

REMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Church at 7.30 pm on Monday 9th November, 2009

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

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

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking the Parochial Church Council for the use of the Church for Parish Council meetings during the period of the Village Hall replacement.

1. **Apologies** were received from Borough Cllr R Adair, County Cllr Mrs L Sykes, Cllr P Barker, Cllr Mrs J Taylor, Mrs S Porter and Mrs J Schober.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2009** were accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr R Beeby and seconded by Cllr D Bunker.

3. **Chairman's Review
The Old Wall**

We are still awaiting the final strim although the area has been weed killed. Landscape Services have been chased up.

New Bus Services

The X9 route has been further improved with the addition of direct evening services to Nottingham and Loughborough together with the addition of a Sunday service. We should write from the Parish Council to Premiere Travel thanking them for their efforts.

Water Pressure

Despite complaints from one property about the water pressure on Wysall Lane no further concerns have been expressed. No action to be taken.

Mains Sewage System

Since the last meeting no further concerns had been raised. No action to be taken.

Chestnut Tree on Village Green

A local resident alerted us to the poor condition of this tree. The cause of the damage has been identified as Chestnut Leaf Minor which may or may not eventually kill the tree. Nottinghamshire County Council are to be informed in writing.

Village Hall Activities

- (i) **The Children's Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday 13th December in the Costock Village Hall between 2.0 and 4.0 pm.
- (ii) **Fundraising** - a substantial Christmas Hamper and other prizes are to be raffled off and the prizes awarded at the Christmas Party. The hamper will be displayed in The White Lion pub. Donations would be welcome and help is required to sell tickets to make this a mega event.

4. **Open Discussion Time
Bus Timetables**

More promotion should be given within the village to the bus service. It was agreed to make sure that the latest timetables were on both the Website and in Compass. When the new timetables were received from the bus company they were to be copied and delivered on a house-to-house basis.

Traffic Lights

Concern was expressed about the phasing particularly at night time when they need rephasing between 11.0 pm and 5.0 to 6.0 am.

Speeding

Lorries are still coming really fast down the Wymeswold Road into the village. Unfortunately the interactive sign scheme has been very slow to be completed and we still require the dragon's teeth to be in place. The Chairman reiterated that the Gateway Scheme many residents favour is not implemented by Nottinghamshire.

Guest House at Rempstone

Although kindly offered as a venue for Parish Council meetings over the next few months it was not possible for the Parish Council to meet on licensed premises.

5. Planning Issues

These were reporting issues only. Sight of the conditions of refusal are always available either from the Clerk or the RBC website.

(a) 09/01285/VAR Dr R Lea, 16 Dales Close, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RD. Vary Condition 9 of planning permission 00/00710/FUL to permit incorporation of planting belt into private garden. **Permission refused.**

(b) 09/01506/FUL Mr J Craven, The Old Coach House, 45 Main Street, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RJ. Two storey side and rear extension. **Permission refused.**

6. New Village Hall – project update

The Chairman regretted that we had been unsuccessful in our bid for funding from Veolia. He had been given to understand that with money being tight other projects had been selected where they had nothing at all but Rempstone already had nearly one-third of a million pounds. As a result of this cost reductions are being examined in great detail by the Quantity Surveyor and the contractor.

The only option to meet the start date and to fulfil the Big Lottery Fund requirement was to remove some items completely i.e. rainwater harvesting and solar hot water heating. It was also necessary to initially remove kitchen and bar fittings and decorating. The objective was to have a well-built, warm, functional and water-tight building to start with.

Further funding options are being pursued with Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council and we have also been invited to re-submit a smaller bid to Star Energy and to Cemex. We shall pursue other funders for a series of smaller amounts in order to achieve our final goal.

The Chairman then tabled information concerning the tender documents. He put forward the motion that this Council supports the target of £256,728.00 on the basis of the tender analysis supplied by the Quantity Surveyor and that they appoint W R Bloodworth of West Bridgford as the contractor subject to the cost reductions being maintained. This motion was proposed by Cllr R Beeby and seconded by Cllr J Santoro and all unanimously agreed.

7. Finance

(a) **The Bank Reconciliation** for the quarter 1st July to 30th September 2009 was tabled and accepted.

(b) **Payment of Cheque** 000412 for £61.00 to SLCC for Annual Subscription.

(c) **Statement of Accounts to 30th September 2009 and Draft Precept for 2010/2011**

The Clerk tabled the accounts recommending a precept of £4,900 to stay the same as last year. Due to the handling of the monies for the Big Lottery Fund Grant she explained that the Audit Fees would be very much increased in 2010-2011 but that otherwise the final balance to carry forward at the end of the financial year would be similar to previous years. She had some concerns about the VAT issue that they were hoping to resolve. It was hoped that a VAT refund on the Development Grant and Pre-Contract Fees for the new Village Hall of some £2,800 would be forthcoming. This amount would be put into the Reserve Account to be used at a later date to help with Village Hall expenses.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs A Lovett, seconded by Cllr D Bunker and agreed unanimously that the accounts be accepted and that the Clerk would make the necessary application to RBC for a Precept of £4,900 for the financial year 2010 - 2011.

8. Traffic Speeding

The Chairman reported that there was still no response from Kelly Warwick, Nottinghamshire Police. It was resolved that Cllr J Santoro would visit Kelly personally at East Leake Police Station. The lorries were the main problem, mainly during the week, not at weekends.

9. Doggie Bin

It was agreed to apply for a second doggie bin to be located on the east side of the bus shelter on Main Street. The Clerk was to contact Rushcliffe Borough Council to arrange for this.

10. Traffic Lights and Pavement Improvements

There was still concern when driving out of Loughborough and waiting to turn right at the lights. It was felt that the whole layout of the lights was bad and that Highways need to be called out to review the layout despite previous attempts to do just that. The Chairman said we need to set up a meeting with Ian Parker, Customer Relations Manager, Highways South.

11. East Leake Health Centre

At the request of East Leake Parish Council we were invited to send a representative to an initial meeting of communities within the catchment area as it was felt the Health Centre was no longer fit for purpose. Cllr J Santoro represented Rempstone and reported that the meeting was chaired by Andy Warren of the PCT to look at the possibilities of providing a new health centre. People attending were in favour and there will be a further meeting to discuss a way forward.

12. Sherwood Foresters

The Chairman reminded the meeting that earlier we had been approached to contribute to a memorial at Tyne Cot in Ypres as we had a member of Rempstone, Joseph Wadkin, who had died in action in June 1916. Cllr R Beeby represented Rempstone village and he and his son spent an interesting weekend in Belgium actually visiting the place where Joseph was buried. They also took part in the extensive official ceremonies on Friday 23rd October.

13. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Nottinghamshire County Council inviting one member of the Parish Council to attend an event to look at practical new ways to work together to be held on Thursday 10th November from 7.00 to 8.30 pm. As this date was unsuitable for most of the members of the Parish Council due to a previous village engagement it was agreed to ask Cllr Mrs J Taylor if she would be able to go.

14. Any Other Business

Cllr J Santoro, Neighbourhood Watch, informed residents of the following:

- (i) There was a new Police telephone number to be put on the agendas.
- (ii) The Police have asked that we be vigilant about bogus callers mainly during the evenings at 7.30 pm or later.
- (iii) Distraction burglaries pertaining to be from Utility Companies. Please ask for identification.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 18th January 2010 at 7.30 pm in the **Church**.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their contribution to the proceedings and the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____