



Annual Parish Meeting Redmarshall Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017 at 6.40p.m. in the Methodist Chapel, Carlton.

Present: Cllr Stuart Cox (Chair)
Cllr Steve Reeder
Cllr Darren (Dezzy) Cairns
Cllr Tony Nelson
Mrs Gwynn Dunn (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr John Coupe, Cllr Karen Mucklin, Cllr Eric Kenyon

Annual Parish Council Report 2016/17

The main areas of work undertaken by the Parish Council over the last year are as follows:-

The Parish Council has continued to monitor planning applications in Redmarshall, Carlton and Whinney Hill and comment on anything that may affect the Parish and the local area. Members were pleased that a decision to refuse planning permission by SBC for land between Carlton and Redmarshall was upheld on appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council has objected to an application to build a property on the edge of Redmarshall – a decision on this application has not been made yet by SBC.

Speeding through Redmarshall continues to be a problem. A request for funding from the SBC Area Transport Strategy for traffic calming at one entrance to the Village was turned down despite the proposal receiving a relatively high score on the scoring matrix used. Lack of financial support for the scheme from the District Councillor's community budget was a contributory factor to the funding available being allocated to projects in other parts of the Borough.

A gardener has been employed to tend planters and pots around Redmarshall and carry out other minor improvements as required and a contractor has continued to cut the verge between the former Mains nursing home and the bridleway entrance off Drovers Lane. In addition the Parish Council has provided a Christmas tree and ensured that the Village Green is maintained. Support towards the cost of the Christmas tree was gratefully received from The Ship.

The Parish Council continues to liaise with Stockton Borough Council regarding problems with road signs, potholes and litter picking etc. We would like to thank John Turnbull for his weekly litter picking throughout the area and for reporting problems.

The Council have liaised with the Woodland Trust over the management of Langton Wood. A new bench is due to be installed in the wood over the summer to replace a bench which is deteriorating. A different location for the new bench has been agreed. It is hoped that some members of the local community may get more involved with practical work in the wood in due course as some additional tree

planting will be required. The Parish Council have stated to look into the ownership of some unmanaged land behind Ferguson Way in the hope of finding a way to have some management work undertaken in the future.

A grant was secured to decorate a section of Redmarshall that was along the route of a National Cycle Race that took place in June 2016. All of the local Villages were adorned for the occasion and many people turned out along the route to support the race. Many positive comments were made about the event and the involvement of the communities along the route.



The Parish Council accounts were audited without comment and the conditions of the new Transparency Code for smaller Parish Councils were met. Thanks again to John Turnbull for managing the Parish Council website.

Chris Cooke, who had been Parish Clerk since 2008, retired in June. The Council are very grateful for all of the work she carried out so well for the Council during her years of service. Three Councillors, Frank Cooke, Lynn Evans and Chris Johnson resigned during the year, thanks is also extended to their input to the Council. We were pleased to welcome four new Councillors, Dezzy Cairns, Steve Reeder, Tony Nelson and John Coupe and new Parish Clerk, Gwynn Dunn, to Redmarshall Parish Council in 2016 to join Councillors Stuart Cox, Karen Mucklin and Eric Kenyon.

Resident’s questions, concerns or suggestions for the Parish Council to consider

There were no residents present and nothing had been submitted for the Council to consider.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Annual Parish meeting for residents of Redmarshall Parish will be **Monday 14th May 2018.**

The meeting closed at 6.55p.m

Signed:

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