

ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of Rothwell Town Council was held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 8th July 2014 in the Market House, Market Hill, Rothwell.

PRESENT: Councillor R Wilson Town Mayor
 Councillor C W Cross
 Councillor Mrs K M Draper
 Councillor M E Jones
 Councillor N A Matthew
 Councillor A J Mills
 Councillor Mrs L A Russell

 County Councillor J Hakewill

 Mr A Simmonds, Police & Crime Commissioner

498 PRAYERS

Before the business of the Council commenced, the Revd Canon John Westwood said Prayers and mentioned the Town Council, the community and the forthcoming Carnival and Fete.

499 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Anderson, Mrs Brown, Jelley, Sumpter and Mrs Talbot.

500 COMMUNITY POLICING

Police & Crime Commissioner

Mr Adam Simmonds was present at the Meeting and he wanted to update the Town Council on the following issues:-

- (a) increasing the number of Police Officers
- (b) a new custody facility for this area
- (c) plans for the Fire and Police Services working together.

The Police Service is pledged to raise the number of Special Constables to 900 by May 2016 and they are retaining 1,220 Police Officers. Special Constables are fully trained but are part-time. By December 2014 there will be 500 Specials and people who want to volunteer can be on beat duty or can use their work environment to advantage on various projects. If they can raise 50 Specials in Rothwell, the Town Council would be able to set their targets. Members of the retained Fire Service can also become Specials.

It is proposed that a new custody suite will be built on the A6003 near the Harvester and there will be around 40 cells on this site. They must close both the Kettering and the Corby cells because these are no longer safe, and the Northern Sector Headquarters will also be on this site and this should improve access time to the Rural Areas. This will be built next year and should mean that we will see a lot more Police Officers around this area. Mr Simmonds wants to hear how the Town Council wants to be policed. The "Rural Action" campaign is another way Town and Parish Councils can register their thoughts in policing. The whole of the County will have leaflets to publicise this and we will receive further information in due course.

Councillor Mills was still concerned that we used to have seven Police Officers based at Desborough and now we have only three so he still felt we are now under-policed because everyone is aware that often there is no Police Officer in this area. He was also doubtful that we would get 50 Specials here. It is very difficult to get people involved in matters, such as for marshalling the Carnival parade. Mr Simmonds understood it was difficult to get volunteers and that we want more Police Officers here but ten Police Officers cost £10m. Volunteers can be trained appropriately to their age and he confirmed that they have not dropped the number of the Police in the County but we have fewer Officers here. It was pointed out that the Police precept is going up but we have less. Mr Simmonds said they police the County as a whole but times have changed and he confirmed people are volunteering and this includes retired people. Councillor Mills pointed out that Rothwell has recently had one of the highest crime figures in the County especially for Burglary Dwelling, but Mr Simmonds said the number of burglaries has now dropped and this County has seen the fastest fall in crime of anywhere in the country. He is reducing the number of the more senior Police Officers as there was one senior person for every four Officers. The Police element of the Council Tax has gone up by 7p a week.

Councillor Mrs Russell felt it was condescending saying we now have motor vehicles and this has changed things but we had very good Police Officers here and now we have fewer. She was locked into McDonalds in Kettering with young children there because of someone who was very drunk but it took a long while for any Police Officers to arrive and deal with the incident. There are extra buildings in the area but in Rothwell we have fewer Officers. Mr Simmonds said he is the only Police & Crime Commissioner in the country who has not cut the total number of Police Officers. As to the motor car, he was referring to the fact that in times gone by the Police Officers had to walk round to attend to an incident. There is no proof that having more Police means less crime. He has spent time in the call centre and they receive 999 calls for very minor incidents. He will look at the incident in McDonalds. The cost of the new buildings has nothing to do with the revenue for Police Officers, but is essential because he has to close Corby and Kettering cells for legal reasons. It is not the Police responsibility on their own to reduce crime, but this is also up to the individual communities.

Police Questions from the Public

- (1) Northern Headquarters: a resident said this would be between two major towns and he was concerned that in the future the Corby and Kettering Police Stations, or one of them, could be closed. The Safer Community Teams need to be based in their relevant towns. Mr Simmonds said they are only removing the custody suites. Kettering Borough Council would like the Safer Community Team within their building so members of the public will see this and find it easier to speak to them. The Northern Headquarters will house the response team for the local Officers.
- (2) Local Police Station: Mr Simmonds said the Rothwell and Desborough hub might be re-located to one site between these two towns for both the local Police and Fire Stations.
- (3) Volunteers for Specials: these tend to come from the more affluent areas and a resident was concerned the more deprived areas would not have the volunteers. Mr Simmonds said the Specials need not be young people who are considering becoming full-time Police Officers. They now want Specials from a more varied background and doing more varied jobs, such as working from their place of employment like a shop where their employers might welcome having a Special Police Officer on the premises.
- (4) County Councillor Hakewill said the Firefighters have to be able to get to the Fire Station within a certain time and with one centre this might not be possible. He was concerned about changes to the Fire Service because this is a County responsibility and this has not yet gone through County. The Police Service is political under the Police & Crime Commissioner but the

Fire Service is not. Mr Simmonds confirmed he was discussing the issue of public services with the County and this includes the Cabinet Members and Senior Officers. No decisions had been made yet but discussions are taking place. Councillor Jones was dissatisfied with the responses we had been given by Mr Simmonds.

Mr Simmonds left the Meeting.

Crime Figures

None of our Police Officers were able to be present but we had the Parish Crime Report which showed there were 23 crimes in Rothwell during June, as follows:-

- Burglary dwelling - 2
- Criminal damage - 4
- Drug offences - 1
- Other offences - 1
- Robbery - 1
- Theft from motor vehicles - 2
- Theft/handling - 4
- Theft of motor vehicles - 1
- Violence offences - 7.

Councillor Mrs Draper said the PCSOs had contacted Montsaye Academy about the anti-bullying campaign but the Clerk had not heard whether they had received a reply.

Councillor Cross said a vehicle is parking in Harrington Road too close to the Moorfield Road junction so this obstructs visibility. It was also reported that workers from the Harrington Road development are parking in Harrington Road and blocking access to Nos. 80 and 82 which are on the service road. The Clerk will E-mail the Safer Community Team about these matters. The street sign for Nos. 80 and 82 Harrington Road is also down and the Clerk will contact the Borough Council about having this replaced.

501 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(1) Kingsley Road Footpath: residents of Tennyson Road complained that overgrown brambles are obstructing this footpath down to the Park. These are coming from the first bungalow and the Town Mayor has already tried to ask the resident to cut these back and we will try again.

(2) Crown Lane/Greening Road Junction: it was reported that this is a mess and is dangerous. This is a private road so it was not thought the Town Council could get anything done about this because it is up to the residents to arrange the work.

(3) A14 Cycle Path: a resident explained that there has been a problem using this cycle path for some time, but it is now getting worse. Just past McDonalds, the petrol station and the Matrix sign there is a lay-by and large lorries park there and block the cycle path so cyclists do sometimes have to go on the A14 itself, which is obviously dangerous. The HGV lorries need to be banned from this lay-by. It was thought this would be the responsibility of the Highways Agency but perhaps the Police could also speak to the drivers of these lorries. Councillor Hakewill will ask the County Council about this and ask them to contact the Highways Agency. The resident said it is different drivers every time.

Councillor Jones thought we should talk to the people at Sustainable Transport because they are encouraging cycling. Perhaps some signs could assist. Councillor Hakewill suggested the resident should contact him and he can meet him in this area.

(4) Glendon Road: a resident living on this road just outside Rothwell is concerned about speeding vehicles there and perhaps some signs could be placed in the dip. There is also a lot of litter left there and they wondered if there could be a litter picking group. It was explained the Town Council does an annual litter pick but no residents volunteer to help with this. He also wondered if there could be a road by road clean up and it was thought the resident could organise this. The Borough will supply equipment if he wishes to do this.

The resident also said it is difficult for people to get out of their drives because of the speeding traffic. We do now have the chicane further up Glendon Road. We could perhaps ask the Safer Community Team to put a speed gun there as there is a pull-in where this could be used: it was explained that there are restrictions on where the speed gun can be used, e.g. there has to be good visibility for a certain number of yards. Councillor Hakewill asked the residents to get in touch with him about this and perhaps we could have a Site Meeting in the area and ask the Safety Officer to look at this. Councillor Jones thought we should also do this in Rushton Road because this is still dangerous with speeding vehicles. Vehicles have to slow down in Harrington Road because of the chicane and perhaps we could consider a chicane in Rushton Road near the allotments.

(5) Wind Farm: the Town Council had had a Planning Meeting and did object to this proposal and our response will be minuted later in the Meeting. Councillor Matthew said this proposed wind turbine is very tall, and the Town Mayor said the Borough Council is now against wind farms. Councillor Mills said if the residents were intending to go to the Planning Meeting he could go with them as he can speak for longer, being a Borough Councillor.

(6) Truck Stop: the situation with the dumping of stone and the truck stop was also explained.

502 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Hakewill said he had several minor issues to mention but a lot of these can wait until the next Meeting. He would however like to update the Town Council on the Children's Centre and explained that the County Council wants to focus money on the most needy cases and it was thought there were some things happening at the Centre which could be done elsewhere so they can concentrate on the more important work. The Library will have some services such as the story time and other library services as they always have done. However the Sure Start Centre will remain where it is to concentrate on the services which are most needed for some children. We had worried that the Sure Start Centre was itself moving to the Library but this is not the case. There have been nine contracts around the County with the companies providing the service and there will be information evenings. There will also be Governing Bodies for the Children's Centres and there should be an opportunity for Members of the Town Council to apply to join.

Copies of the E-mail from the Operations Director of Action for Children which will be running the Children's Centre at the Infant School confirming what is to happen were available at this Meeting. Councillor Hakewill was pleased to note that the services will remain very much as they are now and in the same premises. Councillor Hakewill left the Meeting at 8.20 pm.

503 MINUTES

Anne Lovely from Kettering Library had telephoned the Clerk about the statement that all the Sure Start work would operate from the Library as this could not be true because they had not been consulted. The Town Council is pleased to confirm that this was an incorrect statement in the June Minutes and the situation is as reported by County Councillor Hakewill above.

Subject to this correction, it was MOVED by Councillor Matthew, SECONDED by Councillor Cross and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th July 2014 be confirmed and signed.

504 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY

Town Centre Partnership

Copies of the Report of the Meeting held on 12th June 2014 had been circulated prior to this Meeting. It was AGREED that the Report be approved and adopted.

Councillor Cross said the attendance at some of the Partnership Meetings is very poor and he wondered if this Committee met too often. This will be considered.

Dog Exercise Area

The Clerk had drafted a letter to the residents living next to the area proposed to be designated a dog exercise area with additional explanation of how this would be set up and offering to attend a Site Meeting. It was AGREED that the letter was approved.

Dogs in Manor Park

An E-mail had been received from a resident about three dogs not on their leads and the Rottweiler approaching a mother and her baby and she felt that dogs should be kept on their leads at all times. Councillor Mills declared an Interest as he believed the dogs belonged to his family. It was AGREED to respond to the E-mail that Members of the Town Council have spoken to the owners of these dogs and they have undertaken to keep them under control in future.

Tree, Grenville Close

An E-mail had been received from Ian Boyes of Northamptonshire Highways that although they have not been able to establish ownership of this land and the tree, he is prepared to fund this work from his small works budget, without prejudice and on a one-off basis. The Clerk had replied that she had written to Persimmon who we thought owned this land and would chase up a response from them before the next Town Council Meeting. She had not heard from them however and it was AGREED to gratefully accept Mr Boyes' offer to have the crown of this tree reduced subject to the conditions he mentioned.

Bus Shelters and Seats, Kettering Hospital

Councillor Mrs Talbot had sent, for information, copy of her E-mail to Martin Hammond, Borough Deputy Chief Executive, that the County considers that under the 1953 Bus Shelter Provision Act, bus shelters could be erected by local Councils and this is possibly when they were erected. In view of the poor condition of the shelters, Councillor Mrs Talbot asked if ownership could be established by the Borough or a legal transfer made to the County to make them suitable for bus passengers. Repair work has taken place before so this must have been done by the Borough Council.

Nosehill Footpath

An E-mail had been received about the footpath from the Community Centre to Gordon Street as nettles are growing over this path making it virtually impossible for prams and disabled access: this resident's toddler had been stung twice. The Clerk had acknowledged this and explained that Bovis is due to carry out work to make this a combined footpath and cycleway but this seems to

have been delayed and she will see if the nettles can be cleared now. The Clerk had also forwarded the E-mail to Pia Bellamy at the Borough Council and asked if she, or one of her colleagues in the Planning Department, could contact Bovis and get them to clear the path now and commence work on the improvements in the near future. Councillor Mills said the nettles have already been slashed down.

Councillor Jones said he has spoken about a cycle path to be provided here and he wants a path to link the two housing estates in Rothwell. This could even go over the A6 up to Evison Road and on to Montsaye Academy. He has spoken to the County Sustainable Transport Department and there is some s.106 money available from Bovis and perhaps from Harrington Road. He is waiting to talk to Neil Holland who is responsible for cycle paths and is asking him to Rothwell to look at this issue. As to the schools, it is up to the Infant School whether or not they include cycling on the curriculum and they will approach Montsaye to arrange a budget for a Cycling Club. Councillor Jones is also talking to Kettering Cycling Club and they are interested in setting up a satellite one in Rothwell and these initiatives need to come together. They like the Well Lane Recreation Ground as a possible cycle track. The Sustainable Transport people say there is also s.278 applications with the Harrington Road development and then there will be s.106 monies. Councillor Jones will let the other Members of the Town Council know when Neil Holland is coming to Rothwell. It was thought this would need to be done carefully as we would not want a lot of objections to these suggestions.

Recycling Bins

Copies of an E-mail from the Rachel Gratton, Borough Waste Education Officer, had been circulated prior to this Meeting. This explained the problems they are having with fly tipping and people breaking open the lids of the containers to dump waste into them. Ms Gratton thought this was due to the secluded location of the site and they do not have this degree of a problem at other recycling sites. She asked if they could move the banks to a more public location which would be more accessible, perhaps either putting them back in their original place in Market Hill, or somewhere at the Community Centre. If an alternative location cannot be found, she felt the only option would be to remove the recycling banks completely which would be a shame. Councillor Mathew also thought the problem was with the current location which is too secluded. Councillor Mills will take this up further and report back to the Town Council.

Carnival Marshalling

Councillor Matthew was not able to help with this but reported that we still need two more marshals for the following Saturday or people will have to move from post to post. It was confirmed that Councillor Sumpter was able to come and he has got six radios. Councillor Matthew has put together a plan for the marshalling as a guide and has asked a colleague, Ben Bending, to act as organiser and perhaps Councillor Mrs Russell would be deputy. People need to meet at 12.30 pm at the War Memorial for a briefing and to collect the high visibility jackets. The parade will need to pause at the end of Fox Street and in Glendon Road. We do not have the authority to close the road but we are doing this on safety grounds. Councillor Jelley is not now able to assist, and the Clerk will check whether Councillor Anderson can still come although Councillor Matthew said everyone has to be at least 18 years old to be a marshal so Councillor Anderson's son would not be able to help.

Remembrance Sunday

A letter had been received from the Revd Canon John Westwood that Churches Together had met and decided that the pattern should be as follows:-

9.45 am United Service at Holy Trinity Church, organised by Churches Together, with involvement from joint choirs/singers and youth organisations - to end at 10.30 am.

11.00 am Town Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial similar to the previous 12.00 noon Service.

Canon Westwood hoped this would be acceptable to the Town Council and confirmed he would be co-ordinating the 9.45 am Service. He asked if the Town Council obtained any necessary permissions and liaises with the Police over the change of time: The Service will be led by the Revd Martin Swan who will be the new Methodist Minister from September. They will once again need Councillor Mills' help with the amplification system.

The Members of the Town Council felt that we would prefer to keep the Service at 12.00 noon so that the British Legion can attend, but Councillor Cross thought someone was coming from the Desborough British Legion.

It was AGREED to inform Canon Westwood that the Town Council would prefer to have the United Service at 10.45 am and then the Remembrance Day Service at 12.00 noon so that all the Members of Desborough British Legion can attend after their 11.00 am Service, together with the Police, the Mayor of Kettering and our MP. Councillor Mills said that when Remembrance Day fell on the Sunday, there was also a short Service with the citation being read out at 11.00 am and this can be done again on the 11th November this year.

We will need to liaise about the other arrangements and agree the Order of Service, but the Clerk thought she would still be able to type out the Order of Service.

Weeds in the Town

It was reported there are still a lot of weeds between the roads and the kerbs throughout the town, and it was AGREED to ask Northamptonshire Highways if they could put weed killer on the other areas in the Town.

Church Walk Footpaths

Councillor Mills had forwarded the Clerk an E-mail from Russell Howell, the Borough Health Services Manager, that the Borough had no evidence that these footpaths were owned by the Borough and therefore they were not responsible for maintenance or repairs. The Clerk had replied that Cameron Galloway, the Borough Cemeteries & Crematoria Manager had found the papers which showed that this was a closed churchyard.

Mr Howell had sent an E-mail back, basically saying that the fact the paths run adjacent to the churchyards and the fact that there is access to the churchyards from them does not include them within the churchyards. The Clerk had drafted a reply to Mr Howell, with a plan showing that the paths and the slabbed area in front of the west door of the Church and within the closed churchyards. Councillor Cross thought the reference to the former Urban District Council was correct. It was AGREED that the letter be sent to the Borough Council.

Rothwell In Bloom

It was AGREED to E-mail Dawn Hughes and Rob Burton and thank them for the wonderful display of flowers in the containers and hanging baskets again this year, which really enhance the town centre and the Conservation Area.

505 HIGHWAYSTraffic Restrictions

An E-mail dated 22nd June 2014 had been received from Sgt Eddie McDonald as feedback on traffic issues in Rothwell from his week spent here during Rowell Fair, as follows:-

School Lane: just past the one-way signs at the junction with Leys Avenue traffic can enter this Lane from the private residential car park. There is no one way sign for persons leaving the car park so they do turn left (against the flow of traffic) technically committing an offence - but it does need either:

1. A sign erected opposite the car park exit directing them to turn right only, or
2. to consider moving the one way part of School Lane further along so that it is past the exit from this car park?

One resident did suggest that School Lane should be one way along its entire length - I'm not sure if this has been suggested previously? Parking at the junction of School Lane with Bridge Street - again this causes danger to other road users. Could double yellow lines be put down to a minimum of 10 metres around this junction.

New Street: outside the Stonemasons is a dropped kerb. An elderly resident made me aware that cars regularly park here blocking the dropped kerb making it very unsafe for those using mobility scooters. I did look myself and the lady has a point. The dropped kerb in front of the Stonemasons is curved, but only the edge facing the pizza place is level with the road surface. The other corners have a noticeable and uneven drop which could cause danger to infirm individuals in wheelchairs or invalidity scooters.

I did ticket a car blocking this kerb myself. Could the Council progress parking restrictions at that junction and rectify the dangerous drop kerb before someone is injured please?

These matters from Sgt McDonald were noted and will be considered at the next Meeting.

Rowell Fair Policing

An E-mail dated 22nd June 2014 had been received from Sgt Eddie McDonald, with a copy to Robert Denton, with his observations on this year's Rowell Fair as follows:-

" I think that the Fair went well this year with lots of positive comments on the day of the Proclamation about the old fashioned style of policing.

My observations are as follows.

Traffic control/parking: I still favour a one way system being put in place but accepting defeat on this issue I plan to put out more cones next year, extending the no waiting areas. The problem experienced was that due to the increase in traffic all being funnelled along Cecil Street, Gladstone Street, Castle Hill and School Lane (including the odd bus) we experienced one major traffic hold up which was sorted by two PCSOs, plus numerous hold ups caused in part by inconsiderate drivers. I would submit that the cones need to extend from Castle Hill into Gladstone Street and Cecil Street up to the junction with Oxford Street to ideally prevent the congestion at the junctions fuelled by cars parked at the side of the road. There is room for a single car to pass but we need two way traffic to flow at all times. The feedback from the local residents is that we need to extend the no waiting cones as above.

I would include a map in the Operational Order of where these cones need to be placed and would think that we will need somewhere in the region of 70 Police no-waiting cones.

I would also block of the south side exit into Castle Hill from School lane, as too many vehicles were turning into School Lane, through the no entry sign, thinking that this was a diversion probably supported by the local wag who had altered the local diversion signs.

Staffing was about right. In 2015 I would include PCSOs on the day of the Proclamation, in addition to the same number of officers. Their main responsibility will be traffic/parking enforcement. I would suggest that we can do without a Sgt on the nights of the weekends, as it was the nominated Sgt supervised it remotely, helped no doubt by the fun fair closing at 2200 hrs each night.

We had two incidents of note, one GBH on the night of the Proclamation - completely managed by those officers on the Fair which took them away from actually policing the Fair. Those officers working this believed that there were too few of them so this is something that I will be reviewing - and another punch up involving about half a dozen this weekend broken up by the officers present, proof that a number of officers need to be present.

Proclamation day was described by an officer who had never done it before as a Nightsafe all day long and policed with less staff."

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Double Yellow Lines, Tresham Street

The Order for these double yellow lines came into effect on 27th June 2014. The Clerk had looked at the markings for these and on the east side near Newmans Shop it looked as though the double yellow lines would stop just before the white line for the dropped kerb. The Clerk had queried this with Ian Boyes of Northamptonshire Highways and he confirmed that these 'guide lines' should be extended all the way round this corner, past the dropped kerbs and up to the thick yellow line at the bus stop. These will be amended as necessary and the actual road markings laid up to the bus stop as per Mr Boyes' original drawing.

Overgrown Trees and Hedges, Glendon Road

An E-mail had been received complaining about the overgrown trees, bushes and stinging nettles along Glendon Road footpath, on the left hand side when walking toward the town at the following locations and this is particularly unpleasant for parents taking children to and from school:-

1. Between Columbus Crescent (first turning on the left) and the red post box;
2. Opposite 118 Glendon Road;
3. Opposite Pino's tin shed - here there is an overhanging alder bush entangled with a blackberry thorn branch.

We have raised this previously with both the County and Borough Councils and are informed that the responsibility is that of the respective property owners as the hedges are on their property. It was AGREED to ask the County Council if they can now deal with this problem in the interests of highway safety.

Tesco Deliveries

An E-mail had been received from the Tesco Group Distribution Environmental Manager that the delivery solution they use during Rowell Fair is not something that is sustainable throughout the whole year. However, she and her colleagues are prepared to attend a Site Meeting on either Monday, 21st or Friday, 25th July.

It was originally AGREED this should take place at 9.30 am on the 21st but was subsequently changed to the Friday because of the market here on Mondays.

Desborough Road

It was reported that a resident had complained about the overhanging branches from the cricket field. Councillor Cross said they were cutting these back the previous week so it was AGREED to take no action here.

506 PLANNING

Planning Committee Meeting

A Meeting of the Planning Committee had been held on 30th June 2014 and the following items were decided:-

An E-mail had been received from the Borough Planning Department that they had inspected 36 Spencer Street, Rothwell and the works here are the formation of a paved patio outside the back of the house which, owing to a very slight drop in land levels requires four courses of brickwork at the garden end to make it level. This property is Borough owned and managed and the issue has been referred to the Neighbourhood Officer for any necessary action from an estate management perspective.

A letter had been received from the Borough Planning Department that they have looked at the extensions at 3 Lancaster Road, Rothwell and they can confirm that Planning Permission was granted for a rear extension as part of the Application for the side and front extensions under KET/2013/0134. The rear part of the extension has not been built in accordance with the approved plans because a pitched roof has been constructed rather than a flat roof. They have considered the impact of the changes and technically it is a breach of planning control. Due to the location of the rear extension and the scale of the amendment it is considered that the alteration does not materially alter the appearance of the overall building and therefore the development constitutes a non-material amendment. They will make the householder aware of the situation and request an application but they consider the proposed extension is acceptable and therefore if an application is not forthcoming it would not be expedient to pursue any enforcement action in this case and therefore the enforcement case has been closed.

Notification had been received from the County Council that the application relating to Fernbrook Bio at Rothwell Lodge Farm has been refused.

The following Refusal had been received from the Borough Council:-

KET/2013/0800 Land south of Junction 3 of the A14 - Storage of stone for two years.

The following Approvals had been received from the Borough Council:-

KET/2014/0225 Tesco Express, 9 Market Hill - Signs.

KET/2014/0230 Land adjoining 10 Cambridge Street - One dwelling.

KET/2014/0240 14 Rose Close - Extension.

KET/2014/0317 69 Harrington Road - Extensions and garage conversion.

The following Applications had been received and the Town Council's observations submitted as stated:-

- KET/2014/0278 37 Kettering Road - Retrospective for rear extension.
No objection.
- KET/2014/0364 9 Wales Street - Extensions.
No objection.
- KET/2014/0379 Land at rear of 30-34 Scott Avenue - Three dwellings.
No objection provided street and footpath lighting is provided and the Highway Authority is satisfied the access road is wide enough for emergency vehicles.
- KET/2014/0401 Woodfield Farm, Glendon Road - One 60kW wind turbine.
Rothwell Town Council objects to this proposal because the wind turbine and the noise would have a detrimental impact on our historic market town and on the landscape and wildlife in the area and would be too close to existing houses and the bridleway and stables in Violet Lane.

It was MOVED by Councillor Matthew, SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Russell and RESOLVED that the Planning Committee Report be approved and adopted.

Councillor Mills asked if more Councillors could attend the Planning Committee Meetings as some of the issues are quite sensitive.

The following Application had just been received and the Town Council moved into a Meeting of the Planning Committee as follows:-

- KET/2014/0378 5 New Street - Retrospective for a roof to cover decking area.
No objection.

Town Plan

We are now to have two large housing developments in Rothwell but the roads are not adequate including Cecil Street for the development at the former Football Club. Councillor Mills said we need to move on with the Town Plan and he will telephone the people preparing this for us and see if we can now make progress. Councillor Mrs Draper said that apparently the plans for the hall at Gladstone Street are being re-submitted.

507 MATTERS OF BUSINESS

Relationship between the Borough and Towns/Parishes

An E-mail had been received from Councillor Roger Knight of Burton Latimer Town Council that his early request for this matter to be discussed at the Rural Forum had been denied. However, a letter had been received from the Borough Committee Administrator that this issue of communication between the Borough and Town and Parish Councils would be discussed at the next Meeting of the Forum on 18th September. The closing date for submission of comments is Friday, 29th August in order to collate these for the agenda. It was AGREED that the Clerk would draft a letter for approval at the August Meeting and will add the Church Walk footpaths issue and the planning decision on the dumping of stone on land off Orton Road.

Vine Community Trust

Copies of the invitation by the Vine Community Trust to their Annual General Meeting on 21st July 2014 had been circulated, for information. Members will return the response slips themselves.

Flag for the Commonwealth

The National Association of Local Councils had sent information about the Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth day on 9th March 2015. This will be circulated prior to the August Meeting.

508 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk submitted a written statement as attached. It was **MOVED** by Councillor Matthew, **SECONDED** by Councillor Mills and **RESOLVED** that the Report be approved and adopted and the following amounts paid:-

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Goods or Services</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mrs C E Mackay	Clerk's Salary	£583.40
Cllr R Wilson	Chairman's half-yearly allowance	£300.00
Cllr R Wilson	Reimbursement Chain and Hammerite	£124.98
Kurt Hobbs	Banners (Cllr Mills' Borough grant)	£264.00
Kettering Sewing Centre	Halberdiers' shirts (Cllr Mills' grant)	£72.00
SGM Lifewords	500 Gospels	£300.00
Inter County Cleaning Services	Cleaning Market House	£36.00
Ricoh UK Ltd	Printer Maintenance	£23.18

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman

Date