



Redmarshall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2015 at 6.30 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel, Carlton.

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

Attendance: Ward Cllr Andrew Stephenson

Apologies: N/A

Declarations of Interest (1/09/15)

N/A.

Minutes of AGM & Parish Council Meeting 11th May 2015 (2/09/15)

ChrisJ proposed that the minutes of the meetings of the 11th May 2015 be agreed, seconded Lynne. Agreed All.

Matters Arising (3/09/15)

Elections (9/02/15)

Clerk confirmed that there had been no response to the Notice of Co-opton on the noticeboard or from the information placed in the Parish News, therefore there were still two vacancies for Parish Cllrs. Karen stated that Eric Kenyon was interested in becoming a Parish Cllr. The Clerk stated that, in the first instance, Mr Kenyon would need to send an email stating his wish to stand as a Parish Cllr and providing he met the criteria, the Council could discuss this and choose to co-opt him at the next meeting. Agreed Clerk to send all relevant paperwork to Mr Kenyon.

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Finance (4/05/15)

Clerk confirmed that a VAT refund for £61.55 had been received.

Pensions – Automatic Enrolment

Clerk confirmed that she had received clarification re the above:

“If there is no one employed who falls into the category below, then there will be no requirement to set up a pensions scheme:

Aged 22 – State Pension Age

Earning above £833 monthly or £192 weekly

The Clerk confirmed that she would not request Redmarshall Parish Council to set up a pension scheme. It was noted that there may still be automatic enrolment duties and the Clerk would continue to monitor this.

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Finance (4/09/15)

- Monthly Projected Spend & VAT circulated with the agenda was discussed. Noted that the Clerk had requested a transfer of funds totalling £750 this month. Karen proposed that this transfer be agreed. Seconded Stuart. Agreed All. CC
- A discussion was held re the cheques paid out during June/July/August 2015.
- Cheques previously paid:
 - 100198 - £120.00 – Robert Wall Welding & Fencing Ltd – grounds mtce
 - 100199 - £312.00 – C Cooke, Clerk's Salary Apr-June 2015
 - 100200 - £78.00 – HMRC PAYE Apr-June 2015
 - 100201 - £24.00 – Robert Wall Welding & Fencing Ltd – grounds mtce
 - 100202 - £70.00 – H A & J Lees – Bench refurbishment
 - 100203 - £24.00 – County Durham Association of Local Councils
- Cheques due:
 - 100204 - £312.00 – C Cooke Salary July – Sept 2015
 - 100205 - £78.00 – HMRC PAYE July – Sept 2015
 - 100206 - £48.00 – R Wall Welding & Fencing
- Audit/Year End Accounts – Clerk confirmed BDO Stoy had carried out the external audit of accounts with no matters coming to their attention. The accounts, bank reconciliation, explanation of significant differences and Annual Return were displayed on the website and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit would be displayed on the noticeboard on 15/9/15 for 14 days. CC

Planning Applications & Information (5/09/15)

App No 15/0803/OUT Outline application for 5 dwellings, The Mains Nursing Home. Clerk confirmed that this application had been refused.

App No 15/1110/OUT Outline application for 2 dwellings to the rear of The Stables, Kirk Hill. The Clerk confirmed that this application had been refused.

Flower Troughs and Tubs – Cllr Stephenson's Community Budget (6/09/15)

After discussion, it was agreed that 6 tubs were required via Cllr Stephenson's budget, along with compost and flowers. However the maintenance budget would need to be discussed further as this would impact on future years accounts. Karen proposed that Frank discuss this further with the two people who had previously supplied quotes and also the Shaw Trust and circulate information to Cllrs. Seconded Lynne. Agreed All. FC

Redmarshall Wood\Langton Wood – Access for walkers/riders (7/09/15)

The Clerk had previously circulated correspondence and information re access and Rights of Way for Redmarshall and Langton Wood. The Woodland Trust own and maintain Langton Wood and, although there are no public 'rights of way' encourage the public to access the Wood. SBC has confirmed that The only public right of way (RoW) in the vicinity of Langton Wood runs from Ferguson Way and follows the fence/hedge line (opposite the permissive bridleway) which is on land in Paul Baker's ownership. Frank proposed that the Clerk write to the owner of Redmarshall Wood asking if access for walkers could be re-instated. Seconded Stuart. CC

Policies & Procedures Review (8/09/15)

The Clerk had previously circulated RED05 – Equal Opportunities Policy for review. After discussion, Stuart proposed that no changes were required, seconded ChrisJ. Agreed All.

Parish News (9/09/15)

N/A

Correspondence (10/09/15)

Clerk confirmed that correspondence of importance or with a deadline had already been circulated (*)

1. *Letter 3/6/15 Dept for Communities & Local Government to Cllr Frank Cooke re planning issues
2. *email 9/6/15 from Susan Clouston re Stockton's Local Standards Arrangements
3. *Letter 11/6/15 from the Mayor re Armed Forces Day & Freedom Parade 25/6/15
4. *email 17/6/15 Nigel Hart re Armed Forces Day & Freedom Parade Programme
5. *CPRE North East Newsletter – Summer 2015
6. *email 22/6/15 Sarah Robinson re Central Area Transport re 23/6/15
7. Letter 24/6/15 Mayor's Sunday Service & Parade – Sunday 12/7/15
8. *email 26/6/15 Anne Mealing – Planning Appeal Notification Letter 14/2884/REV Mr John Jones
9. Letter 2/7/15 Butterwick Hospice Care request to be Charity of the Year
10. *email 13/7/15 Rachel Powell The Mains Nursing Home 15/0803/OUT decision notice
11. *email 14/7/15 - NorthernPowergrid July ebulletin
12. *email 28/7/15 Richard McGuckin re 14/3008/OUT Hellens Development, Carlton
13. *email 30/7/15 Jill Kitching – Policy Consultations – Licensing Act 2003 & Gambling Act 2005
14. *email 3/8/15 John Turnbull re Redmarshall Hedges
15. *email 4/8/2015 Rachel Willis – re Community Forest
16. *email 6/8/15 Alex Cunningham re Village Broadband & Rural Bus Services
17. *email 11/8/15 Rachel George re FOI Request ref 0407/1516
18. *email 13/8/15 Stuart Levin re Mayor's Charity Murder Mystery Evening 21/8/15
19. *email 18/8/15 Rob Morrow - re Public footpath through Redmarshall Wood
20. *email 19/8/15 Gary Haley, Woodland Trust re Langton Wood
21. *email 19/8/15 Katie McGough re High Farm Redmarshall enforcement ref 15/0405/EUSE
22. *email 26/8/15 Katie McGough – re High Farm Ref 15/0405/EUSE
23. *email 26/8/15 Economic Growth & Development Services, Joanne Roberts re Redmarshall Crossroads Accident Stats
24. Letter 26/8/15 Richard McGuckin re Planning App 15/1110/OUT The Stables, Kirk Hill- refusal
25. *email 31/8/15 Andrew Stephenson re LGiU Daily News – Gypsy Sites

- 26. **email 1/9/15 Andrew Stephenson re Headline Outcomes GCSE results 2015
- 27. *email 8/9/15 NorthernPowergrid – September newsletter
- 28. Letter TVRC Sept 2015 – Celebrate with us on 21/9/15 event 21/9/15
- 29. *email 14/9/15 Anne Mealing – Planning Appeal Hearing Details 14/2884/REV
Mr John Jones
- 30. *email 13/9/15 Butterwick Hospice re Sportsman’s Dinner 18/9/15

Any Other Business (11/09/15)

Dog Fouling

Cllrs noted that after the Clerk had contact SBC re dog fouling within the village, a sign had been displayed on a lamppost and footpath signs re fouling had been put on the pathway between Drovers Lane and Rydal Way. However, these were also needed on the short stretch of pathway between the cul-de-sac on Windermere Road and The Green. Clerk to contact SBC to ask for this to be carried out.

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Speeding/Traffic Accidents – Whinney Hill

Karen stated that a police speed camera van had been seen seen at Whinney Hill one day during the school summer holidays in the middle of the day, when the main traffic on the road was during morning rush hour (8-9.00 a.m) and evening (4.30 – 6.30) outside of the school holidays. In addition two cars had recently veered off the road into hedges. Frank proposed that the Clerk contact SBC again re these issues and look at funding for further traffic control measures, possibly via the Area Transport Strategy. Seconded Karen. Agreed.

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Code of Transparency

The Clerk had previously circulated information received from ‘Hardwick in Partnership’ re the above which came into force on 1 April 2015. The Parish Council currently meets the mandatory Transparency Code via the website. However, after discussion, Stuart proposed that the Clerk contact John Turnbull, who runs the website on a voluntary basis, the seek clarification on certain issues.

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The Parish Council meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Open Forum (12/09/15)

N/A.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Monday, 12th October 2015**. Agenda items to Chris by **Friday 2nd October 2015**.

Signed:

Date: