

Minutes - October 2007

Present: Councillors P Lilleker (Chairman), J Leaning, J Robinson, K Evason and S Brooks (Parish Clerk). Apologies: Councillors T Stanway (Vice-Chairman), S Johnson, P Shackley and PC Shaun Rhodes. In attendance: A representative from Laughton Boys' football club.

77. Open Forum for Parishioners in Attendance

Football Club representative

A member from Laughton Boys' football club attended the meeting in response to a letter sent by the clerk in September. The letter raised the following concerns:

1. Breach of the verbal agreement between Laughton Parish Council and Laughton Boys Football Club. The football pitch may be used to a maximum of two games per each weekend day to ensure that the surface is not damaged. We have received reports that several games have been taking place during the week without permission.

2. Lack of response to requests from V to put together a mutually acceptable agreement for the use of the changing rooms and the pitch.

3. No fixtures list has been given to the Parish Council or Hall Committee.

4. No bond has been paid for the use of the facilities.

During the lengthy discussion the representative explained that a bond and fixtures list were given to G of the Village Hall Management Committee following receipt of the letter. This information was not relayed to the Clerk who then sent out a second copy of the letter. The representative raised some concerns regarding the changing room lights and listed the times during which the team uses the field. The reports of Laughton Boys teams playing football during summer evenings was discussed, with the representative insisting that it was not members of any of the Laughton Boys' teams, as they use the facilities at Laughton Common during the summer months.

It was agreed that the Clerk passes the representatives home number to Councillor V who can make contact regarding the written agreement. Resolved: Councillor V and the representative draw up the written agreement as discussed at previous meetings.

78. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2007.

Amendment: Page 6 Environmental Issues, Brookhouse Dyke – should include “The contractor did not carry out the debris removal work on the brook as they said it was too big a job.” Resolved: That following the amendment, the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

79. Declaration of Prejudicial & Pecuniary Interests

None.

80. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

81. Parishioner's Written Requests

a. Concern over new bus route (June meeting)

The Clerk contacted RVSA following the last meeting and received the following response:

We have had contact with a lady called Pam Horner at SYPTTE and requested information under the freedom of information act.

We have received the following feedback;

"First do not have to provide results of their monitoring as the information is commercially sensitive however it has been interpreted by Pam Horner at SYPTTE. There has been additional usage on the number 23 bus service since the changes were made to the route. Passengers wanting to use the old route can take the number 18 or 19 bus." The clerk also wrote to the Chief Executive of SYPTTE and received the following reply:

"This service is operate on a commercial basis i.e. without funding from the Transport Executive. I have forwarded your request to the Operator for their investigation. I have asked that they respond to you direct following their investigation, with a copy of the response to the Transport Executive."

The clerk has not yet received a response from the Operator. Resolved: The clerk reports back at the next meeting.

82. Items under Review

a) Use of Recreation Ground

(1) LRGDC

Representatives from the LRGDC met with members of RMBC to discuss the Lottery grant and the proposal. Several suggestions were taken on board following the meeting including ideas for cutting costs and improving the layout of the play area. The Committee have completed the WREN application and have had a meeting with the Area Project Manager to discuss the proposal. A further meeting has been held with the representative from Kompan to update the quotation following the advice given by RMBC. The AGM will take place on Wednesday 17th October 2007 at 7 pm in the Traveller's Rest at Brookhouse. Notices have been erected to advertise the meeting.

(2) CCTV System

Councillor discussed the draft of the CCTV Code of Practice for the Parish Council. Councillor F noted comments raised and will bring an updated version to the November meeting. Resolved: Councillor F will amend the document and bring a revised version to the November meeting.

(3) Letter to residents surrounding the recreation ground

The clerk compiled a letter based on the one sent to residents in October 1998. Councillors asked that the clerk files the letter and makes provision for it to be sent by recorded delivery in October 2008.

Resolved: The clerk files the letter and makes a note for it to be sent in October 2008.

b) Laughton Planting Scheme

(1) Planters at top of Brookhouse Lane and outside Pear Tree Farm

The planning application decision has not yet been received so no further progress can be made with the planter proposals. Resolved: The clerk contacts Matthew Peck regarding the delay.

(2) Planter at St John's Road entrance (near church)

The Clerk received a quote from Terry Bunfield as follows:
Dig out and concrete foundation for new planter

Build in stone to match existing to a height of approximately 700-800 mm

Build retaining wall to the back of stonework to retain soil

Total £1280.00

Councillors discussed the quote and decided to approach a third builder for a quote. Resolved: Councillor W will acquire a third quote for the works.

c) Anti-social behaviour throughout Laughton

Nothing to report.

d) Drainage problem on Rotherham Lane

Nothing to report.

e) Traffic concerns on Slade Hooton Hill

No further progress.

f) Streetpride

Several verges and roadside hedges have been cut back during the last month. Councillor G reported that Firbeck Lane has not yet been cut back.

g) Provision of Community Garden/Burial Area

(1) Footpath Extension

Councillor F explained that the delay is due to the wrong colour of cable being installed for the lighting column. YEDL have refused to connect the wire to the main source. The new 30 mph signs have been installed before the bend and adjacent to the new lighting column. Resolved: The clerk reports any progress at the next meeting.

h) St John's Road Allotments

The clerk explained that there has been a spate of break-ins at the site and several reports have been made to the police. The clerk purchased a new padlock for the site shop as this was also damaged.

i) RVSA

Nothing to report.

j) Japanese knotweed on recreation ground

Councillor G reported that the weed is dying down at the moment. Councillor F has not yet received a quote from Andrew for spraying the weed but will bring it to the next meeting.

k) Land Registry & Deeds for recreation ground and village hall

The clerk is still awaiting the completed Statutory Declarations. Resolved: The clerk contacts Mike Walker regarding the documents.

l) Laughton-en-le-Morthen Spending Plan

The clerk has not yet received an updated version of the drawing.

m) Parish Plans

No further progress. Resolved: The clerk contacts Andrea Mason regarding the next step.

n) Date for Rotherham Local Compact Training

Councillor F has arranged an evening appointment with Elaine Allott to receive the necessary training.

a) Crime figures

Crime figures were supplied by PC Shaun Rhodes covering the period 12th September to 10th October 2007, as follows:

Newhall – No recorded crimes

Carr – No recorded crimes

Brookhouse – No recorded crimes

Slade Hooton – 1 recorded crime
Crime/Location Theft of motor vehicle

Hooton Lane 08/10/07

This relates to the theft of a vehicle, which was subsequently recovered in Lancashire.

Laughton en le Morthen – 1 recorded offence as follows:

Crime/Location

Burglary with intent Other

St. Johns Road

08/10/07

This offence relates to the theft of property from a shed on the allotments.

On 2nd October 2007 a youth that resides in Laughton en le Morthen was issued an ABC (acceptable behaviour contract), in respect of his future conduct.

84. Village Hall Issues

a) Football Clubs

Covered in minute number 77.

b. Concern over damp under windows in hall

Councillor V was absent from the meeting.

c. Parking Order for village hall car park

The clerk circulated a draft document for Councillors. Councillors did not raise any queries and asked the clerk to contact Kevin to discuss the next way forward.

85. Environmental Issues

a) Brookhouse Dyke

Following the September meeting, Councillor R had asked the Clerk not to send the letter to Ofwat, as a meeting has been arranged with a representative from the Environment Agency and from one from the North Notts Sewage Management, who will be attending the November Parish Council meeting. Councillor R reported that a tanker was present on Brookhouse Lane today.

b) Thurcroft Landfill

The next meeting will be taking place on 21st November 2007.

c) Bat boxes at Rectory Farm, Laughton

Councillor W reported that 8 bat boxes have been installed on the site.

86. Finance Report

Debtor Description Amount (£)

Alliance & Leicester Interest on savings September 144.74

RMBC Precept 2007/08 2nd installment 10,237.00

(To savings account)

a) Resolved: That the following invoices be authorised for payment:

Creditor Description Amount (£)

Clerk Salary 221.42

RMBC Rates for village hall 98.00 DD

87. Planning Applications

a. RB2007/1771 Formation of rooms in roof space and install dormer windows to front and rear at 5 Tunwell Road, Carr

The clerk was unable to access the documents online and asked Councillors to check the application before the end of the week, and report any concerns to the clerk.

88. Consultation Documents

a. South Rotherham Rural Transport Forum minutes

b. RVSA minutes August 2007

c. Town & Parish Standard September 2007

d. Defra – Ways to tackle climate change

e. Natural Collection catalogue

f. RMBC Emergency Planning in Rotherham

g. RMBC Standard’s board minutes July 2007

89. Correspondence

a. RMBC – Parish Review

Resolved: The clerk prepares a reply including the following parish boundary concerns:

- Boundary line at Brookhouse which currently omits The Lodge, Green Acre and the cricket pitch

- Two houses in Stone which would be better placed in Maltby Town Council's jurisdiction

- Three houses on St John's Road which should be in Laughton Parish, not Dinnington St John's parish

b. RMBC – NUM Yorkshire Miners' Memorial Day (e-mailed 27.9)

Resolved: No Councillors wished to attend.

c. SR RTP – Transport Awareness Day (15th October)

d. RMBC – New planning application alerts system

Resolved: Councillors noted the website address.

e. RMBC – Training sessions – Planning Board

Resolved: Councillors noted the dates.

f. RMBC – Purchase & delivery of rock salt

Resolved: The clerk will check the salt bin in the village hall car park and order accordingly.

g. Parish Network meeting invite

Resolved: No Councillors wished to attend – the clerk sends apologies on behalf of the Council.

h. RMBC Completed Development Tour invite

Resolved: Councillors noted the times of the visits.

90. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

91. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Resolved: That the Ordinary Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th October, 2007 commencing at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Firbeck Avenue, Laughton.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm