Minutes of the Rodsley Village Meeting

Held on 5th April 2016

At Wyaston Village Hall

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

**Present:** Maurice Foot, Ruth Jordan, Margaret Foot, Jim Bates, Freda Sills

**Apologies:** Neale Lewis

**The Minutes of the Previous Meeting** held on 18th March 2015 were ratified and signed by the Chair. This was proposed by Freda Sills and seconded by J Bates.

**The Sherwin Charity.** The Clerk had been informed by Terri Jones that the total would be £1 more than last year – approximately £152. Freda Sills gave the Clerk £1 on behalf of Colin Potter to give to Terri. There have been no charitable gifts in the last eleven years. The Clerk will ask Terri Jones to provide the latest statement for the record when it was available.

The Chair asked the meeting if the Sherwin Charity could be closed. He questioned whether it could still be called a Trust as no one seemed to know who the Trustees were or if any meetings were ever held.

Maurice Foot pointed out that the annual ‘fee’ of £1 that was paid by Mr Potter was the rent on a small piece of land and that this ‘fee’ had to be paid into the Sherwin Charity fund.

The Chair explained that there is a formula by which the future expected income can be calculated and therefore Mr Potter could be asked to pay this lump sum.

In conclusion it was agreed that the Clerk should talk to Terri Jones in order to ascertain if the Charity was still operated as a Trust.

**Coke’s Education Charity.** Mr Cree, Clerk to the Trustees, had provided the meeting with a statement of accounts – see the attached – and explained that education and training assistance grants were made to thirteen young people residing in the parishes covered by the Charity.

Of these nine were ‘first-time grants’ of £275 and four were ‘further grants’ of £225.

In addition, the Charity granted £500 to Longford Primary School towards the cost of purchasing new dictionaries, grammar and spelling resources for the pupils at the school.

The total amount of the grants awarded therefore came to £3,875.

The income from investments came to £4,733.

There have been no further changes in the trustees during the past year.

**Coke’s Almshouse Charity.** Maurice Foot informed the meeting that three almshouses had now been built and were occupied. They are being managed by Peak District Housing who charge 5% of the income as their management fee.

The total cost of the build was £537,363.

£335,000 was provided by the Charity, (An interest free loan of approximately £100,000 over ten years was given by the Almshouse Trust – this will be covered by the income from the rents.),

DDC made £60,000 available and Community Funding provided £142,000.

The Chair said that the Trustees were to be congratulated for their achievement.

Maurice tendered his resignation from the trust. This leaves a vacancy which the Clerk will advertise to the residents.

**Statement of the Parish Council Accounts.** Copies of the accounts were circulated – see the attached. The Chair explained the variances between 2015 and 2016. There were no questions.

**Social Committee Report.** Margaret Foot told the meeting thatMrs Ryding had provided a statement of the accounts held – see attached – and that apart from £50 spent on the tubs near the village bench there had been no other expenditure.

Flowers were going to be planted in the tubs again this year.

**Any Other Business.**

Margaret Foot pointed out that the stand for the notice board in Rodsley was starting to rot and needed attention.

The Chair said that this would be put to the next Parish Council meeting and was confident that it would be agreed to pay for the repair.

In the meantime the Clerk will try to find someone to do the repair.

Margaret also complained about the pot holes in the roads and asked if residents should continue reporting these.

The Clerk explained that the more people who complained about them the better and that she would continue to report them as well. Particular notice was given about a blocked drain on Rodsley Village side of Rose Cottage on Park Lane. The Clerk will report this.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20**

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