Minutes of the Rodsley Village Meeting

Held on 9th April 2014

At Wyaston Village Hall

**Chair**: Mr R Nuttall **Clerk:** Mrs J Bailey

**Present:** Maurice Foot, Ruth Jordan, Geoffrey and Sara-Jane Cooksey, Margaret Foot, Jim Bates, Freda Sills

**Apologies:** Cllr Lewer, Terri Jones.

**The Minutes of the Previous Meeting** held on 22nd May 2013 were ratified and signed by the Chair. This was proposed by Margaret Foot and seconded by Freda Sills.

**The Sherwin Charity.** Terri Jones was not able to attend the meeting and will forward a statement for the Clerk to attach to these minutes. The Chair assumed that the total would be £1 more than last year – approximately £148. Freda Sills gave the Clerk £1 on behalf of Colin Potter to give to Terri. There have been no charitable gifts in the last nine years.

Maurice queried the wisdom of remaining with Britannia as the local branch will be closing soon.

**Coke’s Education Charity.** The meeting was told that the AGM was held in November to examine the applications that had been submitted for grants. It was agreed that all applications would be met.

First time applications numbered 6 payable at £275

Second time applications numbered 6 payable at £225

Longford School was granted £400

Difficulties had arisen last year regarding replacement of both the Clerk and Treasurer for the Charity. Andy Cree, from Longford, has now agreed to take on both positions so it is hoped that by the time of the next AGM a more detailed report can be recorded.

**Coke’s Alms-house Charity.** Maurice Foot told the meeting that the Clerk had been given a draft of the latest constitution for the charity. There are a few alterations to be made but it is hoped that it will be signed off soon.

The Chair pointed out that there is no alternative mentioned if it is proved impossible to elect a trustee from the Parish Council. Maurice said that he will raise this point at the next meeting.

The plan is to lease the site to the East Midlands Housing Association who are going to build the houses and then buy it back on completion. A 10% increase has been incurred in the building costs – this is thought to be in part because a team of builders are being imported from Lincolnshire.

It is expected that some money will have to be borrowed but also expected that this will be recouped with the rentals that are hoped to be achieved.

The charity is registered with the HCA to make sure that everything is dealt with properly.

Building is hoped to commence this month.

**Statement of Parish Council Accounts.** This was circulated to the meeting. No questions were raised. The Chair pointed out that the precept was reduced again for the coming financial year.

**Social Committee Report.** Margaret Foot told the meeting that the Social Committee was ‘on hold’ at the moment due to lack of support and that £1,145 was held in an account at Lloyds bank.

The Chair told the meeting that a resident had queried whether another event like the ‘Picnic in the Field’ held in 2012 could be arranged. He asked if something like this could be arranged in Rodsley. The topic will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

**A.O.B.**

The Chair told the meeting about the proposed defibrillator that is being considered for the refurbished BT ‘Information’ kiosk.

This was met with approval by the meeting.

The meeting was told about the proposed wind turbine near the A515 and that Cubley Parish Council were seeking our support to oppose it.

No one present had any objections to wind turbines as such.

Freda Sills raised the fact that during recent heavy rain that the road near to Rose Cottage, Park Lane Rodsley, was again flooded and appeared more like a river than a road.

The Clerk explained that this has been raised again with Highways and that she would continue to report it until something was done.

Jim Bates mentioned that the works that had taken place near the Capes’ cottage to alleviate flooding appeared to have helped.

Margaret Foot had received correspondence explaining that CCTV cameras were to be used to investigate another blocked culvert in the area.

Geoffrey Cooksey asked if anything more could be done about the state of the roads. The Chair read out a letter received from DDC stating that 50% more potholes were being reported this year than last and that they were doing their best to deal with them. A helpline was given, [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/reportit](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/reportit). Jim Bates asked if the Clerk could circulate this information. The clerk agreed.

Freda Sills raised the fact that the area around the notice board was being churned up by vehicles parking and turning in the area, making it almost impossible to approach the notice board. Also big vehicles parked on the road were making it very difficult for farm vehicles to negotiate the roads. The Clerk agreed to email a notice about this and find out if highways could do anything to help with this. This will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25.**

**Signed…………………………………………………………………………………………………….Date…………………………..**