

## ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of Rothwell Town Council was held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 11th July 2017 in the Market House, Market Hill, Rothwell.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Councillor C W Cross Councillor Mrs C M Brown Councillor M E Cox Councillor R V Davis Councillor T M Goodwin Councillor M W Spendlove Councillor K D Sumpter Councillor Mrs M E Talbot Councillor R Wilson	<u>Town Mayor</u>
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### 343 PRAYERS

Before the business of the Council comments, the Revd Canon John Westwood said Prayers and mentioned the Town Mayor, the Council and the agenda for this Meeting, the neighbourhood and local businesses.

### 344 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Jelley, Morrissey and Newman.

### 345 COMMUNITY POLICING

#### General Report/Crime Figures

A list of the reported crimes for June had been received, and most of these were not too serious, but no Police Officer was able to be present at the Meeting. The Town Mayor wondered if there was still going to be community policing with an Officer attending the Meetings. He had been informed about children coming out of the Junior School in Castle Hill and when cars are being parked on the pavement and he felt a child was going to be hit because of this. Councillor Sumpter said if we report this to the Police they will monitor the area and it was RESOLVED to report this to the Safer Community Team.

As to the list of crimes, Councillor Mrs Brown asked if we could have more details of the crimes and which ones have been detected. Councillor Sumpter referred to the thefts at the allotments where equipment has been stolen because someone took the lock off the gate. The Police are now monitoring this area. It was AGREED to ask Sgt Scott Little if we could have more information about the crimes as suggested by Councillor Mrs Brown.

### 346 MINUTES

It was MOVED by Councillor Wilson, SECONDED by Councillor Davis and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2017 be confirmed and signed.

### 347 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(1) Bench, Market Hill: Mrs Lawson said the bench by the bus stop in front of the Chinese Takeaway has still not been repaired: this was taken away for Rowell Fair but returned in the same condition.

There are several benches in Squires Hill in a good condition, which are not used because of the bird droppings. It was AGREED to ask the Borough Council if this bench could be replaced with one from Squires Hill.

(2) Pollution Levels: Mr Green referred to the number of heavy lorries which now go through Rothwell. He has contacted the Borough Council for the pollution levels in Kettering Road and Desborough Road. The Government target figure for nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) is 40mg/m<sup>3</sup> but in April in Rothwell this was nearly 55 and he thought the figure was likely to be higher in May and June. There are two monitoring stations in Rothwell, RW1 on the lamp-post near the mini-roundabout at the High Street/Bridge street junction, and RW2 on the building facade next to the Post Office. Mr Green sent an E-mail the day after this Meeting that the figure for May at RW1 was 39.6, and for RW2 31.2 but he would have expected these to be higher. Councillor Spendlove asked if there was a comparison figure from when the A6 bypass was open and it was previously 34.9 on average. It was thought the level will go down when the A6 bypass is re-opened but with the additional traffic in Desborough Mr Green thought this could increase again.

Councillor Spendlove asked if there was a comparison with when the A6 bypass was open and Mr Green thought it was 34.9 on average. It was thought the level will go down when the A6 bypass is re-opened. It was AGREED to raise this issue with Brendan Coleman and Shirley Plenderleith at the Borough Council, and to ask the Environment Agency if this is necessary.

It was also mentioned that the sign on the roundabout from the A14 is not visible because this is covered by leaves but Councillor Sumpter said there is an illuminated sign in this location at the present time.

(3) Camps in Kettering Road: Mrs Mackenzie asked for an update on the people sleeping rough in this area. Councillor Sumpter had been in touch with Sgt Little and he had said there were some children down there but these now go to the bottom of Manor Park. The area round the allotments is now a hot spot area so the Police are patrolling regularly.

(4) Rothwell North: The Revd Margaret Mossman was present at the Meeting to speak on behalf of some members of the Rothwell North Working Party and raised the following issues:-

“1. When will the community be involved in discussing the s.106 money allocation? Note: Planning Obligations Practice and Guidance (ch 8) – community engagement and access to the s.106 monies is crucial.

2. They would like clarification on the construction road as the answer to Marie Chapman’s question at the last Working Party Meeting appears to have been contradicted by the E-mail produced for the Minutes? Note: For clarification of the discussion Marie asked, “so, an access road for the construction traffic will be in place to connect the bypass to the B576 before a single brick was laid?”, and was told “yes”.

3. Why did the Town Council not question the Notice Period required to hold the Major Planning Meeting in February as set out by Philip Hollobone and has the Town Council raised this with Philip? Note: Community Engagement on Planning plus Appendix H – indicate longer publication timescale for complex major applications.”

Councillor Mrs Brown said one week’s notice has been Planning Law since 2003 but she will take this back to Rob Harbour, the Borough Head of Development Services. She did not think the s.106 monies had yet been discussed. It was not thought there is yet clarification on the construction road and Councillor Sumpter thought Persimmon had objected to this but our County Councillor is trying to get funds for a relief road to be constructed first and then paid back afterwards. The Town Council had previously suggested a hardcore road just for construction traffic.

County Councillor Hakewill was present at this Meeting, and he has heard from the Working Party that a dirt road might come in. Councillors Mrs Brown and Jelley have also discussed this with Borough Officers and some information came from that meeting. On 21st February he and Councillor Tebbutt from Desborough had a meeting, but he is not a Rothwell Borough Councillor. In 2010 Philip Hollobone had a workshop because of several very large applications, including Kettering East where there will be 5,000 new houses. There was only a one week notice because the following week there was a planning appeal in Desborough and they had to confirm there was already a five-year supply of permissions for houses so the proposed development to the south of Desborough was not required and the appeal could be refused.

The original proposal was that the link road was to be fully constructed upon completion of 500 houses but Councillor Hakewill is now trying to get Persimmon to do the relief road first and to find the money for this. He also explained his progress so far on his attempt to get the northern relief road constructed first and gave a copy of his Update No.1. There is a new road at Towcester which does not go through the new housing but around the edge of the town so Councillor Hakewill will pursue this possibility for Rothwell. As to the finance, there is the New Homes Bonus and he will ensure the meeting takes place to look at the possibilities. It was confirmed our Borough Councillors will also support our County Councillor on this project because the relief road does need to be constructed first. A resident thought there was a strong argument for the relief road to go in first because of the pollution levels. Councillor Hakewill wanted to meet with Persimmon and others before putting on further pressure regarding this matter.

The Clerk had received notification about the consultation on the Northampton North-West Relief Road which will link the A428 Harleston Road with the A5199 Welford Road and serve the housing growth that is proposed to the west and north of Northampton. This will also help address existing congestion particularly in Kingsthorpe by providing another crossing of the river valley and this seems a similar proposal to the Rothwell Northern Relief Road.

(5) Rothwell Youth Club: Malcolm Jones was present and said he was grateful for the Town Council's support and that of the County Councillor for the new youth club which meets at the Community Centre. This is not a purpose-built building and other groups use this, including the play groups, which take up most of the storage space and this makes it very difficult for the youth club. He would like to invite members of the Town Council to come and look at this to see the problems. A Borough Officer has inspected and apparently there are plans for an extension to the Community Centre and this is now essential. He has had a nice letter from NAYC about activities and training. Crick Youth Club has a vacancy for a youth club leader and this is a paid post. Mr Jones might therefore be asking for financial support but first they need to sort out the storage. There was supposed to be £120,000 from the Cecil Street development for sporting facilities. Mr Jones will find a date on a suitable Tuesday for Councillors to visit.

Councillor Sumpter said we could ask the Borough Council for a couple of containers for storage, but it was felt there might be problems trying to use these. The first houses are now just about completed at Cecil Street. It was thought the Town Council could contact Steve Edwards and John Kinloch at the Borough Council, and also Dave Lane might be able to assist.

(6) Planning Proposal: a resident wanted to inform the Town Council about this proposal for three houses on derelict land off Desborough Road to the side of his own house. He has put an outline proposal to the Borough Council and he wondered if the Town Council would support this proposal. He explained further details and it was confirmed that the members of the Town Council can only respond to a formal application sent us to us by the Borough Council.

Councillor Mrs Brown declared a non-pecuniary personal interest in this matter and confirmed she would not comment when a formal application was received.

### 348 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- (1) Pollution Levels: Councillor Hakewill felt we could ask the Environmental Health Officer to come to a Meeting and explain what the monitoring is about.
- (2) A6 Bypass: Councillor Hakewill said the work started on 3rd July and they still want to complete this by the end of the school holidays. They will be injecting some polymer to fill the voids. There is a depression in the surface of the bypass and he has asked them to do this while they are making the bypass safe.

### 349 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY

#### Blythe Close Play Area

Councillor Mrs Brown confirmed that the new see-saw and swing suitable for disabled children had now been put in. She will keep the Town Council updated on this play area.

#### Rothwell Post Office

Copies of the reply from the National Consultation Team of the Post Office had been circulated prior to this Meeting and basically this stated they could not change their arrangements. It was AGREED to respond that the Town Council is disappointed and to ask them to let us know the dates when the Post Office will be closed because this is going to be very difficult for Rothwell residents.

#### Parking during Rowell Fair

Two E-mails had been received pointing out how difficult it is for people to park in the town centre during Rowell Fair. It was confirmed that the Lord of the Manor's Bailiff is dealing with this matter.

One of the E-mails also mentioned the car sharers travelling mainly into Kettering who park in Market Hill all day. Councillor Goodwin said that this issue has been investigated and we do not believe this is happening and it was AGREED to ask this resident to let us have some evidence. This is a officially a market square and not a car park.

#### Fire & Rescue Service

An E-mail had been circulated about the public consultation regarding proposals for the governance of Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service to transfer from the Fire Authority (currently part of the County Council) to the Police & Crime Commissioner: this closes on Tuesday, 1st August.

#### Marlow House

An invitation had been received for each Councillor to attend the Annual General Meeting of The Vine Community Trust at Marlow House, Gold Street, Desborough, and Members will reply individually.

#### Former Sewage Works

It was reported that the gates to this site are now down and this needs to be secured. Councillor Sumpter reported that there had been problems with travellers trying to camp on the allotments site. Councillor Mrs Brown will contact Mr Gary Hughes and report back to the Clerk as necessary.

Skateboard Ramp

It was thought we should have an official opening of the new ramp during the school holidays, probably on a Saturday at the end of July or the beginning of August and we should invite the Lord of the Manor and the Bailiff. There is also the play area on the Bovis site.

350 PLANNINGNotifications

The following Approvals had been received:-

KET/2017/0117	The Old Ambulance Station, 44 Castle Hill – Walls, railings, windows and new parking spaces.
KET/2017/0320	22 Kingsley Road – Extensions.
KET/2017/0364	33 Kingsley Road – Side extension with balcony to rear.
KET/2017/0377	7 Gibbons Drive – Side extension and canopy to front.

Applications

The following Applications had been received and the Town Council's comments agreed as stated:-

KET/2017/0158	1-3 Bell Hill – Two 1-bedroom apartments above flat-roofed retail unit. No objection.
KET/2017/0423	12 Gibbons Drive – Side extension and retaining wall. No objection.
KET/2017/0426	1 The Maltings, Desborough Road – Four replacement windows. No objection.
Councillor Spendlove and the Clerk declared non-pecuniary interests on this application as Trustees of the Rothwell Preservation Trust.	
KET/2017/0452	17 New Street – Change of use of Salvation Army Hall to office. No objection.
KET/2017/0474	16 The Avenue – New window and door to side. No objection.
KET/2017/0488	Montsaye School, Greening Road – Replacement windows, doors and cladding to Block B1. No objection.

9-11 High Street

At the June Meeting under Highways, it was mentioned that the occupants of the flats at these premises are parking in the High Street. The Clerk had checked the Planning Application KET/2016/0101 for one extra flat on the ground floor and there was a letter with this that the residents here could park in the Rowell Charter car park when there was space. It was reported that there is damage to the kerbs and footpath in this area of the High Street and it was AGREED to report this to Northamptonshire Highways.

Neighbourhood Plan Grants & Support

Further information on this had been received from Locality for the Town Mayor.

Councillors Morrissey and Mrs Talbot attended a Course run by Historic England regarding Neighbourhood Planning and the Local Heritage.

#### 6 Rushton Road

Representatives from the Town Council had held an informal meeting with the developers and it is likely that the area will be developed for a residential use but no Planning Application has yet been submitted and the Town Council can only comment on a formal application.

#### Site to the south of the A14

Councillor Spendlove reported that there were excavators and other equipment on this land which has permission for a truck stop. It was AGREED to report this to the Enforcement Officer at the Borough Council.

### 351 HIGHWAYS

#### A6 Bypass Closure Update

An E-mail had been received from Northamptonshire Highways that the construction work to repair the A6 on the carriageway leading onto the railway bridge was due to start on 3rd July with the first steps being to set up the site compound and move all the required machinery and equipment into the location. The work remains on target to be completed by the end of August.

#### Pedestrian Crossings

The Clerk had received an E-mail from a resident that she had just missed being knocked down by a vehicle on the zebra crossing outside Ken Sing. At the last Meeting it was reported that the white lining needed to be re-done here and the Clerk had contacted Street Doctor and asked them to inspect all the zebra crossings in Rothwell and re-do the white lining where necessary.

Another E-mail had been received asking for an additional crossing in Kettering Road, between Jubilee Street and Horse Fair Lane. The Town Council had previously met a representative from Northamptonshire Highways and looked at having a crossing at the bottom of Kettering Road but we were told there was not sufficient room between junctions. It was AGREED to ask Ian Boyes, our Highways Liaison Officer, if there could be a pedestrian crossing with traffic lights in this area.

#### Emergency Vehicle Signs

The Clerk reminded Councillors that we have these signs which need to be put up in the appropriate locations. No ties were supplied with the signs so we will need some of these.

### 352 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk submitted a written statement as attached. It was MOVED by Councillor Mrs Brown, SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Talbot 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>
Northamptonshire Acre	Historic England Course	60.00
Mrs C E Mackay	Clerk's Salary	611.40
Northampton Pipe Band	Band for Civic Service Parade	450.00

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Goods or Services</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Inter County Cleaning Services	Cleaning Market House	44.40
Cash	Petty Cash	30.00
Jim French	Library Garden (Rothwell In Bloom)	400.00

### 353 RETIREMENT OF CLERK

The Clerk handed the Town Mayor her letter of retirement as Clerk to Rothwell Town Council. She was prepared to continue working until a replacement Clerk is appointed, provided this does not take too long.

### 354 MATTERS OF REPORT

#### Redwood Tree, Hospital Hill

Ace Tree Services had submitted a Planning Application for the removal of this tree in the name of the Town Council.

#### Waiting Restriction, Glendon Road

Councillor Jelley was still unwell, but had asked if the Town Council could find out when the double yellow lines would be placed in Glendon Road, as there was nearly another serious accident there. We have not yet heard that the Traffic Order application has been approved, so there will not yet be any agreed date.

The Meeting closed at 9.21 pm.

Chairman

Date