

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 11th JULY 2023 AT RANGEMORE COMMUNITY GARDEN, 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllrs B Huckerby (Chairman), M Jones (Vice Chairman) H Golding, and D Milner

In attendance: Mrs K Lear (Clerk) and Borough Cllr B Ashcroft

Public participation – no members of the public were present

028/23-24 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr E Coleman, Borough Cllrs J Jones and V Gould

029/23-24 Declaration of interest and dispensation requests from members.

No declarations of interest were submitted by members.

030/23-24 Minutes of the meeting for approval.

Members were happy that the Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

031/23-24 Chairmans report

Report was noted.

032/23-24 Clerks report

Highways – The council had received lots of complaints in relation to pot holes and road surfaces. Clerk had advised to report via the Staffordshire County Council App.

Brykley Park Crossroads – A member requested that the clerk requests that the lines are repainted at the crossroads.

Princes Wood – The clerk advised that the treating of the Yew Tree overgrowth works were now scheduled for 1st August. Members asked the clerk to investigate at that meeting whether trees planted last year needed to be removed.

Damaged Welcome Signage – Tatenhill Common – It was resolved that the clerk proceeds with repair of the damaged signs. Budget of up to £370 was approved. SCC, Tatenhill Lane Rangemore Sign – Members confirmed that the signage had gone missing. Clerk to report that it needs replacing.

Notice boards – It was resolved that the clerk proceeds with the introduction of magnetic backing boards on the remaining parish council notice boards, budget up to £200. Members requested that the clerk adds a notice on all notice boards asking that any groups etc who would like posters displayed to contact the parish council in the first instance.

Road safety – It was resolved that the clerk enquires as to when the hedge will be cut along Branston Road. Members were happy for a budget up to £250 be approved if the hedge would not be addressed before the Free School new term begins.

033/23-24 Thirty party reports – none submitted.

County Councillor J Jessels report was noted.

034/23-24 Community engagement

a) Planned events

9th September – onion festival plans were progressing.

3rd December – Christmas event. Cllrs M Jones and H Golding to report at the next meeting stall holders etc.

Pumpkin festival – Clerk to establish if a local business would donate some pumpkins for the event to proceed.

b) Princes Wood Coronation Bench

The Clerk confirmed that the bench had been ordered. The clerk advised of a grant subject to the possibility of a finger post being purchased. Land owner would need to be identified and permission sought before the finger post could be progressed. Before declining the grant, members asked the clerk to discuss it further to establish any other options.

c) Planters

Clerk advised that she had obtained costs for planters. Each planter will cost £288, this does not include soil, plants etc.

Members asked the clerk to explore any possible grants and to advertise in the next newsletter to establish what local support residents may be able to give to get the project started.

035/23-24

Financial and Policy Matters

a) Payment

It was resolved that the following payments be processed.

Payee	Amount	Explanation	EP/GPC
Payroll	953.70	Payroll 28.7.23	EP/GPC
K Lear	23.10	Reimbursements	EP/GPC
Payroll	953.70	Payroll 28.8.23	EP/GPC
TMTH	60.00	Room hire 13 and 21 June	EP/GPC
Play inspection company	105.00	Annual inspection – Princes Wood	EP/GPC
Viking Office	35.74	Stationery (notice boards)	EP/GPC
Perennial Landscape	400.85	Ground works	EP/GPC
Jati Ltd	707.50	Coronation bench	EP/GPC
Robert Lewis Signs Ltd	78.00	Metal backing on Tatenhill Notice board	EP/GPC

It was noted that Cllrs D Milner M Jones to process payments.

b) Budget review

The first quarter budget review was approved. Members felt at this stage no vires were required.

c) Co option policy

The clerk advised members of the importance of transparency.

There was a lot of discussion in relation to the policy. The proposal to vote in front of all candidates was defeated.

Members confirmed changes to the draft policy. For consistency with the process, members agreed that all candidates would complete a questionnaire and return prior to the invitation to meet councillors.

d) Play Inspection Report

Members requested that the inspection report be discussed at the next meeting.

e) Disposal of Assets

Clerk advised as per councils approval that cycle and cross bar equipment has now been transferred over to Rangemore Playing Fields.

f) Additional SID's and posts

It was resolved that 3 posts are purchased as per SCC approved locations and the purchase of one SID. In the first instance, clerk to explore any possible grant support.

036/23-24 Correspondence

- a) Planning applications
No comments to be submitted.
- b) Rangemore welcome sign. Members asked the clerk to report the missing sign.
- c) Aggregate Industries request to carry out investigations at Princes Wood. Members agreed that a few representatives would meet to explore works to be carried out.

037/23-24 Venue for the next parish council meeting

Members agreed the following:-

September - Tatenhill Village Hall
October – Rangemore Primary School
November – Rugby Club

038/23-23 Tatenhill Community Group

It was noted that the Community Group will be meeting again in September.

It was noted that an article would be going into the parish council newsletter. Members requested that it be noted and thanks extended to the Chairman for resurrecting the community group.

039/23-24 Items for information

Invitation to County Cllr Divisional Event – 19th September 2023, 7pm via zoom.
National Arboretum Invitation – 6th September 2023.

UNDER THE PUBLIC (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED, IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PUBLIC BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW

040/23-24 Staffing matter

It was resolved that the office allowance would be processed via payroll. Clerk to process.

Signed:

Date:

