

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH PUBLIC MEETING OF THE RIXTON WITH GLAZEBROOK PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, HOLLINS GREEN, ON THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2017 AT 7 P.M.

Present: Councillor Trenbath (Chairman)
Councillors Clarke, Andrews, Hill
Clerk – I M Lowe
WB Cllrs – McCarthy, Wright
Police –
Members of Public – 2

Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached.

Declarations are a personal matter for each Member to decide. Whilst officers will advise on the Code and its interpretation, the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the Member based on the particular circumstances.

The Parish Council will take account of Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act in all their discussions and decisions.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Banner, McLachlan, Wright.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual PC Meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2016 be accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Trenbath and Seconded by Cllr Clarke. Alteration to the surname East to Eaves and path not patch – these amendments were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING – None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman's Public Report

20/04/2017

The Parish Council would like to welcome members of the public to this Parish meeting. This is not the Parish Council Meeting so any resolution made will not be a Parish Council resolution. Anyone proposing seconding or voting on any resolution at this Parish Meeting must be a resident (on the electoral register) for this Parish of Rixton with Glazebrook.

HS2

Since the announcement last year that the HS2 viaduct was to come through/over the parish the Parish Council has been trying to arrange meetings between HS2 and those members of the community immediately affected and within the so called HS2 "Safety Zone" to look at what compensation they could immediately be entitled to. Those parishioner's not immediately allowed compensation also need to understand what long-term affect HS2 will have on them in the way of house value, noise etc. I have this last Tuesday spoken again to the HS2 representative and he still wants to hold meetings with our community and then hold regular update sessions to keep everybody briefed as to what is happening.

HS2 require specific details from the Community Hall Committee before they can make any bookings and I am still awaiting this information. Once received HS2 can set the dates for meetings.

Glamis wood

When the Parish Council first pledged their offer of care financially for the wood for five years, with a sum of £5500 pledged by the Council. We also said that following the five-year period we would continue to look after the wood, but with the help and support of volunteers. Unfortunately, to date, we have had no offers from the public of support and therefore we have had to review our involvement. We will this year spend a further £1400.00 ensuring the wood remains safe and maintained. Following the last Parish Council, it was decided that I would meet with the Community Hall committee to discuss this issue with them and get from them further approval to continue with its maintenance on the premise of our past involvement. On the 27th March I had the opportunity to attend their meeting and broach the subject. I explained the situation and informed them that from this year on the Parish Council will review what level of maintenance and financial commitment the woods required and agree what financial input if any we would agree to.

Village Green

Over the past year the Parish Council has undertaken a program of tree and bush management/removal around the northern section of the village green which we hope will add to the look of the green.

Waste land

To the side of the village path at its entrance from Birch Road there is a piece of waste land owned by the Borough Council. It was the hope of the Parish Council to lease the land and work with St Helen's School to produce an area that could be used by the children for educational purposes. Unfortunately, the Borough council's costing was such the parish Council could not move forward with the project. The positive side to this is that now the Borough Council will maintain this land.

Play area

Last year we saw the refurbishment of the play area and following a Health and Safety check this year it was suggested that the chains on the swings be replaced, this is planned to be undertaken 5th May.

Football pitch

A football pitch has now been marked out and re-instated on the village green and the markings will be regularly maintained.

Path through the village Green

The Parish Council continues to look to replace the path across the village green and is presently applying for funding to support the cost.

Road Drains and flooding

We have all seen and complained about the flooding caused by blocked drains, the Parish Council supported by our Borough Councillors have been successful in getting these drains clear or they are awaiting to be unblocked, let's hope that this work will reduce the road flooding problem.

Colliers Liaison Group

As part of Planning permission granted to Colliers the sites will be regularly visited by Urban Vision. These visits will be carried out regularly throughout the year. The liaison group consists of the local borough councillor who Chairs the meetings, Chair of the Parish council, a member of the public, Environmental officer from WBC and a representative from Collier's.

Inspection of the sites amongst many other conditions include height or capping of the mounds, wheel washing, ensuring all traffic safely arrives and leaves the site, lining of the tips prior to starting to infilling all checks will be undertaken every eight weeks in accordance with regulation 106.

Presently on the Moat Lane site, the lower end of the site will be pathed and bird watching hives placed around it, this will be open to the public. The work is set to start this spring and the paths once completed will be open to the general public.

The Chairman thanked the Warrington Borough Councillors and the Police for their continued support.

Report from Borough Councillors

Cllr McCarthy felt that Colliers quarterly Meetings should continue.

Cllr McCarthy will chase up the position relating to the land adjacent to the Children's Play area

Cllr McCarthy related to position with HS2 at the moment cost is £60 billion now seen as a white elephant should upgrade the east and west coast lines.

No major things for the Parish grass cutting, street lighting, verges, hedges, grids all being looked into and work scheduled. Cost of Green Bins unpopular should not have had two charges dependent on use of Internet. The take up has been surprisingly high. Area Boards have been cut from 5 to 1. Police asked is WBC concerned that Green Bins use could cause additional fly tipping, Cllr McCarthy felt not the case as fly tipping is usually industrial and domestic Waste not Green Waste.

Report from the Police – Bethan, Roger

In the past twenty eight days there have been:

Eight reports of anti-social behaviour. These are spaced across the village and relate to neighbour disputes and motorbikes. The neighbour issues have been resolved and one owner of a motor bike was located and it was discovered they were legitimate owners and could ride the bike. Another motor bike user was located and arrested for dangerous driving.

One burglary has been reported but there has been nobody identified.

No thefts relating to motor vehicles have occurred.

One report of damage to a vehicle which is as a result of two vehicles being set on fire but no suspect has been identified for this.

There has been one road traffic collision in Rixton. This is still an ongoing investigation.

OPEN FORUM

Mr Mee asked if the money spent had been budgeted for – The Clerk reported that the monies spent had been budgeted for over a number of previous years' budgets.

Mr Mee asked where the money was coming from for the path across the recreation ground. – Cllr Trenbath reported that grants were being applied for but the Parish Council may need to match fund this but this would be a decision the Parish Council would have to make.

Mr Mee asked if any approach has been made to HS2 regarding air quality for the Village. Cllr Trenbath reported that HS2 has not done any checks.

Mr Johnson – asked re the football pitch – why had it been placed in the position – WBC had carried out the work and the Clerk would ask the question regarding the reason for its position.

Mr Johnson – Cenotaph – asked present position – Clerk reported being considered by WBC's Meeting – Mr Johnson asked who would be paying for the upkeep of the lighting and maintenance of the lighting – The Clerk reported that the Shine the Light Group would hold this responsibility (as shown in the WBC's Report).

The Chairman thanked residents for attending the meeting.

CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.55