

REMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held in the Church at 7.30 pm on Monday 18th January, 2010

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 seven members of the Public

1. **Apologies** were received from County Cllr Mrs L Sykes, Cllr P Barker and Cllr Mrs J Taylor. On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman extended good wishes to Cllr P Barker for a complete recovery.
2. (a) **Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 9th November 2009** were accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr D Bunker and seconded by Cllr Mrs A Lovett.

(b) **Minutes of Planning Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2009** were accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr R Beeby and seconded by Cllr J Santoro.
3. **Chairman's Review**
Additional Doggie Bin
Our request for a second doggie bin to be located on the A6006 adjacent to the bus stop has been passed to Rushcliffe Borough Council for implementation.

Chestnut Tree Village Green
Following concerns by an adjacent resident the tree was inspected by our local tree expert and identified as suffering from Leaf Minor Disease. This information was passed to NCC Highways (as the tree is on their land) who are to inspect the tree at the most appropriate time, i.e. when in full leaf.

Neighbourhood Watch/Parish Councils Crime Figures
We are now receiving monthly crime reports from the Police for our local area and these are welcomed. The reports will be passed to Cllr J Santoro and where there are implications for our village these will be recorded in our future agendas.

Royal Mail Delivery
Our local postman, Ray, has asked that his thanks for the way in which the residents of Rempstone have made him feel so welcome are passed on through the Parish Council. Throughout the year he has received many good wishes and has also received numerous Christmas Cards for which he would like to record his thanks to all residents.
4. **Open Discussion Time**
Dog Mess
Once again this is causing a problem everywhere and particularly up the Wysall Lane. The Clerk is to contact the dog warden and put a reminder to all residents on the next agenda and on the website.

Horse Manure – Wysall Lane
Complaints were recorded regarding the spillage of horse manure and the absence of lights from the lorry being used for this purpose. The Chairman would speak personally to the landowner concerned.

Speed of Traffic – Wysall Lane
Concern was expressed about the speed of traffic on the Wysall Lane where there are no speed signs. It was agreed to contact Highways about this matter and the possible implementation of speed signs.

5. New Village Hall – Project Update

(a) Village Appeal

This is still running with a total to date of £1,265.00.

(b) Applications for Funding

The Chairman explained the latest position.

- VEOLIA – turned down our application.
- Star Energy – a decision on our latest application is to be made at the end of March.
- Cemex – a further application is to be submitted by end of January for a July decision.
- East Midlands Airport has turned down our request for £2,000 for the provision of a Parish Office/Internet Room.
- British Gypsum – say they only deal with local community applications but when it was pointed out that we regularly have to contend with hundreds of their Lorries through the Village they will review to the possible supply of £3,000 worth of materials for the new Village Hall project.

(c) Big Lottery Fund

On 9th December 2009 the Chairman submitted a regular project status report to the BLF. This latest report included a piece about the Parish Council's agreement to apply to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) for assistance through the Parish Council's finances and the Precept and this was discussed and authorised at the Parish Council meeting held on 9th November 2009. However, on the 10th December, immediately upon receipt of this report, the BLF telephoned requesting that we do not go down this route and that we would be hearing further from them.

On 19th December a telephone call from the BLF brought the news, embargoed until this meeting, that the Big Lottery Fund recognises that with economic downturn match funding has become very difficult to find. A further telephone conversation on the 21st December established that as they do not want to see established projects fail or be reduced in quality which would reflect on usage they **invited** us to submit a **potential increase grant application** that was to be submitted as soon as possible. This application would go to a moderation meeting and a decision would be made in one week. The Chairman, together with the Consultant's team, is aiming to submit this on Friday 22nd January 2010.

6. Finance

- (a) The Bank Reconciliation for the quarter 1st September to 31st December 2009 was tabled and accepted.
- (b) Cheque No. 000413 was made payable to Mrs J Walker, Clerk, for remuneration (£1,650.00) and Expenses (£416.10) totalling £2,066.10 for the financial year 2009/2010.

7. Planning Issues

- (a) 09/02050/FUL Mr G Poxton, 27 Wysall Lane, Rempstone, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 6RW. Single storey front and rear extensions; boundary wall to frontage (1.5m high, reduced to 1.2, with 1.7m gates and 2.0m piers).

The Chairman reported that the Councillors had met to review the revised application but that concern still remained with the wall causing the most difficulty for them as they would prefer to see dense planting rather than hard landscaping. They returned a decision to further object with the additional comment that if permission was given the building work should be restricted to suitable working hours.

- (b) Star Energy Oil & Gas Limited, Rempstone B Well Site, land east of Loughborough Road, Rempstone. Further exploratory drilling.

The documentation had been received and a further update was awaited.

- (c) 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.

The Notice of Appeal had been received and as it was not usual for the Parish Council to change their decision unless new relevant information was received it was agreed that their comments from their first deliberation would be forwarded.

8. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire inviting representatives of the Parish Council to attend a Parish Council Forum event on Community Facilities to be held on Tuesday 9th February 2010 from 10.00am to 2.30 pm. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would attend.

9. Any Other Business

- (a) Cllr J Santoro, Neighbourhood Watch, informed residents of the following:
- (i) The van belonging to the owner of 27 Wysall Lane that stands outside on the Wysall Lane and has caused concern to residents because of its location on the road causing lack of visibility, has been broken into with £8,000 worth of tools taken. The owner has given assurances that he intends to remove the van from the road as soon as he can arrange this. The break in was made at the same time as one to the Allsopp's property higher up the Lane.
 - (ii) The Police have asked that we continue to be particularly vigilant about bogus callers at the moment.
- (b) Cllr Mrs A Lovett made everyone aware of the extra X9 buses being operated by Premier Travel as from 25th January when there will be a half-hour service. She reported that this service was well supported, that the buses were clean and that the drivers were very pleasant and helpful. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Premier Travel to thank them and that this new information should be posted on the website.
- (c) Cllr. R Beeby spoke about neighbours' concerns at the newly planted yew hedge by the owners of Beech House as it had potential to reduce visibility. It would seem that the land in question could belong to Highways and that in the first instance this was to be established before a friendly word with the owners.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15th March (Annual Parish Meeting) 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 8.32 pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____