

ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillor I F Jelley Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor M E Cox
Councillor T Morrissey
Councillor M W Spendlove
Councillor Mrs M E Talbot
Councillor R Wilson
County Councillor J Hakewill

367 PRAYERS

Before the business of the Council commenced, the Revd Canon John Westwood said Prayers and mentioned the Town Council and the agenda this evening, together with everyone in the town who serves the community, including for young people and the Youth Club.

368 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from the Town Mayor and Councillors Mrs Brown, Davis, Goodwin, Newman and Sumpter.

369 COMMUNITY POLICING

No Police Officer was able to attend this Meeting, but we did have the list of crimes in Rothwell for the last month which included the theft of tools from vehicles and there were also some problems from one of the residents of Wallis House.

370 MINUTES

It was MOVED by Councillor Wilson, SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Talbot and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th August 2017 be confirmed and signed.

371 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A new resident to the town was present at the Meeting and introduced himself and said he was only here to observe as this is the first time he has attended.

372 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

(1) Truck Stop: Councillor Jelley thought they were doing a lot of work on this site to the south of the A14, but Councillor Hakewill understood the owners have still to come to an agreement with an operator and they have now stopped work so perhaps they have only done enough to confirm they have started. The Clerk had received a copy of the artist's impression of the truck stop and this had been circulated to Councillors.

(2) Rothwell North: progress is slower than anticipated and Councillor Hakewill understood the new primary school would only be provided after 2021. He went to a Planning Policy Meeting and gave them an update on the matters he wants to discuss with Persimmon and he will chase this. Councillor Jelley agreed that we need to drive this on as progress seems very slow. Councillor Mrs Talbot asked if there had been any comment from Desborough because this affects them as well but this was not known.

Councillor Hakewill still thought that if we do not get something done about the relief road, we will be in the same situation as when the A6 bypass was closed with the traffic congestion in the town.

(3) A6 Bypass: this is now open and the total cost is £1.2m for this work and the County Cabinet has told Philip Hollobone MP that this is unsatisfactory and has asked Highways England to bear the cost.

(4) A14: there is now an emergency only lay-by here but it has taken five years to get this. There does not seem to be any progress on the proposal for a truck stop by the M1. The County Council has launched a fairer funding bid for Northamptonshire because other counties get much more from the Government.

373 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY

Air Quality

The data for July had been received from the Borough Council, and that for RW1 at the Bridge Street/High Street junction was 40.1, but that for the monitor on the Post Office was missing. The Town Council will continue to receive the data to see if the figures drop now that the A6 bypass has been re-opened.

Bench, Market Hill

Councillor Sumpter had enquired about this damaged bench outside the Chinese Takeaway. This has now been removed and taken in for repair and will be returned as soon as possible.

Tree, Hospital Hill

This tree has now been taken down and the invoice has been received from Ace Tree Services. The County Council said they would assist with the actual removal/stump grinding and the cost in carrying out this work and the Clerk will let the County know that the tree has now been taken away so this work needs to be done.

374 PLANNING

Notifications

The following Approvals had been received:-

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| KET/2017/0158 | 1-3 Bell Hill – Rear extension to create a one-bedroom apartment. |
| KET/2017/0474 | 16 The Avenue – Single storey rear extension. |
| KET/2017/0488 | Montsaye School – Replacement windows, door, cladding to Block B1. |

Applications

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| KET/2017/0588 | 2 Vickers Close – Replacement of all windows and doors.
No objection. |
| KET/2017/0601 | 6 Rushton Road – Redevelopment of factory to provide 29 apartments and associated parking. |

The Members of Rothwell Town Council appreciate the quality of the proposed development here but feel strongly that there is not a sufficient number of parking spaces on the site as it is only proposed to have 20 spaces, whereas the Highway Authority recommendation is that there should be a total of 62 parking spaces as mentioned in paragraph 5.7 of the Transport Statement.

We question the credibility of this Statement and in particular the average availability of spaces on Market Hill and Glendon Road. Market Hill has few spare spaces during the day when there are many vehicles belonging to workers and people are in the town centre to shop, or in the evenings when a lot of people come into Rothwell town centre to visit the excellent restaurants and public houses we have here and this also applies to the surrounding streets: we note the survey was carried out between 16.30 and 20.00 which is one of the quieter times. As to parking in Glendon Road this has become so dangerous that an application has been submitted by the County Council to extend the double yellow lines in Glendon Road and we are confident this Traffic Order will be granted.

The Town Council also has serious concerns that the vehicular access is on Glendon Road, not only because this is so busy but also because the access is nearly opposite the Co-op Store car park, which is used by shoppers and for the large Co-op delivery lorries which must use a banksman as well as the driver because of the lack of visibility here.

We therefore ask that this application is not decided under delegated powers but is put before the Borough Planning Committee and Councillors Cedwien Brown and Ian Jelley would both like to be present at that Planning Meeting if they are available.

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| KET/2017/0606 | McDonalds Restaurant, A14 – Reconfiguration of drive thru lane with extensions and associated works to the site.
No objection. |
| KET/2017/0609 | McDonalds Restaurant, A14 – 5 internally illuminated fascia signs.
No objection. |
| KET/2017/0611 | McDonalds Restaurant, A14 – Directional sign, totem signs & panel sign.
No objection. |
| KET/2017/0619 | McDonalds Restaurant, A14 – Re-position and replace 6m totem sign with 8m totem sign.
Rothwell Town Council objects to this application because no sign on this site should be any higher than 6 metres because it would then be visible from our historic town centre and detract from this. |
| KET/2017/0624 | 120 Connolly Drive – Extensions.
No objection. |
| KET/2017/0653 | 61-66 Stanley Street (land to the rear) – One dwelling.
No objection to this application, provided the amenities currently enjoyed by the neighbouring properties are not adversely affected. |
| KET/2017/0669 | Kingswoode, Rushton Road – Extensions.
No objection. |
| KET/2017/0690 | 41 Desborough Road – Creation of vehicular access.
No objection. |

Rothwell North

Copies of the notes of the Rothwell North Working Party had been circulated prior to this Meeting for information.

Proposed Truck Stop

The Clerk had been sent a copy of the Artist Design for the Rothwell truck stop to the south of the A14, and she had also been informed that CERTAS is the fuel station provider for this.

Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Wilson said the total cost for a Neighbourhood Plan would be about £100,000 and he suggested that Rothwell should have a Parish Plan instead. The Clerk had prepared a first draft for a Parish Plan and this will be circulated for consideration at the next Meeting.

375 HIGHWAYSA6 Bypass

As mentioned earlier in this Meeting, the bypass has now been re-opened.

Cycle Rack

An E-mail had been received from Ian Boyes of Northamptonshire Highways, with the drawing for the cycle rack, which we had already seen and approved. The cost for the works indicated is £2,570.38, excluding VAT. It was AGREED to ask for the invoice for this amount and for final confirmation that this is removable for Rowell Fair.

A14 Junction with the B669

Copy of a letter/E-mail which Richard Hill had sent to Highways England about the lack of a sign on the A14 itself about the weight restriction in the town, and asking for the relevant sign to be put in place. It was AGREED to confirm to Highways England that the Town Council agrees there should be a sign warning drivers of heavy vehicles in good time on the A14 that there is the 7.50 tonne weight limit in our town centre so they should not enter Rothwell from junction 4.

Overgrown Vegetation, Desborough Road

The Clerk had received a reply from the Corinthians Football Club that this was not their responsibility but the Clerk had also contacted the Cricket Club and understood this had now been dealt with. It was reported that the vegetation at Greening Road Park had not yet been cut back so this was over the pavement and it was AGREED to inform the Borough Council.

Work at A14 Lay-by

As reported by County Councillor Hakewill this lay-by is now for emergency use only.

Former Football Club Development

Councillor Jelley reported that the vehicles for this development are being parked in the roads and on the pavements. It was AGREED to ask Kettering Building Control Department to inform the developers that their vehicles should all be parked on site and not at the top of Tresham Street or in Castle Hill or Cecil Street, especially now that the primary schools have started the new term.

376 STORAGE, MARKET HOUSE

The Clerk had spoken to Northamptonshire Archives and they would be prepared to take the old Minutes of the Town Council, but they do not collect so these would have to be delivered. It was felt a few years of the Minutes should be retained at the Market House. The ground floor room does also need to be cleared of various items, including the electrical wiring there and Councillor Jelley will speak to Councillor Sumpter about this. The Clerk said that there is an old suitcase which contains some of the old documents relating to Rothwell including our copy of the Inclosure Award.

377 FINANCIAL REPORTGeneral Statement

The Clerk submitted a written statement as attached It was MOVED by Councillor Wilson, 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>
Mrs C E Mackay	Clerk's Salary	655.40
H M Revenue & Customs	Tax & Employer N I	224.95
Inter County Cleaning Services	Cleaning Market House	44.40
Ace Tree Services	Removal of Redwood Tree, Hospital Hill	500.00
Ricoh UK Ltd	Copier/Printer Maintenance	29.82
Cash	Petty Cash	10.00

Market House Licence Agreement

A Meeting had been held on 6th September 2017 between representatives of the Town Council and the Rothwell Preservation Trust to discuss the rental for the Market House, now that Kettering Borough Council had refused to pay this. It was felt at that Meeting that the Licence rent should be £2,600 per annum starting on 11th November 2017 and to be paid in two instalments so the first one will be £1,300. In addition, the Town Council will pay a percentage of the cost of both the insurance and the electricity and Berrys, the Trust's Managing Agents, will submit an invoice for the payments. This was AGREED.

378 RETIREMENT OF CLERK

The Clerk had prepared and circulated some details to be sent to NCALC so that they could advertise this vacancy and it was AGREED that this should be submitted as drafted. The Clerk had received notification of the new Data Protection Act which will be in place by 18th May 2018 and she will leave this for the new Clerk to deal with.

379 MATTERS OF REPORTZebra Crossing

Councillor Mrs Brown was unable to attend this Meeting but asked the Clerk to report that the zebra crossings in the High Street and at the bottom of Desborough Road are now very difficult and she felt these should be changed to pelican crossings. The Clerk said that the belisha beacon at the bottom of Desborough Road, as you travel down from Desborough, is now hidden behind the trees there as they have grown so much this year. It was AGREED to contact Ian Boyes of Northamptonshire Highways about these matters.

The Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairman

Date