

## ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of Rothwell Town Council was held immediately after the Annual Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, 9th May 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 I F Jelley Councillor K D Sumpter Councillor Mrs M E Talbot Councillor R Wilson	<u>Town Mayor</u>
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### 321 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Goodwin, Morrissey, Newman and Spendlove, and from the Revd Canon John Westwood.

### 322 COMMUNITY POLICING

#### General Report/Crime Figures

A list of the reported crimes for April was available at this Meeting. The number of burglaries dwelling had gone down again and a lot of incidents were on the A.14. There were several thefts and damage to property. The violence offences seemed minor with most of them between young people. It was reported that there have been a spate of offences at the development on the former Football Club site.

### 323 MINUTES

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Mrs Talbot, **SECONDED** by Councillor Jelley and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2017 be confirmed and signed.

### 324 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(1) Car Crime: a resident was present whose car was damaged, and apart from those on the A14 there were 11 of these incidents. The resident had spoken to some dog walkers and they counted five cars with broken windows in the area. She was looking round for the stolen items in Kettering Road and discovered there are two camps of men living down near the entrance to the Kettering Road allotments just off the A14 roundabout. There was another camp on the path between Kettering Road and the bottom of Meadow Road. Councillor Sumpter will report this to the Police and ask them to investigate whether these men could be involved in some of the theft incidents. His wife is the Chairman of the Allotment Society and she had not mentioned any men living rough in the area. The resident is asking people to report other incidents. It was confirmed that if there are a number of crimes reported for a particular area the Police will increase their patrols in Rothwell. It was **AGREED** to ask the Borough Council Housing Department to also investigate because it is possible these men are homeless.

(2) Blythe Close Play Area: a resident wanted to pass on the thanks of a local boy for the new swing here and the resident asked about progress on other equipment. Councillor Mrs Brown said there is also a new slide and a see-saw going there. This is an ongoing project and there will also be some new tarmac in different colours because the surface is breaking up.

325 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

(1) County Councillor Hakewill was congratulated on his recent re-election to the County Council. He confirmed he will continue to try and progress various matters in this area.

(2) Rothwell North: there were on the table copies of the issues Councillor Hakewill had raised with the relevant Executives at the County and Borough Councils, and their replies, as well as a copy of his letter to the Group Chief Executive of Persimmon Homes regarding the Rothwell North Strategic Link Road. He has asked for a joint Meeting of all interested parties and about the amount of the New Homes Bonus which will be available. He went through this correspondence. There is to be another Meeting of the Working Party shortly. There has to be a connection with the Northern Relief Road which should be linked to the A6 Bypass.

Persimmon have agreed to put another road in after 300 houses are built but Councillor Hakewill is trying to find the finance to do this at the beginning of the development. If this is not done, Rothwell residents will be badly affected by diesel fumes from the construction traffic. It could even be that the developers would stop after 349 houses were completed and there would then not be a relief road at all. He has therefore asked the County and Borough Councils to discuss this issue and they have agreed.

The Borough mentioned having an effective Construction Development Plan and he has asked the Borough Councillors to pursue this matter because Councillor Hakewill is talking about a loan to enable the road to be built first, and he is also enquiring about the current New Homes Bonus which he hoped could assist to get this infrastructure done first. Councillor Hakewill has also written the Persimmon Group Chief Executive and he wants the three Borough Councillors and Persimmon to have a Meeting to look at this.

We have received notification of the appeal against the Refusal of Planning Permission for the proposed development of 304 houses south of Desborough. This is another reason why the Rothwell relief road needs to be constructed first because of the possible traffic from that area, especially as there is now another application for development at Desborough. If they do not get this relief road in first, access would be from the B576 and it seems that then all the construction traffic would come through the town.

Councillor Sumpter referred to the Danesholme Estate in Corby where the road was put in first, and also the development at Morrison's. We do not have any information yet about the proposed s.106 money and what benefits this will bring for Rothwell town centre, but the Town Council should be consulted on these proposals.

As to the Notice of Appeal regarding the land south of Desborough, the appeal form and grounds for appeal can be viewed on the Borough Council's website under Application No. KET/2016/0044, or people can view the file at the Borough offices between 3.30 and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday, or by arrangement on a Saturday morning. The Borough Council's statement will be available to view after 29th May 2017. The Town Council's original comments will be sent to, and considered by, the Inspector.

(3) Waiting Restrictions, Glendon Road and Jubilee Street/Kettering Road: there had been comments on these proposals and the ones relating to Jubilee Street for double yellow lines at that junction had been objections to that scheme but the Town Councillors thought this should still go ahead. It was felt it would also be a good idea to have a "Left Turn Only" restriction here so vehicles would go to the A14 junction to turn round and go up Kettering Road. This was discussed further later in the Meeting.

(4) A6 Bypass: Councillor Hakewill will now try and find out what is happening here and when this will be fully re-opened. He thought a Traffic Management Plan should assist the current traffic problems in Rothwell.

326 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITYBlythe Close Play Area

This was discussed earlier in the Meeting in respect of progress in providing additional play equipment suitable for both disabled and able-bodied children.

Women's Cycle Tour

This is coming through Rothwell on Wednesday, 7th June but we do not have any publicity yet or items to hand out to the children. The Borough Councillors will take this up to see what we are likely to get and when this will arrive.

Rowell Fair Traffic

Copies of the report of the Meeting held on 25th April 2017 to consider the arrangements for the traffic during Rowell Fair had been circulated prior to this Meeting and this was approved. It was thought this was a very useful Meeting. Councillor Wilson said there is a small sign for Rowell Fair, but he will arrange for a larger one to be put up.

Redwood Tree, Hospital Hill

The Clerk had received an E-mail from Ace Tree Services that they had thought we wanted them to carry out the work to remove this tree. Unfortunately they do not do Tree Reports so are not able to comment about the foundations etc. and they only put in Planning Applications for trees on which they carry out the work. They were sorry they could not be more help. It was AGREED to ask this company for a quote to submit the Planning Application and remove the tree.

Notice Board

Councillor Davis asked if we were to get a new notice board. He has put several notices on the existing one but they keep getting taken down. Councillor Cox confirmed the Town Centre Partnership is considering purchasing a new notice board. They have received quotes and this will be discussed at the next Partnership Meeting. They are thinking of having a ventilated board at the top of Market Hill Square by the information board. They would like this to be solar powered with a battery on a timer so it could also be lit.

It was suggested by Councillor Sumpter and AGREED that the Town Council could consider paying part of the cost of a new notice board.

The next Meeting of the Partnership is due to take place at 7.30 pm on 1st June 2017 and this will include the Annual General Meeting.

327 PLANNINGNotifications

The following Approvals had been received:-

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| KET/2017/0134 | 8 Magellan Close – Side extension.   |
| KET/2017/0163 | 68 Connolly Drive – Extensions.  |
| KET/2017/0189 | Pollards Orchard, 39 Rushton Road – Front extension for lift shaft and pitched roof to front and side porches. |

KET/2017/0229      34 Terry Smith Avenue – Garage to habitable room and widening of driveway.

The following Refusal had been received:-

KET/2017/0151      Land between 20 & 24 Underwood Road – 2 semi-detached dwellings.

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

KET/2017/0249      30 Rock Hill – Two storey side extension.  
No objection.

KET/2017/0276      87 Connolly Drive – Two storey side extension.  
No objection provided the amenities currently enjoyed by the neighbouring properties are not adversely affected.

KET/2017/0320      22 Kingsley Road – Two storey side and single storey rear extension plus hard standing to front for parking.  
No objection.

Councillor Cox reported that he has applied for Planning Permission at his premises at 44 Castle Hill but the Borough Council has now suggested he should put up a brick wall which would go with the area, rather than the railings which he had thought would blend in with those around the Primary Schools.

#### Working Party Committee

Copies of the Notes from the Rothwell North Working Party Meeting held on 18th April 2017 had been circulated prior to this Meeting and this was accepted for information. Councillor Jelley would like to be added to the list of members of this Working Party and this was AGREED.

#### Notice of Appeal

There was notification of an Appeal against Refusal in respect of Application KET/2016/0044 for outline permission of up to 304 dwellings on land to the south of Desborough.

#### Charter Park s.106 Obligations

An E-mail had been received from the Borough Development Officer (South Team) that Northamptonshire Highways are now stating that the Public Right of Way from Gordon Street to the Well Lane Recreation Ground is required to be upgraded to a cycle track. Bovis Homes will need to make an application to do this and apparently it will take approximately six months before the Order is confirmed and physical work on the ground can begin. The land to the south of this path is going to be used for equipment for older children. Councillor Mrs Brown reported that the Borough Council is also going to carry out some work to the Public Right of Way at the bottom of Manor Park.

## 328 HIGHWAYS

#### Speed Sign Indicators

The Clerk had now obtained details of this scheme operated by Corby Borough Council, and these had been circulated prior to this Meeting.

The scheme would be very expensive to set up and maintain and it was therefore AGREED to take no action on this matter.

#### Waiting Restriction Review

The County Traffic Engineering Team had sent the objection reports relating to the proposals for double yellow lines in Glendon Road and the Jubilee Street/Kettering Road junction. Councillor Jelley said this was incorrect because we had asked for double yellow lines all the way down Glendon Road, opposite Columbus Crescent but there is now no waiting restrictions between Nos. 68 and 74 Glendon Road. The Clerk said the plan we had now received was the one the Town Council had considered previously and she did not think we could now ask for this extra length to be included in the current application which would mean another delay of a year. The Clerk recommended that we allow this scheme to go through, monitor the situation and then ask for the extra waiting restriction to be included in the next batch of applications, if this was considered necessary. There had been one representation on this application, which asked for double yellow lines between Nos. 92 and 102 Glendon Road. Councillor Jelley subsequently contacted Ian Boyes (our Highways Community Liaison Officer) and Vicki Neville from the Highways Traffic Engineering Team about this issue.

As to the proposal for double yellow lines at the Jubilee Street/Kettering Road junction it was AGREED to leave this as shown on the plan, despite the three objections by local residents.

### 329 MATTERS OF BUSINESS

#### Polling Stations

The Borough Electoral Services Manager had confirmed that the following premises will be used as the polling stations in Rothwell for the General Election on 8th June 2017:-

- The United Reformed Church School Rooms, Fox Street
- The Community Centre, Well Lane.

#### Retirement of the Salvation Army Majors

Members of the Town Council had been invited to the Retirement Celebration for Majors Richard and Pauline Cook at 2.30 pm on Sunday, 4th June and the Members will reply to them direct about this.

### 330 FINANCIAL REPORT

#### General Statement

The Clerk submitted a written statement as attached. It was MOVED by Councillor Jelley, SECONDED by Councillor Wilson 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
Inter County Cleaning Service	Cleaning the Market House	44.40
British Telecom	Phone and Broadband	239.76
Cash	Petty Cash	30.00

Annual Return

The Annual Return was available for inspection and the Clerk had now completed the Accounting Statements. It was MOVED by Councillor Jelley, SECONDED by Councillor Wilson and RESOLVED that the Accounting Statements be approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

331 ADMISSION OF PRESS PUBLIC

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was AGREED that the Press and Public be requested to leave the Meeting.