

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH MONDAY  
10 DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM**

**(This is an interim meeting only.)**

**Present:** Cllrs. Mrs L Hayes (Chair), Mr. J. Cox, Ms. M. Johnson, Mr L Hutchinson and Mr A Colclough

**In Attendance:** The Clerk to the Council and 4 members of the public.

**235.18 To receive any apologies for absence**

None

**236.18 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 12 November 2018**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November are accepted and approved as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Hayes, seconded Cllr. Johnson. **Carried**

**237.18 To identify any agenda items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

Nothing identified

**238.18 To declare any interests necessary for this meeting.**

None declared

**Comments or questions from members of the public (15 minutes will be allowed)**

**239.18 Resolved:** That the meeting is adjourned for comments and questions from the press and public. Proposed Cllr. Hayes, seconded Cllr. Cox. **Carried.**

A resident noted that a streetlight near the church, had a broken access plate. The Clerk agreed to report it to RMBC.

The local electrician reported that the Christmas lights behind the telephone box were broken and the transformer was missing. Thus replacement lights may be the best way forward. Clerk to add item to January agenda.

**240.18 To note any matters arising**

- a) The Clerk has asked for the Street Sweep to be undertaken on the week commencing 10 December, we are awaiting confirmation of the precise date.
- b) Telephone box - The Clerk has sent a snagging list to the decorator and he has promised to address the imperfections.
- c) Sorby Field's Rope Walk is still under warranty. The company has requested pictures of the defects, which will be sent as soon as possible

- d) RMBC have been chased by the Clerk regarding the numerous potholes on Back Lane. RMBC agreed to survey the road once weather permitted.
- e) The streetlight outside 2 the Yews has been reported because of the lack of light emitted. RMBC will be writing to the appropriate resident to cut back the tree.
- f) Footpath 18, which recently had a fence added to part of the field, is now being assessed by RMBC, to see if it is viable to make it more wheelchair access friendly.
- g) Cllr Hayes and Hutchinson will be meeting PCSOs to discuss the parking on Manor Road Friday 14 December.

**241.18 To consider planning matters**

a) New Applications – nothing to report.

b) Planning Decisions

**RB2018/1708** Lawful Development granted 6 December, on the proposal to alter the local ladders and general repairs to Milestone Lock – lock number 29 on Chesterfield Canal.

c) Appeals – no new developments.

**242.18 To receive the RFO's report**

- a) After 8 months of the financial year 105% of anticipated income has been received and 65% of planned expenditure spent.
- b) Account balances as at 30 November were – Current £4126.30, Business £5096.29, Total £9,222.59

**243.18 To approve payment for the Society of Local Councils Clerks membership**

**Resolved:** That expenditure of £76 for the SLCC membership is approved. Proposed Cllr. Hayes, seconded Cllr. Cox. **Carried.**

**244.18 To approve accounts for payment**

**Resolved:** That accounts presented for payment are approved. Proposed Cllr. Hayes, seconded Cllr. Colclough. **Carried**

**245.18 To consider budget provisions for 2019-20**

The draft budget presented by the Clerk was considered at length by the Councillors. It was noted that the allocation of monies for the ABC Scheme and had not been utilised in recent years and could be taken, if necessary, from the Contingency element of the budget. As per the Clerk's contract, CILCA training costs has been added to the budget. Concerns were raised about the amount, as it was higher than anticipated. The residents' perceptions of the increase in the council tax, as a result of an increase in the parish budget, was given serious consideration in the discussions.

**Resolved:** Subject to a separate training agreement between TSPC and the Clerk, a £519 increase in the Parish Council budget for 2019/20 is approved. There were 4 votes in favour and 1 vote against. **Carried by the majority vote.**

*A resident left the meeting*

**246.18 To consider matters relating to Sorby Field**

a. Play reports

The November Play Inspection Report risk category is– ‘very low risk’. Maintenance of the seesaw woodwork continues to be addressed by Cllr Cox. The Clerk is liaising with RMBC regarding the repaint of the slides and other play equipment repairs.

**247.18 To receive information / reports on external meetings held in November / December.**

Cllr Johnson and the Clerk attended the Rotherham Town and Parish Council Network meeting on 21 November. The theme was along the lines getting RMBC to work closer with Parish Councils, along with some workgroup-based thought sessions. There is a follow-up meeting Monday 4 February 2019.

The next full meeting is timetabled for 14 January 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm

Signed

Chair