

## ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of Rothwell Town Council was held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 12th December 2017 in the Market House, Market Hill, Rothwell.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Councillor C W Cross Councillor Mrs C M Brown Councillor R V Davis Councillor I F Jelley (7.40 pm) Councillor T Morrissey Councillor M W Spendlove Councillor Mrs M E Talbot	<u>Town Mayor</u>
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### 416 PRAYERS

Before the business of the Council commenced, the Revd Canon John Westwood said prayers including for peaceful homes, and mentioned the work of the Town Mayor and the Council and this time of advent and Christmas.

### 417 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Cox, Goodwin, Newman, Sumpter and Wilson, and from Councillor Jelley who would be late joining the meeting.

### 418 COMMUNITY POLICING

#### General Report/Crime Figures

Copies of the list of crimes committed in November were available and PCSOs Kirsty Ellerby and Jason Parish were present at this Meeting. There were several thefts from motor vehicles in local areas. It was confirmed that the new double yellow lines in Glendon Road have now been completed and are enforceable. Councillor Mrs Brown reported that there is a black Audi A3 parked on the High Street corner just past Rowell Charter Inn which has been there for a couple of months and not been moved and is causing an obstruction. The PCSOs will look at this when they leave and Councillor Hakewill said this could be reported to ELVIS which deals with these issues and can be found at Police Abandoned Vehicle.

#### Police & Crime Commissioner

The next meeting with Councillors is now at 6.00 pm on 20th December at Greenwell Room, Wootton Hall but no-one was available to attend from Rothwell.

### 419 MINUTES

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Morrissey, **SECONDED** by Councillor Davis and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th November 2017 be confirmed and signed.

### 420 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(1) Footpath from Nosehill: a resident asked who was to do the footpath in Well Lane Recreation Ground. Councillor Mrs Brown thought this was the Borough Council and will check this. Bovis will construct the footpath up to the park.

(2) Rothwell Library: Maureen Hill, the Chairman of the Friends of Rothwell Library, was at the Meeting and wanted the backing of the Town Council for whatever they want to do about this. She anticipates it will be up for sale or lease and the Friends will not be able to afford to

buy this but it might be possible to lease the building although they need the figures. The library needs to remain where it is in the town centre and there is a lot of benefit for the community there. It was confirmed the Town Council sent in a strong representation on the first part of the consultation, and there is the second part which needs a response by 13th January 2018 but the Town Council does not have enough details yet. Mrs Hill said there is another meeting in the Library on Monday at 7.00 pm. It was confirmed that the Town Council has already strongly supported the retention of the library in the current premises.

#### 421 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

(1) Rothwell North: this remains a significant issue but no-one from Persimmon or the Borough Council is responding to the queries and comments and there is to be another planning application. They are planning to put the relief road through the new development and this will end up as bad as Harrington Road so the Town Council needs to fight this to assist Councillor Hakewill. All the current services will be on the other side of the road to the new development and there is supposed to be a traffic plan. Councillor Hakewill is writing to Persimmon again. The County and Borough Councils are trying to provide an interim loan to be repaid by Persimmon: there is the issue of the Chairman of Persimmon receiving a massive salary so it seems they do have financial resources. Councillor Hakewill also referred to the planning appeal regarding the proposed development at Desborough South where the County Council told the Borough Council that Desborough South should not be built until the Rothwell North relief road is in place but this was discounted. Perhaps the Rothwell Borough Councillors could put more pressure on about this issue of the Rothwell North relief road and that the Desborough South development should not be built until this road is in place. It is likely there will be other development in the future towards Rushton Road so the Northern Relief Road is essential. Councillor Mrs Brown said she had suggested to one of the Planning Officers that Persimmon and the developers of Desborough South should get together about this road.

(2) Rothwell Library: Councillor Mrs Brown referred to having some s.106 money from these developments for the library. Councillor Hakewill is hoping to meet the Friends of the Library and for some publicity about this to explain what the Rothwell residents feel. If possible, Councillor Hakewill will stretch the time before any final decision is made if the County Council has four options and No.4 is to leave things as they are now. All the various activities at the library were mentioned and everyone felt it was essential these should remain where they are. It was also explained that Rothwell Town Council could not raise a large amount of extra precept without a formal consultation with a Town Meeting. The Town Mayor felt that if Rothwell had to fund its Library, all the communities in the County should do the same. It was mentioned that there has been a suggestion of a Trust to run the libraries and the Borough could perhaps assist with this. Councillor Hakewill said if the Library was kept open the County would assist, but not with the other activities such as the children's services. Councillor Ian Jelley joined the Meeting at 7.40 pm and confirmed there would not be any decision until after the second part of the consultation. It was pointed out that last year Surrey County Council decided to raise an additional precept of 15%.

(3) 7.5 tonne Weight Limit: Councillor Hakewill confirmed this is still in progress from the A14 onto Harrington Road.

#### 422 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY

##### Blythe Close Play Area

This is a standing item on the Agenda and it was AGREED it should remain as the Town Council would like to provide additional equipment when possible.

Air Quality

The October figure for RW1 at the Bridge Street/High Street junction was 34, and that for RW2 from the monitor on the Post Office was 30.8 and these figures are much lower than the previous month.

Rothwell Library

The Town Council needs further details to respond to the second phase of the consultation. Councillor Spendlove did not know if a majority of residents would agree to paying an extra precept for the library. Councillor Jelley thought the Town Council would need to purchase the library building to run this and he explained the total costs to do this and provide the services. The Town Council can borrow the money to purchase the building and run the library for a number of years. It was considered that there would still be time to look at the various options.

423 PLANNINGNotifications

The following Approvals had been received:-

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| KET/2017/0704 | 31 Harrington Road – Single storey rear extension.  |
| KET2017/0762  | The Haybarn, Glendon Hill Farm – Change of use from agricultural to the keeping of horses, stables, lean-to and horse-walker. |
| KET/2017/0764 | 6 Gibbons Drive – Two-storey front extension.   |

Applications

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| KET/2017/0601 | 6 Rushton Road – Redevelopment of factory: revised plans had been received and the Town Council had re-submitted its original comments. A notification had been received on 12th December 2017 that there had been further revisions to the plans and the Town Council will look at these. |
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The following new applications had been received and the Town Council's observations submitted as stated:-

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| KET/2017/0620 | Land adjoining 7 Tresham Street – Three storey building for five flats and one commercial unit.<br>Rothwell Town Council has no objection provided the height of the buildings do not adversely affect the light to Nos. 40 & 42 Castle Hill. |
| KET/2017/0888 | 63 Greening Road – Rear extension and french windows.<br>No objection.  |
| KET/2017/0893 | 11 Greening Road – Rear extension.<br>No objection.   |
| KET/2017/0954 | 12 Gibbons Drive – Side extension.<br>No objection.   |

Rothwell North

Copies of the minutes of the Rothwell North Working Party meeting held on 22nd November 2017 had been circulated prior to this Meeting.

Rothwell Parish Plan

An acknowledgement had been received from Julia Baish of the Borough Development Services and she will reply in some detail in due course with comments and advice.

424 HIGHWAYSDouble Yellow Lines, Glendon Road

As reported under Community Policing, it has been confirmed that these double yellow lines are now completed and the Police are able to enforce them.

Parking Signs

The Clerk reminded Councillors that we still have some of the signs saying “COULD AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE GET PAST YOUR CAR?”. There are no ties with the signs so some would need to be provided.

Parking on the High Street

Councillor Mrs Brown said that cars being parked on the High Street bend do make it difficult for other drivers and suggested the Town Council should request double yellow lines from the end of the Rowell Charter premises up to the zebra crossing zigzags. It was AGREED to ask Ian Boyes, our Highways Liaison Officer, about this.

425 STORAGE IN THE MARKET HOUSE

This still needs to be sorted out. The Clerk was not sure if all the items in the hallway could be taken away and dumped by the Borough Council or if some were still needed. As to the items in the storeroom, there are the two large flat boxes which the Clerk believes are the old duplicate minutes so these could also be taken away by the Borough Council for disposal. There are also the Minutes books in the cupboard, most of which can go to the County Archives and also the two wooden boxes with old papers in which must also be dealt with by the County Archives as they are an important record but the paper is now very fragile. It was AGREED that Councillors Mrs Brown and Jelley will deal with this matter to see what needs to be done.

426 FINANCIAL REPORTGeneral Statement

The Clerk submitted a written statement as attached. It was MOVED by Councillor Mrs Talbot, SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Brown and RESOLVED that the statement be approved and adopted and the following amounts paid:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Goods or Services</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs C E Mackay	Clerk's Salary	633.40
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax & Employer N I	224.95
Inter County Cleaning Services	Cleaning Market House	44.40
Rothwell Preservation Trust	Part Electricity charges	1158.38
Ricoh UK Ltd	Copier/Printer Maintenance	25.46
Cash	Petty Cash	40.00

Market House Licence

Copies of the E-mail from Berrys regarding the new arrangements for the Licence to the Town Council had been circulated prior to this Meeting. It was **MOVED** by Councillor Jelley, **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs Talbot and **RESOLVED** that the new conditions were approved.

Draft Budget

Copies of the draft had been circulated prior to this Meeting and the precept request needs to be received by the Borough Council no later than 26th January 2018. The Clerk had included the sum of £2,500 for a new copier/printer/scanner but understood that a machine could be hired rather than purchased and she will find out the cost of this. It was **AGREED** to arrange the date of the Budget Meeting at the full Town Council on 9th January.

427 RETIREMENT OF CLERK

The Town Mayor said the two candidates interviewed by him and Councillors Mrs Brown and Jelley were both very good and in the end they decided to appoint Philippa Page. She has to give two months' notice but will work for us before then and do the two jobs together for a while. She will also come to the next Town Council Meeting. Councillor Jelley has spoken to both candidates to let them know the decision and the Clerk was also asked to write to both of them. The exact salary needs to be decided and we have some advice from NCALC.

428 MATTERS OF REPORT

An E-mail had been received from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust asking if the Town Council was planning to hold an event for this day. It was **AGREED** that Kettering Borough Council makes these arrangements for the whole Borough.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman

Date