

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF ROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD
ON MONDAY, 6th JULY 2009, AT 7.30 P.M.
AT ROCESTER POLICE POST**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Farnell (Clerk), Mr & Mrs Ince, Mr Mark McGirr, Chris Grocott, David Priest and Sarah Rivers

APOLOGIES: Cllr Atkins, Cllr Austin, Cllr Gallier and Cllr Podmore

064/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mark McGirr discussed the current position of the Playing Fields and said that he was in desperate need of a new mower. He also stated that he needed to make arrangements for delivery of red diesel. Mark commented that he is working approximately 5hours per week unpaid.

RESOLVED:

That the clerk obtains three quotes for a mower and speaks to Stoddard's and Philip Atkins about the fuel.

Chris Grocott and David Priest presented the revised plans of the Community and Learning Partnership Project.

065/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1st June 2009 having been circulated, and be confirmed as a correct and true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.

066/09 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 Roberts and seconded by Cllr Yorke. The clerk is to speak to Brian Plant regarding his invoice for the fence and the installation of an extra Godfather. Invoice to be held back until the clerk has spoke to Brian Plant.

In light of Mark McGirrs comments about unpaid work, Cllr Reynolds proposed that an ex-gratia payment of £500 is made to Mark, for his services to the community, seconded by Cllr Barlow. All councillor's in favour.

067/09 PLANNING

The clerk is to contact ESBC regarding rubbish at the rear of 52 Mill Street.

068/09 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION

- a) ESBC – Settlement Hierarchy Consultation – Clerk to complete questionnaire.
- b) Environment Agency – Flood Risk Management – Information resource – Cllr Howard to reply
- c) ESBC- Letter regarding Dog Fouling- Cllr Yorke to put notice in Parish Newsletter
- d) Steve McGirr – E-mail re: Weeding in the village – Clerk to contact Clarence regarding the weeds in the village and ask Steve McGirr if

he can spray the mound of earth on the playing fields so a full survey of the rubble can be carried out.

- e) E-On – Quote for lamp on Village Hall car park

069/09 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Borough and County Councillor was not in attendance.

070/09 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a) SPCA – Training Courses
- b) ESBC- Parish Council Forum- Notice of meeting
- c) SCC – E-mail from Richard Rayson –re: 12 Rowan Court

071/09 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The clerk reported that the fire damage at the Village Hall was valued at approximately £20,000. The insurance claim was being processed.

072/09 JCB ACADEMY

The fourth edition of the JCB Academy newsletter was presented to the councillor's.

073/09 URGENT BUSINESS

The clerk reported that as a result of the risk assessment it was recommended that Tony Scales completes a health and Safety course. This would be provided free of charge by Swan Corporate Training. All councillor's were in favour. The clerk is to speak to Tony Scales to inform him of the training.

The clerk reported that a replacement was needed for the Parish Council laptop which is now about 7years old. Cllr Barlow proposed that a new computer is purchased up to the value of £350 and the old laptop should be destroyed after all information is removed from it. Cllr Reynolds was seconder for the motion.

074/09 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be held on Monday, 7th September 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 9.20pm

CHAIRMAN