

REMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 8th September, 2008

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

In attendance: Mrs J M Walker (Clerk to the Parish Council)
Also present were eight members of the Public

1. **Apologies** were received from County Councillor Mrs L Sykes, Cllr. R Beeby, Mrs L Craven, Mr P Atkin and Mrs J Schober
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th July 2008 and of the Planning Meeting held on Friday 8th August 2008** were accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mrs J Taylor and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Lovett.
3. **Chairman's Review**
 - (a) **Conservation Area**

A new more robust planting scheme was to be presented to the Parish Council for consideration for autumn planting. This was to be done by a different team and hopefully the maintenance could be better managed to include the strip in front of the wall facing on to the side road.
 - (b) **Speeding Traffic**

A request has been made to Mr Bob Richards of the Traffic Safety Camera Team of the Nottinghamshire Police for further attention to this matter and a response is awaited.
 - (c) **Dog Fouling**

Rempstone is receiving three visits per week at different times of the day within 30 mph areas. Unattended dogs will be picked up and taken to the PDSA. Should any resident see dog fouling or any other incident giving concern they can report this and their complaint will be treated confidentially. The Clerk agreed to print the relevant telephone number at the head of the next agenda together with a warning to dog owners.
 - (d) **A6006 Corner**

Footpath levels and drainage improvements have been completed in order to minimise flooding into the Cottages at this point and the water leak repair was attended to eventually.
 - (e) **BT Access Duct**

This has been identified for repair and will be attended to.
 - (f) **House Building at East Leake**

For information the Chairman informed everyone that a further 154 houses were to be built along the Gotham Road. The appeal had been allowed by the Secretary of State despite concerns with regard to existing resources.
4. **Open Discussion Time**
 - (a) Mention was made of the unsuccessful planning application by Mr B Burton for six dwellings off the Wymeswold Road and the fact that residents of The Old Engine Yard were pleased with this outcome.
 - (b) Speeding traffic down the Wymeswold Road hill and through the village was still a serious problem and the Chairman confirmed that when the traffic camera teams were in place two years ago their work was done at peak times. It was felt that many really big lorries go through the village at night when there is less chance for them to be caught.
 - (c) Concern was again expressed about the width of the footpath along the Wymeswold Road together with the problem of overhanging trees. The Chairman confirmed that this stretch belonged to the Council and it was agreed that the Clerk would write concerning the issue of the widening of the footpath and the maintenance in that area.

5. Planning Issues

- (a) 08/00408/FUL Chek Whyte Industries, Stanford Hall, Melton Road, Stanford-on-Soar, Nottinghamshire NG66 6BS. Change of use of Hall, Theatre, Abbots Wing and Cedar Mews to Hotel including construction of enclosed walkway to west wing. **Awaiting decision by RBC.**
- (b) 08/00821/OUT Mr N Humphries, Birch House, 1 Elms Close, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RF. Construct chalet bungalow. **Permission refused.**
- (c) 08/01072/FUL Rempstone Parish Council, 37 Main Street, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RH. Construct replacement Village Hall. **Permission granted.**
The Chairman told the meeting that the owners of the Welfare Field had wanted to have the planning permission conditioned and had objected. The Chairman said the Clerk would be writing to the owners to explain the misunderstanding with regard to the two issues they had raised regarding the back fire escape exit on to the field and the fact that there was no access by gate at the front of the field near to the Village Hall.
- (d) 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.**
- (e) 08/01156/REM Mr D Walker, Land North of 35 The Cottage, Main Street, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RH. Construct single storey dwelling. **Permission granted.**
- (f) 08/01240/TPO Mr Harrison, 10 Kings Brook Close, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RR. Remove branches of horse chestnut tree overhanging house. **Permission granted.**
- (g) 08/01150/FUL Mr J Scott, 1 Vine Cottage, Wysall Lane, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RW. Construct rear conservatory. **Permission granted.**
- (h) 08/01284/FUL Mr D Hunt, 14 Wymeswold Road, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RN. Construct building for accommodation of sheep and for storage purposes. **Permission granted.**
With regard to the green container positioned to the north of the proposed building site on his land Mr Hunt confirmed that he would not be moving this even though it was a condition on his approval. Cllr Mrs Taylor said the issue was not clear and felt that Rushcliffe Planning Department was inconsistent in their response to planning issues.
- (i) East Leake Quarry. Issue referred to Planning and Licensing Committee for discussion on 05.09.08. Rempstone Parish Council already submitted response.

6. Village Hall

The Chairman referred to the recent Stage 2 Lottery Bid document and explained that he had only the one copy but that if anyone wished to see it they would be welcome to contact him but that he could not allow it to be taken away. He felt sure there would be some queries from the Lottery team and in Amanda Craig's absence would do his best to answer. Meanwhile we were to expect to hear from them with a decision by mid-December. He said he did not feel that we would be successful in obtaining all the money we had asked for but that if we received a large proportion we would then be able to approach other sources for additional money. The target is for building to start in June 2009 with occupation by December 2009. There is a restriction on planning approval because we are required to have in place a special construction for noise monitoring and this will involve a greater cost.

7. Vacancies for Parish Councillors

The Chairman said he would prefer to run on a full Council of seven and the Clerk then explained the procedure for a way forward in that no-one had responded to the Borough in respect of the advertisement for the vacancies and that now they were looking to co-opt people. She outlined the conditions required for people to come forward to qualify to be a Councillor and said they would also need to sign up to a Code of Conduct and hoped that all present would spread the word and encourage anyone interested to contact her.

8. Elms Close – Pavement Crossover

The Chairman reported that complaints had been received and that it had therefore been decided to have this as a main agenda item for full discussion. It was important to minimise the risk of vehicles coming out of Elms Close too quickly for safety reasons to pedestrians in the side road. He then made clear where the line of separation was. It was felt that this was a two-way issue in that we need to make residents alert to be more careful and that the owners of the private road should also be aware of their speed. A painted white line across seemed to be a good idea. It was established that there was already a ramp in place at the foot of the road in Elms Close although one-third of this had been removed in order to make way for disabled wheelchair users. It was agreed to write to the residents of Elms Close expressing the concerns of the Councillors and requesting that they meet to resolve a way forward.

Concern was also expressed by one resident with regard to vehicles in the slip road speeding backwards from the Pub area as there was nowhere for them to turn and the Chairman said he could talk to Mr Ian Parker, Highways, to look at the turn-around area.

9. Finance

(a) **Bank Reconciliation for the quarter 1st April to 30th June 2008**

The Clerk tabled this to the Councillors and was unanimously accepted.

(b) **Payment of Cheques**

(i) Cheque No. 334 for £1,968.13 was made payable to GNA, Chartered Quantity Surveyors, for Village Hall Stage 2 application.

(ii) Cheque No. 335 for £141.00 was made payable to Clement Keys for statutory Audit of Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2008.

(c) Payment received from Big Lottery Fund for expenses to date as at 7(b)(i).

10. Correspondence

The Chairman talked about a letter received from a Major J H Cotterill, MBE, of The Sherwood Foresters requesting a donation from the Parish Council towards a Memorial to be erected near the Tyne Cott Visitors Centre, Passchendaele, Ypres in Belgium. In particular Rempstone had been singled out because we had a soldier by the name of Joseph Wadkin who had enlisted in the First World War and was killed in action. There has never been a War Memorial to be found in the name of the Sherwood Foresters and it was felt that this should be rectified.

Discussion centred round the fact that Joseph Wadkin was already remembered in the local Church on the Roll of Honour but the Chairman said that as a Parish Council we were entitled to donate under Section 137 if we so wished. It would mean that the name of Joseph Wadkin would be listed on the memorial. He asked Councillors to give this matter some thought and a decision would be taken at the next meeting.

11. A.O.B.

(i) When queried it was confirmed that it not the usual practice for letters of resignation from Councillors to be read out at a public meeting.

(ii) It was felt that periods of darkness by reducing the street lighting up the Wysall Lane would not reduce crime.

(iii) Members of the Neighbourhood Watch welcomed dog walkers.

(iv) Agreed to let Highways know that there were dead trees along the A60.

(v) Agreed to let Mr Ian Parker know that the re-surfacing on the Wysall Lane has made it worse due to the materials used.

(vi) The property highlighted on the Dales Close has still not complied with the tree line. Rushcliffe Borough Council put conditions on the planning consent and Bloors were going to visit each property. Cllr. Lovett undertook to visit the house concerned.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 10th November 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 9.05 pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

