

## ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of Rothwell Town Council was held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 6th June 2017 in the Market House, Market Hill, Rothwell.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Councillor C W Cross	<u>Town Mayor</u>
	Councillor R V Davis	
	Councillor T Morrissey	
	Councillor M W Spendlove	
	Councillor Mrs M E Talbot	
	Councillor R Wilson	
	County Councillor J Hakewill	

### 334 PRAYERS

Before the business of the Council commenced, the Revd Canon John Westwood said Prayers and mentioned the recent terror attacks in Manchester and London and the emergency services who dealt with these. There is also the general election and Rowell Fair next week.

### 335 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs Brown, Cox, Goodwin, Jelley, Newman and Sumpter.

### 336 COMMUNITY POLICING

#### General Report/Crime Figures

This meeting was a week earlier than usual because of Rowell Fair the following week, and the crime figures had not been received and no Police Officers were present.

#### Police Surgeries

We had received notification that PCSO Jason Parish would be attending Rothwell Library at the following times:-

10-11 am on Thursday, 22nd June.

12 noon to 1 pm on Saturday, 15th July.

10-11 am on Friday, 25th August.

Councillor Hakewill thought perhaps there was a new system and so the Police are not able to attend all the Town and Parish Council Meetings but are holding these surgeries instead.

#### Police & Crime Commissioner

We had received a list of the dates the Police & Crime Commissioner would be holding his Councillor Meetings during 2017.

### MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting and the Ordinary Town Council Meeting held on 9th May, and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May had been circulated prior to this Meeting. It was MOVED by Councillor Mrs Talbot, SECONDED by Councillor Wilson and RESOLVED that the Minutes of these three Meetings be approved and adopted.

337 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(1) Traffic and lorries in Harrington Road: a resident of Harrington Road had brought a statement and photographs to show the serious traffic problems in Harrington Road. He said that if junction 4 of the A14 has a queue of traffic, some drivers leave the A14 at junction 3 and then try and use Harrington Road/Greening Road to reach Desborough and avoid the queues. He had photographs of the congestion and confirmed that on occasions no emergency vehicle would be able to use these roads. Both local and foreign juggernauts use Harrington Road night and day, all week and travelling in both directions. He felt that the traffic signs were inadequate and said that residents' cars are damaged on a regular basis by passing traffic and residents have to park on the pavements because of the situation. In addition there were four HGVs going through the town this morning.

County Councillor Hakewill explained the situation with the A6 bypass and why this was put on the west of the town although both options were considered. The County Council has also been trying to get another junction for Burton Latimer but Highways England are reluctant to provide any new junctions so Rothwell will not get a bypass on the eastern side. He also explained the original plans for the A14 with a relief road through the allotments, but Rothwell residents did not want this. The 7.5 tonne weight limit starts at the mini-roundabout and not in Harrington Road. There are signs on Telford Way about the diversion to Great Bear. Drivers can be prosecuted if there is a registration number and if possible a photograph: he has found out who at the Police deals with this and he felt it would be useful to have speed checks in Harrington Road. There were great difficulties in Harrington Road when the A14 was closed because of a serious accident there. It is anticipated that the A6 bypass will be re-opened by the end of the school summer holidays.

Councillor Hakewill said it is hoped that Persimmon will build the northern relief road at the start of the development at Rothwell North before any of the houses are built. Councillor Spendlove agreed that the real problem is the lack of the bypass because it is still closed and they have not yet started the work on the section over the railway: that bridge started to sink because the drainpipes were in but not connected and it was a faulty design. Councillor Hakewill said the original part was on time and then they found the problems with the railway bridge but there is the promise this will be done as soon as possible and the finance is there to do the work and the end of the school holidays is the promised date for the bypass to be re-opened. Councillor Spendlove said the railway bridge was sinking from the day it was built and has been patched up several times.

(2) Policing: Mr Green was concerned about the crime figures because he found that between 2015 and 2016 there was a 32% increase and 0.9 % of the cases were resolved. He would like the Town Council to get the facts as to how many hours of Police time there is in Rothwell and how long the Police are patrolling in this area. It was explained that the Town Council was not able to obtain this information.

(3) New Homes Bonus: Mr Green would like to have details about this. Councillor Mrs Talbot explained the Government gives the Borough Council money for each new house built in their area and there is also the s.106 money. The resident wanted to know how much per house the Borough Council has received for each new home and Councillor Morrissey suggested he could find out the facts about this from the internet.

(3) Homelessness: Mr Green said one of his neighbours had reported to the Council that some groups of men were living rough in the Kettering Road/Meadow Road area and she would like an update. This issue was reported to the Borough Council by Councillor Sumpter and they are looking into the issue. He will report back to Mrs Mackenzie. Councillor Hakewill said there were also some people sleeping rough on the A43 and they then left but he had reported this to the Borough Council: the issue of homelessness is relevant to this matter.

338 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

(1) New Homes Bonus: Councillor Hakewill is already asking the Borough Council about this and it is for four years and the Borough Council will usually only start to get this after a certain proportion of houses are constructed but he is trying to get this money for the Rothwell North houses early to fund the new road. He has had a response from the Persimmon Group Chief Executive that their approach is to work in collaboration with local planning authorities and local people and so they are prepared to meet Councillor Hakewill about this. In the first instance he has asked their Regional Managing Director to contact him and arrange a meeting and Councillor Hakewill wants two representatives from the Town Council and the Working Group there to try and sort out how the relief road could be put in first and where the finance would come from and we should minute this so the information could be circulated. He hoped we could then find out how much the relief road would cost: there are other developments in the area where a Strategic Link Road has been constructed prior to the houses. He has also met the School about the new primary school at Rothwell North.

Councillors Morrissey and Spendlove volunteered to be the representatives at the Persimmon meeting.

(2) Women's Cycle Tour: this is to take place the following day.

(3) County Council: Councillor Hakewill confirmed he is still the Chairman of the County Finance and Scrutiny Committees.

339 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITYWomen's Cycle Tour

The Clerk confirmed that she had had the community pack delivered direct to the Infant School for them to use with the Junior School. She had the approximate times for the tour.

Tree, Hospital Hill

Ace Tree Services had now replied and confirmed that this is a Dawn Redwood tree. They had also sent a quote to (a) dismantle the tree to ground level, which will be higher than the tarmac due to the amount of steel around the tree and (b) to submit the Planning Application to the Borough Council, in the total sum of £500.

It was MOVED by Councillor Wilson, SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Talbot and RESOLVED to accept this quotation. The Clerk will now send this information to the County Highways Department for their approval, and also for them to confirm that they will reinstate the surface of the highway in Hospital Hill to the required standard after the work is done.

Well Lane Recreation Ground

Copies of an E-mail from John Kinloch, the Borough Community Safety Officer, had been circulated prior to this Meeting for information. Mr Kinloch explained that he has visited the area and had a discussion with the Play Group that uses the Community Centre as they had concerns about the behaviour of some of the youths who frequent this site. As to the lighting issues, he has raised this with their Engineering Technician and he is looking at the problems here and on the footpath to Gordon Street.

The CCTV at the Community Centre may have to be looked into further as there is no infrastructure to allow the live monitoring of the site but the Arson Task Force have a camera that can be installed for hotspot areas and he will contact them as to the feasibility of using this.

Mr Kinloch has also asked the Police to increase the visible presence in the area at various times to identify some of the youths and to deter the use of cannabis and their visits will now be logged and highlighted at the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group which meets once a month. He is aware that the Youth Club is now up and running with a large number of attendees which is a positive move. He has also directed some Outreach Youth Workers to sporadically attend the area to see what impact they may have.

#### Changes to Rothwell Post Office

A letter had been received from the Post Office setting out the proposed changes and asking for the Town Council's comments. The Clerk had drafted a response and shown this to our Post Office Manager: this was approved and the following response sent:-

“1. It is felt that the Post Office services should remain separate from the retail counter in the interests of safety and security for both the Post Office staff and the customers. I should point out that there have recently been several armed robberies (or attempted robberies) in local shops in our small town. In addition, if the two counters were kept separate there should not be any need for the Post Office area to be closed temporarily while any work is done, so that people can still use this for basic services such as buying stamps, posting mail and collecting pensions. There is already excellent interaction between the staff and customers at the Rothwell Post Office.

2. We approve the extended opening hours, especially because this will help people who are working and can only go to the Post Office at lunchtime.

3. We object to the Post Office being closed for up to seven days because it is not convenient for people without a car to go to Desborough Post Office.”

#### Bus Shelters by Kettering General Hospital

Councillor Mrs Talbot had forwarded a message from the Borough Council that it is now proposed to install new bus shelters outside the hospital on both sides of the road.

### 340 PLANNING

#### Notifications

The following Approvals had been received:-

KET/2017/0242	1 Kipton Field – Side extension.
KET/2017/0248	17 Slade Valley Avenue – Extensions.
KET/2017/0249	30 Rock Hill – Side Extension.
KET/2017/0276	87 Connolly Drive – Side Extension

#### Applications

KET/2017/0117	44 Castle Hill – Amendment for brick wall in place of fence.
KET/2017/0292	Flat 9 Bridge House, Bridge Street – Replacement windows. No objection.

KET/2017/0364	33 Kingsley Road – Side extension and balcony. No objection.
KET/2017/0377	7 Gibbons Drive – First floor side extension. No objection.
LET/2017/0387	17 Norton Street – First floor extension/ garage to habitable accommodation and access. No objection.
KET/2017/0415	6 Gibbons Drive – Extension. No objection.

#### Former Football Club Development

The Clerk had been requested to write to the Borough Council and report that there was debris blowing off this site onto the field behind. A reply had been received that they would raise this with the Site Manager which will hopefully resolve the issue, but this is not something that they have a great deal of control over. It was thought that this development would only have one access road but the Town Council will consider road safety measures once the development has been completed.

#### Historic England Course

Notification had been received that Historic England is to hold a course on Heritage through Neighbourhood Plans on Monday, 10th July in the Old Barns at the Red Lion Hotel. We will receive further details shortly. Councillors Morrissey and Mrs Talbot would like to attend, and it was AGREED the Town Council would pay any costs for this.

### 341 HIGHWAYS

#### Emergency Vehicle Signs

The Clerk confirmed that these signs are still in the Market House and have not yet been put up. Councillor Wilson said he will arrange this after Rowell Fair.

#### Road Traffic Order for A14 Lay-by

Details of the draft Order and plan for this proposal had been received. It was AGREED that this was correct.

#### Waiting Restrictions, Glendon Road

The Clerk confirmed that Members of the Town Council had now decided that the application should be submitted as drawn up and shown on the plan submitted to the Town Council for approval. The situation in Glendon Road will then be monitored to see if it is thought there needs to be further double yellow lines in this road, in which case we can ask for a further application next year.

#### Parking in the High Street

It was reported that the occupants of the two flats above the High Street Newsagents are parking their vehicles in the High Street whereas the Town Council had understood these would be left off the main road. It was suggested by Councillor Mrs Talbot this issue should be raised with Ian Boyes, our Highways Liaison Officer. Councillor Mrs Talbot said the white lining on the zebra crossing in the High Street needs to be re-done and this should be raised with Ian Boyes.

342 FINANCIAL REPORTGeneral Statement

The Clerk submitted a written statement as attached. It was MOVED by Councillor Mrs Talbot, SECONDED by Councillor Spendlove 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	633.60
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax and Employer N I (3 months)	217.99
Inter County Cleaning Services	Cleaning Market House	44.40
Ricoh UK Ltd	Copier/Printer Maintenance	18.26
Jupiter Play & Leisure	Blythe Close Play Equipment	11922.00
Cash	Petty Cash	20.00
Jim French	Library Garden (In Bloom)	80.00

The Clerk reported that the sum of £80 was for Mr French to clear the Library garden of weeds, and it had been agreed that he should re-plant this as soon as he was able to do this and the Town Council will pay for that work as well. An E-mail had been received from British Telecom asking if the Town Council wanted to renew the agreement with them and this was AGREED.

Internal Audit

The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed and the report was available for inspection. It was MOVED by Councillor Mrs Talbot, SECONDED by Councillor Morrissey and RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

Market Harborough B S Accounts

Letters had been received from the Market Harborough B S explaining the proposed changes to the Town Council and In Bloom accounts. It was AGREED that these should be transferred to Easy Access accounts.

Rent for the Market House

Copies were available of the letter from the Borough Council to the Preservation Trust that the Borough will no longer pay the rent of £2,300 for the use of the Market House and there will need to be a new agreement between the Trust and the Town Council. Councillor Mrs Talbot will try and write to the Trust that the Town Council would be interested in remaining in the Market House.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairman

Date