

# **RATCLIFFE ON THE WREAKE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Ratcliffe on the Wreake Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30 PM in the village hall**

### **Present:**

Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Ferrier, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Okenla, Cllr Wright. 4 members of the public and the clerk.

### **790/2024 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lewis.

### **680/2024 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda**

As agreed Declarations of Interest would be recorded at the start of each meeting. Councillors declaring an interest would still be entitled to take part in discussions unless the item is prejudicial, councillors would not be allowed to vote on the item or add opinion.

- Cllr Wright, Cllr Chaplin and Cllr Okenla declared a non-pecuniary interest on item 687 as residents of Church Lane.
- All councillors declared an interest on item 692 as residents of Ratcliffe on the Wreake and council tax payers.

### **681/2024 – County Council/District Council/Police reports**

The clerk confirmed that there had been no incidences reported to the Police since the last meeting. Reports from Cllr James Poland and Cllr Sandra Woodward were circulated to councillors.

### **682/2024 - Public Forum**

Members of the public were asked to declare their name when addressing the Chair if they wish for their name to be minuted in this section of the meeting, if they did not want their name mentioned they need not declare it.

- A resident reported that the hedge next to their property, opposite the Church, is very overgrown and encroaching on the footpath. It was noted that this needs reporting to Highways.

### **683/2024 – Planning/highways/footpaths/land**

- It was noted that the landowner has given permission for the footpath to be diverted and LCC are not objecting.
- With regards to the maintenance of land owned by Everards, it was noted that there needs to be a landscaping plan and that more information is needed on the driveway and also how the area will be fenced off if there are going to be animals in the grounds.

### **684/2024 – To discuss the results of the speed survey and agree actions**

- Cllr Ferrier reported that a copy of the speed data had been circulated to councillors and that it does show that there has been a drop since the survey was carried out. It was noted that the traffic will be monitored and if there are no changes we will go back to the Police to confirm this.
- Cllr Ferrier will contact the Police to find out when they are due to come out again and if they can come out more often.

### **685/2024 – To discuss flood mitigation and discuss action/response from landowners**

- It was reported that landowners have a responsibility for their land and to ensure that any area liable to flooding are cleared and maintained.

### **686/2024 – To discuss the parish council defibrillator, registration and regular checks**

- It was noted that the defibrillator is still registered in Cllr Chaplins name and it needs changing. Once changed the regular checks will take place and will be logged on the system.

### **687/2024 – To discuss the maintenance schedule for the land on Church Lane and weed removal on roads**

- It was noted that the weed removal on the roads needs reporting to Highways and the clerk was asked if she could find out what the process is and how often this is done.
- It was agreed that we will continue to maintain the land on Church Lane as and when it is needed.

### **688/2024 – To discuss the parish council website and agree actions**

- It was agreed that the clerk would check to see how much the site would cost without the emails and then we can look to move to a different website/email provider when we are out of contract.

### **689/2024 – Resolution to approve the minutes from the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

- The clerk circulated a copy of the minutes to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors reviewed the minutes and Cllr Chaplin proposed that they be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Ferrier.
- It was noted that as part of the Code of Conduct all councillors should declare an interest.

### **690/2024 – Resolution to approve payments**

- The clerk circulated a copy of the payment schedule to councillors prior to the meeting which totalled £1,960.63. Cllr Wright proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Okenla and all councillors were in agreement.
  - Village Hall, hall hire = £14.00
  - Charnwood Borough Council, church lane rent = £461.09
  - Leicestershire County Council, street lighting = £172.07
  - Cuttlefish Multi-Media Ltd, website/emails = £780.86

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- Clear Councils, annual insurance premium = £357.61
- Helen Chadwick, clerks salary & expenses = £175.00

## **691/2024 – Resolution to approve the 2025/2026 budget and precept request**

- The clerk circulated a copy of the budget to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Wright proposed that the 2025/2026 budget be approved and that we request a precept of £3,500, this was seconded by Cllr Ferrier.

## **692/2024 – Councillor updates**

- N/A

## **693/2024 – Date of future meetings**

- The date of the 2025 meetings were confirmed as the following:
  - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at 7.30 PM in the village hall
  - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30 PM in the village hall
  - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 at 7.30 PM in the village hall
  - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.30 PM in the village hall
  - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30 PM in the village hall
  - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30 PM in the village hall

**Signed:**

**Date:**

Chair closed the meeting at 20:30