

Redmarshall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2014 at 6.30 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel, Carlton.

Present: Cllr Karen Mucklin (Interim Chair)
Cllr Frank Cooke
Cllr Stuart Cox
Cllr Lynne Evans
Cllr Chris Johnson
Mrs Chris Cooke (Clerk)

Attendance: Cllr Andrew Stephenson, Eric Kenyon, Jay & Debbie Mason

Apologies: Cllr Ronnie Dee

Election of Interim Chair (1/10/2014)

Karen Mucklin acted as Interim Chair in accordance with the rota.

Declarations of Interest (2/10/2014)

N/A.

Minutes of Meeting 8th September 2014 (3/10/2014)

Karen proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the 8th September, 2014 be agreed, seconded Lynne. Agreed All.

Matters Arising (4/10/2014)

Secondary School Admissions\Transport (3/3/2014)

Clerk confirmed that a letter had been received from Jane Wright, SBC Planning & Partnership Mgr, who is responsible for School Admissions, setting out the arrangements for consultation for 2015-16 admissions. Clerk had previously circulated the letter to Parish Cllrs and Cllr Stephenson. The consultation process is expected to take place between 1/11/14 and 1/3/15.

Bridleways – access for residents and riders (7/9/14)

Jay & Debbie Mason queried why the PC had placed an article in the Parish News re access to the Bridleway as they had been out of the country and were unaware of changes to the situation. Frank informed them that James & Amanda Ellison had confirmed that they had retained ownership of the Bridleway and have confirmed that members of the public were allowed access. Jay queried the use of vehicles and parking on the Bridleway, Frank informed him that James had confirmed that vehicles were allowed, however, members of the public were asked to park responsibly and not block access, Jay stated that he had reservations re dog walkers, dogs off leads and cars blocking access to Shed 2 and asked if people could park in a slightly different place. Lynne stated that James had given permission to use the car parking area and that residents were 'exercising their right' of access. After further discussion, it was pointed out that Jay & Debbie needed to discuss their concerns with James & Amanda Ellison and that if any changes were

agreed regarding public access, James should contact the Parish Council to inform them of the changes.

Redmarshall Highways – general maintenance (8/9/2014)

Cllr Stephenson confirmed that he was organising a dog waste bin to be located between the Redmarshall Church gate on Redmarshall Road and the corner of Church Lane leading to Ferguson Way. He was also arranging for SBC to empty the bin on a regular basis.

AS

Finance (5/10/2014)

- Monthly Projected Spend & VAT circulated with the agenda was discussed. Noted that the Clerk had not requested a transfer of funds from the Deposit to the Current account this month.
- Cheques due:
 - N/A.
- Conclusion of Audit. Clerk confirmed that the audit had been concluded and the Notice displayed. Noted that a minor issue had been raised re grant monies from SBC being included in Box 2 when it should have been Box 3. No action needed. Clerk had noted this slight amendment ready for the 2014-15 year end audit.

CC

Planning Applications & Information (6/10/2014)

N/A.

Redmarshall Highways – general maintenance (access to Bridleway & Langton Wood (7/10/14)

The Clerk confirmed that she had already discussed with SBC Grounds Mtce re grass cutting from the Mains to The Gallops. SBC considered this to be 'common verge' and, as with other such areas throughout the Borough, cut it back twice a year (approx Apr and Oct) which met their statutory duty. Therefore, if Cllrs and residents were concerned about this area being overgrown and walkers to Langton Wood and the Bridleway having to step into the road at various points, then the PC would need to consider having the verge maintained via a grounds maintenance contract. It was also noted that the verge formed part of the approach to Redmarshall Village and that other villages, including Carlton, carry out maintenance to the approaches and provide flower baskets etc., so that the entrance to the Village looked attractive rather than just overgrown. After discussion, Cllrs agreed by a majority vote that the Clerk contact local businesses to obtain quotes for this work to be carried out during the summer months. It was agreed however, that obtaining quotes did not mean that Cllrs had agreed to the proposal.

CC

Environmental Health – complaints re 'muck spreading'

Frank, Lynne and several residents had complained to SBC Environmental Protection re a very strong smell of 'muck spreading' emanating from High Field Farm, Church Lane, owned by Paul Baker. The smell had continued for over a week and Stuart commented that in 20 years living in Redmarshall, he had never encountered such a strong smell for such a long period. Lynne commented that she understood pig waste was being spread and that this would be repeated on a regular basis. It was noted that the PC were unaware that permission had been given to

keep pigs in this field as the last planning application for the site referred to calves and cattle. Agreed to monitor the situation and Clerk to contact SBC Environmental Protection if the situation recurred.

CC

Whinney Hill – short power cuts (9/10/14)

Karen stated that there had been several short power cuts at Whinney Hill over the past 3-4 weeks. Clerk had contacted Northern Powergrid regarding the situation (all correspondence previously circulated) and Northern Powergrid stated they were experiencing problems with a number of attempted and actual thefts in the TS21 area. In addition, a gang were also working in Bishopton and the surrounding areas and these thefts were responsible for the short power cuts. Police and security forces were working with local communities to try to stop the thefts. Karen proposed that the Clerk put an article in the Parish Magazine to make residents aware of the situation. Seconded Stuart. Agreed All.

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Parish News (10/10/2014)

Clerk to submit articles re:

Whinney Hill – short power cuts (see above).

Cleveland Connected initiative (see AOB below).

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Correspondence 11/10/2014)

Clerk confirmed that correspondence of importance or with a deadline had already been circulated.

1. GNA Ambulance letter 19/9/2014 request for grant.
2. Email Brenda Sharpe, Cleveland Police 29/9/14 – activities for children
3. Email cc from John Turnbull to Care for Your Area 30/9/14 re Street Cleansing and Fly Tipping
4. SBC Environmental Protection letter and form from Sarah Woolleter 1/1/0/14 re Air Quality Complaint, High Field Farm, Church Lane.
5. SBC Mayor's Office letter re Remembrance Sunday 2014.
6. Northern Powergrid bulletin – October 2014.
7. Email correspondence Northern Powergrid re short power cuts at Whinney Hill.

Any Other Business (12/10/2014)

ChrisJ provided information to Cllrs re the 'Cleveland Connected' initiative which allows members of the public to register to receive email and text information about local crimes, hot topics, and general information from Cleveland Police. Registered members can also email Stockton's Cleveland Connected team with information. ChrisJ proposed that an article be placed in the Parish News informing residents about this initiative. Seconded Karen, agreed all.

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The Parish Council meeting closed at 7.30p.m.

Open Forum (13/10/2014)

N/A.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday, 10th November, 2014.**
Agenda items to Chris by **Friday, 3^{1st} October 2014.**

Signed:

Date: