

REMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 11th May, 2009

Present: Mr D M Walker (in the Chair) Mrs A Lovett
Mr R Beeby Mr D Bunker
Mrs J Taylor

In attendance: Mrs J M Walker (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Also present were Borough Councillor Mr R Adair and eleven members of the Public

Before the commencement of the meeting Mr D Bunker, new co-opted member of the Council, was welcomed by the Chairman. He signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form that was witnessed and countersigned by the Clerk and then joined the Councillors at the top table.

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllr J Santoro, Mrs J Schober and Mrs B Mee
2. **Election of Officers for 2008/2009**
 - (a) **Chairman:** Cllr D Walker was re-elected, proposed by Cllr R Beeby and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Taylor. There were no other nominations. Cllr D Walker then formally signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman for the Clerk to keep on record.
 - (b) **Vice Chairman:** Cllr R Beeby was re-elected, proposed by Cllr D Walker and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Lovett. There were no other nominations.
 - (c) **Representatives to the Village Hall Committee:** It was a requirement that three members of the Parish Council should be represented on this committee. However the new Village Hall Committee will be slightly different. It was therefore decided that the original three representatives be reinstated for the time being until a new Steering Committee is appointed that will also be different from the Trustees appointed though one of the Trustees should sit on the Steering Committee. Therefore Cllr D Walker, Cllr R Beeby and Cllr J Santoro were reinstated on a temporary basis and all Councillors unanimously agreed.
 - (d) **Vacancy for Councillor:** The Chairman informed the meeting that we had received an application from Mr P Barker that would bring the number of Councillors to the full complement of seven. It was agreed to accept Mr Barker's application and for the Clerk to get the necessary paperwork in place for the next meeting on 13th July.
3. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2009** (with an amendment to the numbering) **and the Minutes of a Planning Meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2009** were accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr J Taylor and seconded by Cllr R Beeby.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.
5. **Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 10th March 2008**

There were no matters arising.
6. **Open Discussion Time**
 - (a) There was concern about the Biker Posters that had been put up in the village and although there was no real objection to them it was felt that the Bikers should have concern for us and that the matter was too one-sided.
 - (b) It was pointed out that the interactive sign had not yet been connected up and the Chairman confirmed that we do not yet know when this will happen but have asked the question.

- (c) On road speed limits it was commented that for the A60 between Nottingham and Loughborough, Rempstone is the only stretch that has a 50 mph sign while all the others have 30/40 mph. The issue at the traffic lights is not only one of speed but also of safety. It would seem there have to be fatalities before Nottinghamshire County Council will see to the traffic lights but they are, however, going to address the issue of a crossing. The Chairman asked that the issue of speeding once again be brought to the next meeting as a main agenda item.
- (d) The issue of fly tipping up the Wysall Lane is acute at present. Agreed to ask Rushcliffe Borough Council what their policy is with regard to this.

7. New Village Hall

Borough Councillor Mr R Adair told the meeting that he has a further £500 to donate towards our project. The Chairman said that the structural designs are quite complex but are now well advanced. Third party wall issues in the tight space will be a problem and are not yet resolved but we have appointed a Party Wall Surveyor and Acoustics Consultant to resolve these and we have completed the Health and Safety notices. We will be getting in place a new Village Hall Steering Committee and all that can be done at the moment is for the present Management Committee to think about a way forward. We still have a shortfall of £87,000 but are completing a VIOLIA application together with our consultants. Mrs C Jones from RCAN (Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire) came to the closing party event and she is willing to check the VIOLIA application as it is important and complex. We are hoping for a September start with a March 2010 completion and are asking the contractors for a twenty-two week programme. A request was made for residents to offer to store furniture and other items during the building period.

8. Planning Issues

- (a) 08/01731/FUL Chek Whyte Industries, Stanford Hall, Melton Road, Stanford-on-Soar, Leics. LE12 5QW. Conversion of Stanford Hall into a single dwelling and associated development proposals. **Application permitted with Section 106.**
- (b) 08/01736/LBC Chek Whyte Industries, Stanford Hall, Melton Road, Stanford-on-Soar, Leics. LE12 5QW. Conversion of Stanford Hall into a single dwelling and associated development proposals. **Granted consent subject to conditions.**
- (c) 08/00913/OUT Mr B Burton, Land adjoining The Old Engine Yard, Wymeswold Road, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RP. Residential Development (six dwellings). **Permission refused and Appeal dismissed.**
- (d) East Leake Quarry, Development Plans Application 8/07/02187/CMA. Issue referred to Planning and Licensing Committee for discussion on 05.09.08. Rempstone Parish Council already submitted response. Decision taken by Secretary of State not to call in the application. **Determination to be taken by Nottinghamshire County Council now awaited.**
- (e) 09/00536/FUL Mr N Dalton, The Bothy, Main Street, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RH. Demolition of dwelling; construction of new two-storey dwelling and detached quadruple garage. Rempstone Parish Council objected. **Awaiting decision by RBC.**

9. Finance and Audit

(i) Audit Commission

- (a) **Bank Reconciliations for the quarters 1st September to 31st December 2008 and 1st January to 31st March 2009.**
The Clerk tabled these papers together with the final accounts that were unanimously accepted.
- (b) **Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2009**
The Clerk took Councillors through Section 1 of the Audit Return and said that the variances, as required by Audit of 10% or more, were explained by the receipt of Stage 1 Lottery Monies. Agreed that the accounts be accepted and recorded as Minute reference 9(i)(b) dated 11th May 2009.
- (c) **Statement of Assurance, Section 2**
The Clerk took the Councillors through the nine points on the document. It was agreed and accepted that the Statement of Assurance be recorded as Council Minute reference 9(i)(c) dated 11th May 2009.

(ii) Payment of Cheques

- (a) Cheque No. 342 for £1,239.82 was made payable to Allianz Insurance for renewal for the financial year commencing 1st June 2009 (including Village Hall).
- (b) Cheque No. 343 for £81.29 was made payable to the Notts. Assn. of Local Councils for Annual Subscription for the year commencing 1st April 2009.
- (c) Cheque No. 344 for £100 was made payable to Woodhouse Community Hall Trust for assistance and informal advice by Mr Bob Evans of Woodhouse Eaves.
- (d) Approval was given for Mrs Walker, Clerk, to attend the Annual Regional Conference for the East Midlands of the SLCC on June 23rd 2009 at a cost of £49.00.

10. Small Environmental Improvement Schemes Programme 2009/10

The Clerk had received the annual letter regarding parish planting that required a response to RBC by 31st July 2009. Cllr R Beeby suggested the piece of land near the wall in the centre of the village that was incomplete. Agreed that in our reply we would ask if some of this money could be used to complete this project.

11. Electoral Divisions Initiative

County Councillor Mrs L Sykes receives an amount of £7,500 to spend on small issues and has asked that we think about what we could benefit from in this next financial year for say £250 or so. There is no doubt that we could use some of the money for items for the new Village Hall that could be stored, if necessary. Decided to defer for the moment but to be on the next main agenda.

12. Road Safety Biker Posters A6006

The Chairman said he had contacted County Council about this matter and had since received paperwork from them. They had responded that they knew some residents wanted to take the posters down and that these posters are local to the A6006 particularly in view of the fact that the A6006 is a busy and twisty road leading to Donington Park. There is a high incidence of motorcycle traffic and associated accidents and the road is also the poorest performing route. Their attitude is that we are to have the signs but we have the option to make efforts to change them if necessary. They are heavily aimed at people speeding through the village and it is to make them aware. It was suggested that we invite Highways to come out to the village to see just how ineffective these signs are in Nottinghamshire as we do not see a fair balance and to respond to Nottinghamshire County Council that we have discussed this matter and largely feel there is an unfair balance in favour of the bikers.

13. Correspondence

The Clerk had received the annual invitation for Councillors to attend the County Council Civic Service for 2009 to take place on Sunday 12th July at 3.30 pm in Southwell Minster but there was no interest shown this year.

14. Any Other Business

- (a) Cllr Mrs A Lovett remarked about the Interactive Sign and the Dragons Teeth for the Wymeswold Road that are still awaiting completion.
- (b) Cllr Mrs J Taylor raised three points that she was concerned about:
 - (i) The verge cutting on the Wysall Lane up to the Wymeswold Road where the bank has not been cut.
 - (ii) It was necessary for people to keep their dogs on a lead when using the footpath around the houses on the corner to keep them off the property owners' land.
 - (iii) There should also be dog fouling notices near the properties and it was agreed to contact Jane Baines about this.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13th July 2008 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their contribution to the proceedings and the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

