

REMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 12th November, 2007.

Present: Mr D M Walker (in the Chair) Mr J Santoro
Mrs L Craven Mr R Beeby
Mr N Humphries Mr P Atkin
Mrs J Taylor

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

Before commencing the Chairman welcomed County Cllr. Mrs Lynn Sykes to the meeting.

1. **Apologies** were conveyed by the Chairman from Mr Stephen Woods of Cemex who was to have attended regarding the East Leake Quarry planning application.
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th September 2007** were accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr R Beeby and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Craven.
3. **Chairman's Review**
 - (a) **Old Wall Conservation Project**

A site meeting has been held to discuss the lack of maintenance to the planted area. NCC Landscape Services are to take on an improved programme for 2008. 500 bulbs have been planted. The York stone for the inscribed block is in the mason's yard and a revised price has been received verbally though written confirmation has been requested.
 - (b) **Village Hall Insurance**

This is now running with the Parish Council policy reflecting a saving of several hundred pounds.
 - (c) **Anabaptist Graveyard**

Works to clear the graveyard of scrub and to deal with the rabbit infestation has now been completed.
 - (d) **Highways Issues**

A Parish Forum was held on 31st October attended by fifty people including representatives from NCC Highways South. Notes of the meeting are published on the Notice Boards. A village walkabout was also held with Mr Ian Parker, NCC Highways, at 7.45 am on 8th November.
 - (e) **Rushcliffe Borough Council**

The Clerk and Chairman recently attended a presentation at RBC offices when the new Chief Executive outlined his future strategy for the Borough. A new era has begun and many of the senior staff we are used to dealing with have moved away and there have been many changes. RBC are still committed to kerbside glass collections but the format is still undecided.
 - (f) **Bloor Homes**

A site visit to Dales Close by Bloor Homes Works Surveyor has supported concerns by other residents in the village that the 10 metre tree belt was not being maintained in the spirit of the conditions of the planning approval. Residents have been advised to be au fait with the maintenance conditions that Bloor Homes wrote into the deeds for these new properties.

4. Open Discussion Time

(a) East Leake Quarry

The Chairman explained that primarily he wanted to invite any observations about the East Leake Quarry issue. He explained that the Councillors had received a potted version of the report after the Scoping request and that our comments had been included. There was to be a meeting on site on Saturday morning 24th November followed by a Parish Council meeting on Monday evening 26th November that would give time for us to comment on the planning issue as required by Nottinghamshire County Council by the 28th November.

In the absence of a representative from Cemex attending the meeting the following comments were made and left unanswered.

- That it was obvious and to be expected that the overall plan would be for Cemex to gradually creep further along towards Rempstone in slices at a time.
- It was commercially sensitive and that the remit for quarrying had been the subject of a public enquiry.
- Is it envisaged that compensation would be given to people living nearby who were about to sell their properties as these would be devalued?
- The main problem is traffic and the considerable amount of dust created by earth moving but there were no noise problems as the conveyor is quite distant.
- In making this application Cemex should show the full extent of their intentions.
- Although a bund would be created it would probably depend on how soon the trees were planted before deciding on its height.
- As restoration of the current site is behind schedule how do we know a delay will not happen again with the new area? Is the prospecting up to scratch as there would seem to be an abundance of fine sand/silt.

As there were no further comments on the rest of the agenda the Chairman resumed the meeting.

(b) Anabaptist Graveyard

Concern was expressed about the unsafe pillars at the entrance to the graveyard and the fact that now it had been cleared there was more opportunity for the area to be 'explored' by passers by. Discussion centred round a way forward for the future of the graveyard with emphasis on the fact that now the area had been cleared and the rabbit infestation dealt with a further problem had now been created. The Clerk to write to the East Midland Baptist Trust Co Ltd explaining the position.

5. Planning Issues

(a) East Leake Quarry

Nottinghamshire County Council, Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 Article 13 Notification to Parish Council. Cemex Aggregates Eastern. Land to the east of East Leake Quarry fronting Ashby Road, Rempstone. This was covered as above under Open Discussion Time.

(b) 07/02035/FUL Mr N Henfrey, Foxhills, 18 Main Street, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RH. Two storey side extension.

It was pointed out that the closest building would be the new house in the garden of Robinscroft. As all Councillors were in support it was agreed to return a response of no objection.

(c) 07/01263/FUL, East Midlands Helicopters, Oaklands Farm, Loughborough Road, Costock, Nottingham. LE12 6XB. Extend hangar. **Permission granted.**

(d) 07/00775/LBC Mrs H Whyte, Stanford Hall, Melton Road, Stanford on Soar, Leics. Change of use of Hall and ground/first floors of Abbots Wing to form single dwelling; demolish 2nd and 3rd floors of Abbots Wing; refurbishment/restoration of windows. **Response returned, awaiting RBC decision.**

(e) 07/01395/FUL Chek Whyte Industries T/a TFD Midlands, Oak Court Offices, Stanford Hall, Melton Road, Stanford-on-Soar, Notts. Change of use of buildings from office (B/1)/residential institution (C2) to business use (B1); external alterations; erect balcony on south elevation. **Response returned, awaiting RBC decision.**

- (f) 03/311/REM Mr D Hunt, 14 Wymeswold Road, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RN. Retain extended domestic curtilage and barn. **Awaiting outcome of appeal to Planning Inspectorate.**
- (g) P/06/2324/2 Glebe Farm Barn, Narrow Lane, Wymeswold, Leics. LE2 6SD. Installation of 660kw wind turbine with horizontal axis rotor, with 3 blades up to 23.5 radius and rotor axis height up to 55m. Consultation from Charnwood Borough Council via Rushcliffe Borough Council. **Response from Rempstone PC returned. Awaiting RBC decision.**

6. County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Mrs Sykes explained that under the Electoral Divisions Initiative she now had an amount of £7,500 (an increase from £5,000) and that Parishes could apply for up to £500 each. However, she said she could now only carry forward ten per cent and therefore wanted us to focus on our request replying to her by the end of April 2008.

7. Village Hall

Cllr Neil Humphries reported that there was no further news and that we were still waiting until December. There are other possibilities for funding but first they were waiting until they heard from the Big Lottery Bid but he said that Ms Amanda Craig requested the continued support of the Parish Council for them to go forward in other directions if necessary. This action was agreed and supported unanimously.

8. Highways and Footpaths Improvements

The Chairman confirmed that we were running short of patience as we see money spent in other parishes but not in our own. He referred to the Parish Forum held on Wednesday 31st October and that Councillors had now had copies of the notes of this Forum with copies posted on the Village Notice Boards. He explained that this meeting was followed by a village walkabout on Thursday 8th November with Mr Ian Parker, Technical Services Manager, NCC to look at issues that were raised. Although Mr Parker would be able to make recommendations he did not control budgets and always had to refer back but was an excellent customer relations person who gave assurances that he would look into the personal problems identified by individual residents.

9. Community Speed Watch

The Chairman explained that we had been asked by Cllr Humphries to revisit the community speed watch system. He said that all Councillors had received the up-to-date information and that he had made contact with other parish clerks and the Borough Council. The following points were made:

- We must nominate six members of the community who would then be signed up for training that would be followed up by a visit from the Police. At the moment there was only one set of equipment shared by eleven groups of people.
- For our parish the costs would be £900 for a camera, jackets approximately £240, costs for notices and unknown costs for personnel insurance.
- According to sources volunteers are catching the speeding vehicles but Police supporting administration has been disappointing. Rushcliffe Borough Council are not supporting the scheme.
- Since we first mooted the idea in 2005 the scheme has generally become less popular.
- Cllr Santoro felt that this was not the way forward as many of the people offending were local people and that when the Police come to the village they record high numbers. He said that Rempstone has become a high profile case for traffic and that if we managed to get enough committed volunteers the Police would probably then go somewhere else.
- The Police have a responsibility and that we have paid a lot of money through our taxes this year.
- We do not qualify for a camera because we do not have a high enough ratio of fatalities.

It was decided not to pursue the issue at present and the Chairman summarized by saying that we would keep in touch with the people who operate the scheme. The Police are stretched but if the views within the community are strong enough and they wished to go ahead and form a group the Parish Council would support it but would not take it any further at the present time.

10. Doggie Bin

The Chairman said that adjoining owners had issues with the location chosen. He also commented that the style of the Doggie Bin had changed and that it was not so acceptable and that he did not like the bright red container that was not in keeping with a rural environment. It was agreed that dog fouling has become worse and that initially for a way forward the Clerk would put a strong notice at the top of the next agenda drawing residents' attention to this problem and also that of litter and asking for their co-operation.

11. Finance and Audit

(a) Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation for the quarter 1st July to 30th September 2007 was tabled and unanimously accepted.

(b) Payment of Cheques

- (i) Cheque No. 321 for £141.00 to Hacker Young for Audit Fees for 2006/7.
- (ii) Cheque No. 322 for £40 to the SLCC for annual subscription for 2007/8
- (iii) Cheque No. 323 for £13.50 to NALC for copies of the Local Council Review for 2007/8.

12. Correspondence

- (a) The Clerk had received a letter from the Police Authority who were looking to enrol people to become Independent Custody Visitors. Notices had been enclosed that would be put up on the Notice Boards.
- (b) The Chairman reported that he had received two planning applications on Saturday 10th November that were too late to be included on the agenda. The applications were for Conservatories for Nos. 8 and 10 Wysall Lane and he asked for Councillors to be available for a site meeting on Saturday 24th November at 9.30 am in order to respond to RBC by the due date.
- (c) The Clerk had received a letter from the Notts Assn of Local Councils inviting new Councillors to a course in December but there was no take up.

13. Any Other Business

- (a) Cllr. J Santoro reported a few police issues:
 - That Sister Mary Julian is a Neighbourhood Watch person.
 - Mid-October there were bogus callers around the Nottinghamshire area.
 - Since the last meeting he reported the theft of a landrover but due to the fact that this was fitted with a tracker the thieves were caught.
 - Never confront these people as they are dangerous and quite unscrupulous.
- (b) Others issues the Councillors raised concerned a white van that had been seen in the area and to keep alert and the possible planting of trees up the Wysall Lane was queried but having been investigated this had not proved a viable proposition.
- (c) The Clerk tabled Annual Dates of Meetings to the Councillors for 2008.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th January 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 9.30 pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

