

REDMARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the Monday, 9 July 2007
The Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, Carlton 6.30pm

Present **Cllr T Bowker (Chair)** **Cllr J Turnbull**
 Cllr S Bell **Cllr R Dee**
 Cllr E McDonald **Mrs A Wray (Parish Clerk)**

Apologies

Cllr J Stevens; Cllr L Evans

Declarations of interest

None

Minutes of the previous meeting

These were agreed and signed as a true record.

Action

Matters Arising (1/07/07)

Clarion Homes (2/06/07) – Cllr Bell questioned the position of the open land, as even though the fence in question has now been moved, the position of the open land is unclear. Cllr McDonald suggested we could go to the Land Registry, as there was talk of some pieces of the land being sold to residents. After discussion it was decided that the first course of action would be for Cllr Turnbull to check the Open Spaces Audit with Stockton Borough Council.

JT

Drovers Lane – Cllr Bowker has no further information from the resident who had been going to do checks. It was reported that there had been more accidents on the road, and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk write to Stockton Borough Council to find out when the skid tests were to be done. The Parish Council had previously been informed that these would be done in the Spring – Cllr Bowker to scan the letter over to the Parish Clerk to pursue this matter.

TB/AW

Finance (2/07/07)

- **Cheques** – A cheque was drawn for the Parish Clerk salary and expenses – £232.60
- **Petty Cash** – Petty cash was checked at £5.51.
- **Budget Sheet** – no activity as yet in this financial year.
- **Audit** – A copy of the financial summary for 2006/07 was given to all Councillors present. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk go over the Audit papers with Cllr Turnbull at the end of the meeting.

JT/AW

New Code of Conduct (3/07/07)

A resolution proposed at the last Parish Council Meeting, to amend the Standing Orders to allow the public to contribute to each Agenda item when invited by the Chair, was discussed. Cllr Turnbull proposed that the change be agreed, this was seconded by Cllr Dee and was carried unanimously. Cllr Turnbull will make the changes to the Standing Orders.

JT

It was also agreed that the Parish Council will adopt the mandatory provisions of the new Model Code of Conduct, including para 12.2, with immediate effect. This was proposed by Cllr Turnbull, seconded by Cllr Dee and carried unanimously. Parish Clerk to draw up the document as per the agreed model. It was agreed at the last meeting that this would be put on the website.

AW

JT

David Bond to be informed of the adoption of the new Code by Redmarshall

Parish Council, and confirm our wish to be included in the required advert.
Copies of the new Declaration of Interest form were handed out, and these are to be returned to Cllr Turnbull. Originals to be kept by the Parish Council, and copies to be handed in to SBC Law and Democracy within 28 days.

AW

All/JT

Village Green (4/07/07)

Land Transfer received from Solicitor – which needs two signatures for ownership by the Parish Council in trust for residents. It was unanimously agreed that the Chair, Cllr Bowker, and Vice Chair, Cllr Stevens, be the signatories.

TB/JS

Impetus have suggested a village green fund, and it was proposed that a resident's association account be opened for such a fund – with two residents being the signatories. Cllr McDonald pointed out that he was not aware such an issue was to be discussed, and would like further detail on future Agenda's so that Councillors have time to consider items. It was therefore proposed that a Special Meeting be arranged for Tuesday 17 July 2007, to take place at Cllr Bowker's house at 6.30pm, so that Councillors have time to consider the matter.

All

Proposed by Cllr Turnbull, Seconded by Cllr Bowker and agreed by all those present apart from Cllr McDonald, who stated that he would not be attending the meeting.

Special Meeting re email from Stoy Hayward (5/07/07)

This followed a complaint received by BDO Stoy Hayward regarding whether the Parish Council can buy the village green, and questioning who is the responsible financial officer.

When information on the Village Green was supplied, it was accepted that this was perfectly in order.

Cllr Turnbull took on financial responsibility, following the resignation of the Parish Clerk, and this was minuted (2/04/06) - but it was not made clear that the post was unpaid, and the Auditors have said that the Responsible Officer signing off the Audit therefore needs to be the current Parish Clerk. It had been agreed that the Parish Clerk would take over for 2007/08 (2/02/07), but following discussions with BDO Stoy Hayward it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would also act as the responsible officer for 2006/07.

Planning (6/07/07)

The Stables, Kirk Hill

No developments on this issue.

Parish News (7/07/07)

It was agreed that a thank you would be put in for those helping with the Village Tidy; and also to the ongoing volunteers who cut the grass on the village green.

RD

It was pointed out that the footpath between the bungalows and the village green needs edging, and the Parish Clerk is to write to Care for Your Area regarding this.

AW

Correspondence (8/07/07)

It was agreed that the correspondence address on the website be changed to that of the Parish Clerk.

JT

- SBC Stockton News Deadline
- Cllr E McDonald – request for Minutes, Parish Council Interests
- Tees Valley Rural Community Council – database update

- SBC Minutes
- NALC – cracking the code
- Open Spaces Society
- Planning – weekly list
- Clayton’s – lawnmower maintenance. Cllr Bowker to check out the cost of getting the lawnmower serviced, so that a decision can be made on getting this done at the special meeting to take place on Tuesday, 17th July 2007.

TB

Any Other Business (9/07/07)

Cllr Bell brought up the subject of Dog Fouling. On the road to Carlton people have been picking up, putting it in a bag – but then putting the bag in the hedge. It is bad in Church Lane up towards The Ship, and the footpath outside 6 Derwent Close, which is next to a cut, has been frequently fouled. As SBC are strongly opposed to dog fouling, and have recently prosecuted an offender, the Parish Clerk to write to Care for Your Area to report the situation and see what can be done. The occupier of 6 Derwent Close is happy to have surveillance camera’s installed from his house if this is possible.

AW

An item should be included in the next Newsletter that enforcement regarding dog fouling is being pursued – and offenders could be prosecuted.

JT

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.00pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, 10th September 2007
 – the Parish Clerk offered apologies as she will be on holiday at this time.

Agenda items to Trish Bowker by 3rd September 2007

Audit

All the Audit paperwork was gone through by Cllr Turnbull and the Parish Clerk, and was signed off by the Parish Clerk ready for Cllr Turnbull to pass to the Internal Auditor.

JT

Signed Date.....