

## Redmarshall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 6.30 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Carlton.

Present: Cllr Frank Cooke (Acting Chair)  
Cllr Ronnie Dee  
Cllr Chris Johnson  
Mrs Chris Cooke (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Lynne Evans  
Cllr Trish Bowker (Chair)

Attendance: Mr Syd Bell, Mr Eric Lambert

### **Election of Acting Chair**

The first order of business was to elect an Acting Chair in the absence of Trish Bowker (Chair) and Lynne Evans (Vice Chair). Ronnie proposed Frank, seconded by Chris J.

### **Declarations of Interest (2/6/2010)**

**N/A**

### **Minutes of Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (3/6/2010)**

Ronnie proposed that the minutes of the AGM be accepted as a true record, seconded by Frank. Agreed.

Ronnie proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 10/5/2010 be accepted as a true record, seconded by Frank. Agreed.

### **Matters Arising (4/6/2010)**

Traffic Calming (14/9/08)

Clerk had received the revised report which is to go to Cabinet and had circulated this to Cllrs on 17/5/2010.

Drovers Lane Resurfacing (6/5/08)

Frank had contacted Brian Buckley, SBC re repair of potholes on 11/6/2010. Cabinet had approved the maintenance budget of £0.5 million, however, this need to full Council and there is no guarantee of major expenditure on Drovers Lane, particularly in view of cuts to LA budgets. However, maintenance inspections would continue and dangerous potholes would be repaired as necessary. The utility trench on the Fairfield side of Redmarshall had been noted and repair work would be undertaken.

Living Xmas Tree (9/10/09)

Chris J had contacted Land Ownership Office at SBC who had confirmed that SBC had adopted the roads but not the green verge. Highway Engineers had confirmed that the erection of a tree will not present any issues with regard to sightlines. Still awaiting the results of service checks.

AOB (12/4/10)

Potholes at the junction of Windermere Avenue and Drovers Lane – Clerk confirmed that these had been raised with SBC.

NWA – Flooding Drovers Lane (13/12/09)

No further problems had been reported, however, Ronnie reported that she had been informed by a resident that NWA are about to lay a pipe in Drovers Lane between Windermere Avenue and Redmarshall Crossroads. Cllrs have not had this information confirmed.

#### Correspondence (8/5/2010)

Central Area Transport Strategy Meeting 20/5/2010. Frank attended the meeting and reported back to the meeting. The proposed traffic calming measures for Redmarshall were included under 'Potential Future Schemes' but no funding had been identified for this and the budget on approved schemes had already been exceeded. The meeting had been well attended with Stillington, Carlton and Redmarshall representing the Western Parishes and Frank noted that several Councils had managed to obtain external funding, which had been favourably matched by SBC. Frank proposed that the Parish Council contact local businesses, particularly Darchem, to ask if they may be willing to make a contribution to the traffic calming measures. This would not be a commitment as SBC had not actually identified a budget for this yet. Chris J seconded. Agreed.

CC

#### Village Travel Survey

Clerk confirmed that she had collated responses to draft questions for the questionnaire and passed these on to Gwynne Dunn. She had also confirmed that Cllrs had agreed to help distribute the questionnaire to everyone in Redmarshall and that her house could be used as a drop off point for replies. She had also contacted David Bond re £10.00 donation towards the survey. Frank proposed that Cllrs make a £10.00 donation on a private basis, seconded by Ronnie. A Village Traffic Survey meeting will be held at Thorpe Thewles on Wednesday 16/6/2010 at 6.30 pm – Frank to attend.

FC

#### Finance (5/6/2010)

- Budget Sheet & VAT. The Clerk discussed the previously circulated Cash Book with Cllrs and the transfer of £500.00 from the deposit account and the current account to meet the proposed expenditure.
- Clerk confirmed that the following cheques were required:
  - Chq No 100118 – Harry Purcifer (4/4/2010) £465.00 rebuilding Redmarshall Sign at Crossroads
  - Cheq No 100119 – Parish Clerk £28.50 expenses £13.50 paper and £15.00 storage crates for archive files).

CC

Ronnie proposed these been agreed, Chris J seconded. Agreed All.

- Review of Audit – Notice of Exercise of Electors' Rights to inspect year end accounts had been displayed from 24/5/10 – 6/6/2010. Clerk confirmed that she will need to hand over audit information to Trish Bowker due to holiday commitments on 23/6/2010. The accounts need to be available for inspection by residents until 2/7/2010. Audit return will need to be received by to BDO Stoy Hayward by 9/7/2010. Trish to be responsible for submitting this. Clerk confirmed that the Jane Vaslet, Internal Auditor had completed her work and had no significant issues and no recommendations as she considered that "controls currently in place are appropriate for the monetary level the Council currently operates with".

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#### Review of Equal Opportunities Policy (RED005) – (6/6/2010)

Clerk confirmed that she had previously circulated this policy to Cllrs asking for any comments/changes. Chris J proposed that no changes were necessary, Ronnie seconded. Agreed.

#### Planning Applications (7/6//2010)

2 planning applications(10/1384/FUL and 10/1385/LBC) had been received for the Old Rectory (a listed building) entrance. On reviewing the application / permission that had been

granted last year it was apparent that the applicant had not complied with the drawings submitted. In addition the retrospective application submitted this year did not conform to what works had already been completed. The applicant had also applied for partial demolition of an ancient wall on the boundary of the Rectory and the adjacent farm. The grounds for the application were not confirmed by the applicant as the photos submitted with the application were misleading. It was agreed that comments and an objection would be submitted to SBC.

### **Cleveland Councils Association\NACL Subscription (8/6/2010)**

After discussion Cllrs considered that we had not been given much support in the past and therefore we would not take up a subscription this year.

### **Woodlands Trust Millennium Wood Celebration August 2010 (9/6/2010)**

Clerk confirmed that the website did not provide much information and therefore she had 'registered' to receive this. Noted that this would need to be an agenda item for July meeting and Cllrs would have to decide what type of celebration and how we would promote this to residents. A sum of £100.00 would be donated by the Woodland Trust towards cost of the celebration. Clerk to distribute information when received, publicity & planning to be discussed at July meeting. Ideas for event to be sent to Trish prior to the meeting.

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### **Parish News (10/6/2010)**

Ronnie confirmed that all of the information she had provided last month which had missed the deadline due to Gwynne Dunn going on holiday would be included this month. This information included Parish Council contact details to include Chris J, an article re NWA and sewers along with a message asking residents to be mindful not to block roads and pavements when parking vehicles. There were also vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors.

### **Correspondence (11/6/2010)**

The Clerk confirmed that correspondence of importance or with a deadline had already been circulated. Additional correspondence was examined at the meeting and agreed that the Clerk would take agreed action and circulate for additional information.

1. Weekly Planning Applications 11/5/2010 – 8/6/2010
2. SBC DNS Draft Strategy for Allotments & Leisure Gards – identification of potential allotment sites dated 11/5/2010 – deadline 12/7/2010
3. SBC Proceedings of Council 12/5/2010 – Jan – Mar 2010
4. SBC Proceedings of Council 12/5/2010 – April 2010
5. SBC Notice of Parish Council Liaison Forum Mtg 21/6/2010 – **Trish to attend**
6. Tees Valley Rural Community Letter 10/6/2010 – training needs\questionnaire
7. NHS Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Survey & Letter 28/5/2010
8. Open Spaces Society Annual Report 2009 & Summer 2010 Leaflet No 8

### **Any Other Business (12/6/2010)**

Chris J updated the meeting re his email to SBC Highways re repairs to potholes in Church Lane and the fact that potholes next to each other were inspected and repaired at different times. Highways explained that the work ("fretting") was not carried out at the same time as the other potholes is because the work did not meet intervention levels to warrant repair.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m

**Open Forum (13/6/2010)**

Syd Bell asked whether anyone had received the latest Stockton News magazine. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Chris J contact Jackie Stevely, SBC Communications Dept and find out distribution arrangements for Redmarshall. **Update: All residents should have received this on 15<sup>th</sup> June, next copy due out w/c 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010.**

CJ

Mr Lambert raised the question of paying for salt to top up salt bins during winter months and the considerable charges Redmarshall had had to pay during the 09/10 winter season. He had noted that a notice on the salt Bins in Bishopsgarth informed residents that if the bin was empty they should contact SBC to arrange for a refill. Frank confirmed that Fred Salt had agreed to raise this issue and the Clerk confirmed that she had already raised this issue through Care for Your Area and had received a reply citing criteria for 'free salt'. Agreed Clerk to re-circulate criteria and information to Cllrs and then write to SBC requesting further clarification.

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The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Next meeting **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010**. Agenda items to Trish by **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010**.

Signed .....

Date .....