

ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of Rothwell Town Council was held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 19th May 2015 in the Market House, Market Hill, Rothwell.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs C M Brown Town Mayor
Councillor M E Cox
Councillor R V Davis
Councillor K D Sumpter
Councillor Mrs M E Talbot

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor T M Goodwin and from County Councillor Jim Hakewill.

2. COMMUNITY POLICING

General Report

Sgt Scott Little and PCSO Kirsty Ellerby were present at the Meeting and confirmed that there were 41 crimes during April, as follows:-

- Burglary dwelling - 5
- Burglary other - 4
- Criminal damage - 6
- Other offences - 1
- Robbery - 1
- Sexual offences - 3
- Theft from motor vehicles - 4
- Theft/handling - 5
- Violence offences - 12.

It was explained that the house burglaries were carried out because the owners did not lock their doors; three of the four burglary other were also because the premises were not locked. As to the theft from motor vehicles, again three of these were because the vehicles were not secure. So the rise in crime is mainly because people are not locking up their homes or vehicles. There is Operation Raccoon started in Kettering and they will bring this to Rothwell so the PCSOs will be trying car door handles to check if they are locked, and then they will try house doors. Most of these offences were committed within a couple of days so it seems a gang came to Rothwell. It would be helpful if there could be an article in the Rothwell section of Down Your Way, and the Clerk will ask Richard Ley if this can be done. This is a problem throughout the Borough.

Speeding in New Street

The Clerk had received an E-mail from a resident of New Street, complaining about the speed of traffic in that street. PCSO Ellerby took a copy of the E-mail and they will monitor this area.

Parish Constables

Sgt Little said they are looking to recruit Parish Constables in all the towns, and they have a very good one in Desborough and two in Burton Latimer. There is a lot of training, about 10-15 weekends. If anyone in Rothwell is interested we should ask them to speak to Sgt Little. People need to do this about eight hours every two weeks, but not necessarily in one session.

3 MINUTES

It was MOVED by Councillor Sumpter, SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Talbot and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th April 2015 be confirmed and signed.

4 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY

Town Centre Partnership

Copies of the Report of the Meeting held on 22nd April 2015 had been circulated prior to this Meeting. It was MOVED by Councillor Mrs Talbot, SECONDED by Councillor Cox and RESOLVED that the Report be approved and adopted.

Councillor Cox said that By Rowell Appointment at 20 High Street and Black and Whites at 28a High Street would both like to have a pink bicycle. The Clerk will ask Steven Edwards of the Borough Council if he has any left which he could take to these shops.

It was thought it would be nice to have some bunting up for this race it was thought the cost would be £7.95 for each 10 metre length. It was AGREED to ask Steven Edwards if the Borough is planning to put bunting up and if not whether the Town Council can do this without any special permission. The Town Mayor and Deputy can make a decision about purchasing the bunting.

Medical Centre

The Clerk said that both Leisa Russell and Ian Jelley had said they would let her have the points which needed to be raised in the letter to the Practice Manager but had not been able to do this. It was AGREED Members will find out the current situation and make a note of the current issues the Town Council now wishes to put forward and this will be discussed further at the next Meeting.

Land off Glendon Road

In reply to our letter of 22nd April 2015, Anglian Water's Property Solicitor had sent an E-mail dated 24th April and confirmed that one of his operational colleagues had visited the site the previous evening and reported that there were no travellers on site and the outer gates were locked and secure. He also sent a letter in response to our queries and copies had been circulated prior to this Meeting. Currently the land is not for sale but Anglian Water reserves its right to enter into a contract for sale of the land with or without a planning condition precedent. He noted what the Town Council had to say in relation to any future sale.

It was felt they seem to have taken notice of the points we made. It was felt they could put a barrier or dig a trench from their access road to the land so no-one could access this. It was AGREED to reply and ask Anglian Water to do this, but if they cannot to ask if the Town Council could have their permission to get a local grounds work contractor to make the land inaccessible by vehicles from the pumping station.

Civic Service Parade

Councillor Sumpter asked for cheques for the band and the horses which will take part in the Civic Service parades. At the end of the January Meeting it was stated that the horses and carriage would cost £500 and the Pipe & Drum band £150 for their expenses. The exact figures were not known, and the Town Council always needs an invoice before any cheque can be raised.

Sponsorship

The Town Mayor is taking part in the charity run at Pitsford, if anyone would like to sponsor her.

5 PLANNINGNotifications

The following Approvals had been received:-

- KET/2015/0080 38 Rushton Road - Extension and additional windows.
- KET/2015/0101 1 Gibbons Drive - Extensions.
- KET/2015/0194 19 Burditt Close - Extension.
- KET/2015/0206 68 Connolly Drive - Garage to accommodation, extension, and widening of dropped kerb and hardstanding.

Applications

The following Applications had been received and the Town Council's observations noted and AGREED:-

- KET/2015/0236 Esso, A14 Eastbound - New signs.
No objection.
- KET/2015/0285 11 Playford Close - Garage to habitable room and extension.
No objection.

KET/2015/0300&301 Rothwell Health Centre, Bridge Street - Demolition of health centre and erection of Assisted Living Unit (alternative proposal).

Pages 9 and 10 seem to have been omitted from the Design and Access Statement and perhaps you could let us have a copy of these. Rothwell Town Council objects to this proposal firstly because it is felt the gates are not compatible with this location in the centre of the Rothwell Conservation Area. Despite the statements in paragraph 53 of the Design and Access Statement, the main objection is that it is felt the previously proposed and approved Autism Unit had adequate communal facilities and would be much better for these residents as that Unit would provide the 24-hour, year round support and care which most, if not all, of them will require either permanently or from time to time. There is not sufficient provision in this application for staff accommodation to ensure adequate care and assistance will be available.

- KET/2015/0375 22 Nansen Close - Extensions.
No objection, provided the amenities currently enjoyed by the neighbouring properties are not adversely affected.

The following Application was considered at the Annual Parish Meeting, due to the time limit, and the Town Council's observations were AGREED as follows:-

- KET/2015/0350 101 Rushton Road - One single storey dwelling.
Rothwell Town Council objects to this proposal because any development on this site would have an adverse effect on the particular character of this area of Rothwell, and be back land development reducing the garden areas attached to these Victorian houses on the edge of the town. In particular any additional dwellings here would increase the number of vehicles coming out of the access off Shotwell Mill Lane and on a blind corner at the junction of that private road with Rushton Road: as this is one of the busy entrances to Rothwell, vehicles do travel at high speed coming into and out of the town. A dwelling close to the rear garden of No.99 Rushton Road would also create noise for the residents of that property and detract from their existing amenities.

Street Naming

A letter had been received from the Borough Council asking the Town Council to suggest a street name for the last road on the development south of Harrington Road and due to the time limit this was considered at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was AGREED to ask for this to be named Thompson Way, after the late Mrs Thompson who used to own this land.

6 HIGHWAYSA14 Works

A reply had been received from CH2M that the diversion route for work to be carried out between Junctions 2 and 3 of the A14 has to go into Northampton rather than the Market Harborough route because Leicestershire would not approve the latter diversion route, and there is a low bridge on the A4304 which is not suitable for heavy goods vehicles. The local roads will not be signed.

Blocked Storm Drains

A complaint had been received that the storm drains on Footpath UH17 between Evison Road and Elizabeth Road had been blocked for some time, despite this having been reported. The Clerk had informed both the Borough and the County Councils, and believed the County was now dealing with this.

Oxford Street Road Closure

Notification had been received that Clancy Docwra are installing a new water connection in Oxford Street and in order to do this the road will have to be closed for up to three days from 9th June 2015.

Road Closure in Rushton

We had received notification that the County has approved a road closure in Desborough Road, Rushton on 23rd May for two days to enable the installation of fibre optic connections to take place safely.

Street Lighting Work

It was reported that there are some deep holes in pavements from this work, including in Columbus Crescent and Glendon Road and pedestrians are having to walk into the road.

Community Centre

It was reported that someone has taken off the hand rails for the disabled access at the Community Centre and this should be reported to the Borough Council.

7 MATTERS OF BUSINESSRothwell United Charities

We have been requested to appoint two new Trustees. Malcolm Jones indicated that he would like to be a Trustee and this was AGREED. The second Trustee will be appointed at the next Meeting when the remaining Councillors have been elected.

Date of Next Town Council Meeting

It was AGREED that because of the forthcoming second election, the next Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 16th June and the Clerk will E-mail the Councillors with this date.

Women's Cycle Tour

The Clerk has received further details, including the times when the Tour will be in each town if any Member would like a copy.

8 FINANCIAL REPORTGeneral Statement

The Clerk submitted a written statement as attached. It was MOVED by Councillor Mrs Talbot, SECONDED by Councillor Sumpter 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 Services	£597.80
BT Payment Services	Phone Bill	£156.79
Northants CALC	Training Session	£68.00
Cllr Mrs M E Talbot	Travelling Expenses to NCALC	£28.35
Inter County Cleaning Services	Cleaning Market House	£37.20
Cash	Petty Cash	£20.00

Internal Audit

The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Audit had been carried out satisfactorily, and she had copies for inspection. The main comments were that the Town Council needs to re-adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and that the Councillors must be satisfied that the internal controls are adequate. In addition, the Town Council needs to re-adopt the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer every year.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

Date