

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD  
ON MONDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009, AT 7.30 P.M.  
AT ROCESTER VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Howard(Chair), Cllr Atkins, Cllr Barlow, Cllr Podmore, Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Roberts and Yorke.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Rev Whittaker, Mr & Mrs Ince, Mr J Wortley

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Gallier and Cllr Austin

**028/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr & Mrs Ince asked if it would be possible to put Residents Association notices on all village notice boards. The clerk is to write to the Village Hall committee and ask for the keys to the Village Hall notice board so this can be done.

Mrs Bugby asked through Cllr Barlow if he could mention about rubbish being dumped along Bulls Entry and the weeds on the old allotments. The clerk is to contact Andrew Bird at ESBC.

**029/09 ROCESTER CHARITIES**

Rev Whittaker attended the meeting to discuss the current status of the Rocester Charities. The income from the money invested is approximately £3,000 a year. He explained that the charity needs to be modernised. It was confirmed that Cllr Podmore is the Parish Council's representative on the charity.

**030/09 UNDERAGE DRINKING**

The subject of underage drinking was discussed with PCSO Higgs, Cllr Howard asked if there was anything that the Parish Council could do to help with the situation. Cllr Yorke proposed that the council support the police on a ban of the sale of alcohol to under 25's. Cllr Roberts seconded this proposal. This is to be reviewed in six months time. It was agreed that new signs can be made for the Playing Fields and the larger recreation area.

**031/09 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Barlow and seconded by Cllr. Reynolds.

**032/09 FINANCIAL REPORT**

That authority is given for cheques to be issued in respect of the invoices detailed on the Appendix to be signed. Proposed by Cllr Barlow and seconded by Cllr Yorke.

**033/09 PLANNING**

HO/21989/002 – 52 Mill Street, Rocester – Retention of boundary fence- Object on grounds of change of use, car parking space is being used as a garden, there is no alternative provision for car parking in the locality. This may set a precedence for other properties in an area that has limited parking.

**034/09 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION**

- a) Saint Michael's Church – Application for a grant – Approved – Proposed Cllr Roberts and seconder Cllr Podmore.

- b) Charity Commission – E-mail re Playing Fields – The clerk to write to the trustees and copy e-mail from The Charity Commission
- c) SCC- Mobile Youth Unit-
- d) Campaign to Protect rural England – Application for a grant- Declined

### **035/09 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

There is a new Chief Executive at the Borough Council named Andy O'Brien. ESBC has got to have 17000 houses. Consultations on site allocations have taken place. Approximately 300 plots have been allocated for Rocester.

The County Council have made changes to targets, they now have a corporate area assessment.

### **036/09 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) ESBC – Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Consultation
- b) Severn Trent Water – letter re Invoice – Reply stating that this is not acceptable, the Parish Council acted in good faith and they should follow it up with whoever damaged the drain. Copy Richard Rayson and ask his advice. Ask David Duckett at ESBC for legal advice.
- c) ESBC – Parish Council Forum – Notice of meeting

### **037/09 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **038/09 PARISH PLAN**

The total budgeted for the Parish Plan had been estimated at £5000, £2000 has already been secured. A budget of £100 was agreed for the event to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009, this is to be deducted from the Chairman's Allowance.

### **039/09 URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business to discuss

### **040/09 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, May 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Rocester Village Hall.

### **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

#### **RESOLVED: -**

That, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as it involved the likely disclosure of information which, in the opinion of the Council, would be prejudicial to the public interest and/or is of a confidential nature.

IN PRIVATE

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

CHAIRMAN