The Future of the Self-Set Conifer

Deferred for discussion until the next meeting.

Bus Shelters

It has been reported that the bus shelter on Main Street is in need of repair and redecoration. NCC Transport Services to be notified.

Public Footpath, School Lane

The Rights of Way Officer has been notified about the loss of the footpath sign but no action to date.

Stray Dogs and Dog Fouling, Wysall Lane

As requested at the previous meeting the Dog Warden has been notified and has agreed to maintain the patrols in respect of these two issues.

Weight Restriction Application, Wysall Lane

As part of the Keyworth and Plumtree weight restriction survey we submitted a proposal for Wysall Lane to be included. We await a response from NCC Consultants.

A60 Loughborough Road, bend north of Rempstone Village

We have been informed by County Cllr Mrs L Sykes that the Accident Investigation Unit, NCC, are to implement a chevron warning sign for southbound drivers that is to be implemented within the current financial year. This relates to the stretch of road where vehicles end up in Jebson's paddock mostly due to the speed of these vehicles.

Gully Survey in Village

Preparation of a location drawing showing defects is in hand.

Telephone Box Repairs

British Telecom to be chased up.

Use of Church for Parish Council Meetings

The Chairman wished to place on record thanks to the Parochial Church Council for the use of the Church to hold their meetings during the period of the Village Hall rebuild.

4. Open Discussion Time

- (a) It was confirmed that East Midlands Airport Security have stepped up their patrols in areas designated for over flying. Mr Ian McKinley, Airport Security Police, is to be invited to attend the Annual Meeting in March to give a talk as a guest speaker.
- (b) Regarding the oil wells and particularly the exploratory drilling on the A60 it was confirmed that we do not yet know whether this is going into production or whether it is still under analysis. Star Energy now operate both sites.
- (c) Arising from the tragedy at Stamford regarding the bull that molested two walkers in an open field it was agreed that we need clarification with Health and Safety. It was agreed to contact the Rights of Way Officer about the legislation regarding notices.

5. Planning Issues

- (a) Cemex UK, East Leake Quarry, Rempstone. Variation of conditions 4, 16 and 30 of pp 8/07/02187/CMA to amend method of working. **Permission granted.**
- (b) 10/00874/FUL Mr A Porter, The Coach House, 32 Main Street, Rempstone, Leics. LE12 6RH. Convert and extend coach-house to form separate dwelling with double garage and vehicular access. Renewed Application with no objection returned by Rempstone Parish Council. **Permission Granted.** Confirmed that this property is now up for sale.
- (c) 10/01620/COU Mr M Wetton, Holy Cross Convent, Rempstone Hall, Ashby Road, Rempstone. Change of use from Convent to provide seven private residential dwellings.

The Chairman reported that the nuns will be moving out into their new premises at the end of March 2011 and that the change of use could enhance our area with seven buildings for private use. He explained that the Councillors had been to view the properties and it was felt that there was no problem with them being turned back for residential use rather than going into disrepair. All were in favour of the application and it was agreed to present a return of no objection.

6. Village Hall

The status of the project is fairly visible for all to see and the internal fitting out is under way. The kitchen is being installed week beginning 6th December followed by the kitchen tiling. We have experienced great difficulty in obtaining someone to design and fit the bar area but are now hopeful with a good contact. The working group meet regularly on Tuesday evenings and are mindful that there is work to do on the fitting out and the media installation as the first booking is on 16th January. We could not have wished for a better group of hardworking guys provided by Bloodworths, Contractor. While we are a little behind on the programme the finances are going through well and relationships with the Big Lottery Fund have been excellent with the prompt cashflow helping the contractors. The Fire Officer will be doing an inspection on completion - the aim is 2nd December for practical completion.

7. Finance and Audit

- (a) **The Bank Reconciliation** for the quarter 1st July to 30th September 2010 was accepted and agreed.

(b) Statement of Accounts to 30th September 2010 and Draft Precept for 2011/2012.

The Clerk tabled the accounts recommending a precept of £4,900 to remain as last year. She explained that due to the building programme on the Village Hall and the handling of monies from the Big Lottery Fund a further year of a considerably increased audit fee would be inevitable and that other figures had been adjusted to allow for this. Although it was difficult to predict by the end of the financial year the Clerk felt that the Parish Council accounts would be back on track. Discussion centred around insurance issues, BT and the future requirement for the Parish Council to make payment for their use of the new Village Hall for the Office and Meetings.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Lovett and seconded by Cllr D Bunker and agreed unanimously that the accounts be accepted and that the Clerk would make the necessary application to RBC for a Precept of £4,900 for the financial year 2011-2012.

(c) Payment of Cheques

- (i) Chq. 432 for £127.49 was made payable to BT for line installation to new Village Hall.
- (ii) Chq. 433 for £50,877.50 was made payable to W R Bloodworth & Sons Ltd, Building Contractors, for Village Hall rebuild.
- (iii) Chq. 434 for £104.66 was made payable to BT for line rental to new Village Hall.
- (iv) Chq. 435 for £69.03 was made payable to BT for installation and equipment of broadband for 3 months in advance to new Village Hall.
- (v) Chq. 436 for £21,197.00 was made payable to W R Bloodworth & Sons Ltd, Building Contractors, for Village Hall rebuild.
- (vi) Chq. 437 for £334.88 was made payable to Clement Keys for Annual Audit for the year ended 31st March 2010.
- (vii) Chq. 438 for £61.00 was made payable to Society of Local Council Clerks for Annual Subscription.

8. Vacancy for Local Authority Governor, Costock C of E Primary School

In response to this request by the Borough Councillor as advertised on the back of the parish agenda two applications had been received and their names forwarded for consideration.

9. Neighbourhood Watch and East Leake Health Centre

- (a) Since the September meeting 46 crimes had been committed around the area including a spate of thieving at East Leake St Mary's Church and the Co-op Store. There had been some complaints about the noise emanating from Stanford Hall on their social occasions but the Environmental Officers are involved and are considering action. Further house stickers were to be requested from the Police regarding the new telephone number for Nottinghamshire Police and for No Uninvited Callers - door to door salesmen must have a licence.
- (b) The library is prepared to move into other facilities but wants to keep the same arrangements with regard to the rent, i.e. they pay no rent at all. The library has security of tenure for a peppercorn rent. They can be asked to move to another property but cannot be asked to contribute to its cost. The Practice is processing the possibility of an extension to the current building to produce two rooms that would mean a S106. Consistent with the PCT expectations the rent value is £1,550 per square metre. This seems an overwhelming sum of money to find. They are still optimistic and are looking at options: buying car park land from the Parish Council.

10. Winter Gritting

The A60 and A6006 are on the list for being machine salted in the winter. It was agreed to apply for our allocation of five free bags of salt. Extra salt is £5 per bag with delivery and £150 for a grit bin.

11. Correspondence

- (a) British Gypsum are thinking of extending the Marblaegis mine in East Leake. They have sent a CD with request for a 'Scoping Option' and request observations or recommendations by 3rd December. Letter received on 15th November that gives a tight deadline for reply.
- (b) NCC Consultation – Rights of Way Service Review – letter received explaining cuts from twenty to ten staff and therefore changes in the way the service is to be delivered, e.g. footpaths will no longer be maintained in the same way. Rempstone have never asked County to do very much maintenance to footpaths although we have asked for attention to turnstiles. Agreed to send a letter to say how much we have valued their past services and how important it is for the public footpaths to be maintained especially because of the recent incident locally.

12. Any Other Business (from Councillors)

Concern was expressed about car parking around the area of the Public House particularly as vehicles are now parking on the grass verges and indeed on the grass alongside the main road. The Chairman said the Landlord was well aware of the parking facilities when he took the business on but it was felt that there could well be an issue before long. The Chairman offered to have a word with the Landlord. It may be that it would be necessary to extend the yellow lines.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 17th January 2011 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their contribution to the proceedings and the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____