

ROYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Room, St. Remigius Church on
Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 7.15 pm.

Present:	Paul Curson	PJC	Chairman
	David Goldson	DG	District Councillor
	David Bartrum	DB	
	Jenny Shorter	JS	
	Pam Murton	PM	
	Andrew Daniels	AD	
	Angela Brown	AB	

In attendance:	County Councillor Jenny Chamberlin	JC
	Gareth Roderick-Jones (Clerk)	GRJ

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs E Taylor, J Taylor

2 Declarations of Interest

PJC declared an interest in item 10; JS also declared an interest in item 10 (Boundary Commission Review)

3 Residents' Forum

- a. A member of the public, referring to item 12 on the agenda, said he understood that UKPN had undertaken to foot the whole bill for the work on and around Brewers Green, and there had been no mention of a contribution from the owner or from the parish council; that the PC had (in approximately May 2014) withdrawn previous objections to the purchase of the freehold.
 - PJC responded that the PC had previously believed there was no owner and had therefore set up the Brewers Green Management Committee (BGMC) to manage the land for the benefit of the community. When current owner Steve Jones explained his plans for the area, objections were withdrawn and work (including voluntary work) began and is ongoing. The BGMC continue to run the land but Mr Jones has made considerable contributions to this. The UKPN have now said they require a contribution of £10,000 towards the £120,000 total, and Mr Jones has in turn requested a £5,000 contribution from the PC. The view of the BGMC was that the work would enhance Brewers Green which is a community asset.
- b. A question was raised about the poles which are to be removed: some of these carry BT lines - will BT agree to have these put underground as well as the power lines?
 - BT have agreed
- c. Would the streetlight currently attached to a pole in Manor Road be removed?
 - this is outside the Brewers Green area so it would not be affected.
- d. A number of members of the public expressed the view that it would be inappropriate for public money to be spent in this way.
- e. It was pointed out that the new bungalow on the junction of Darrow Lane and Snow Street has an ash tree which has been poorly trimmed and damaged, and is in need of proper care to ensure its survival
 - GRJ will write to the owners (PJC will provide him with the contact details)

- f. The postbox has still not been replaced despite the correspondence with Richard Bacon MP - GRJ will follow up.

4 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 28 March 2017 were approved and signed with one amendment: changing "yew tree" to "yew hedge" in item 14c.

5 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

3d - Section 106 money - no news as yet.

3e - planning application for garden building has still not appeared on the planning portal

9b - cutting back of hedges/trees at allotments: Mr Crerar will carry out in the autumn

6 Items arising from Annual Parish Meeting

Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan: there was unanimous agreement that Roydon should be part of the Plan.

Boundary Review: there was no agreement that housing should be ceded to Diss. Footpaths in the parish were discussed.

7 Accounts for Payment

The following payments were approved for payment:

PAYEE	NARRATIVE	AMOUNT
Gareth Roderick-Jones	April salary	£229.22
HMRC	PAYE	£57.31
JM Crerar	grounds maintenance 17 Nov - 30 March	£240.00
John Taylor Builders Ltd	repairs to allotment water tank	£46.37
Angela Brown	1 year's allotment rent for clearing work	£15.00
S Peake	2 year's allotment rent for clearing work	£60.00
E-ON	streetlighting electricity (Direct debit)	£134.33
Pearce & Kemp	streetlight maintenance April (Standing Order)	£158.26

8 Bank Balances (as at 4 April 2017)

The following were checked against bank statements and approved:

Current account	£23,147.22
Savings account	£7831.58
sub-total	£30,978.80
less unpresented cheques	£253.22
Cashbook Balance	£30,725.58

Barclays have lost AD's Personal Details form so he has had to go through the authentication process again. GRJ will take his papers to Barclays to get them matched up with the remaining paperwork and sent off. Ongoing.
The first precept and grant have arrived in the bank account.

9 Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan

There is a 1 June deadline to finalise the area and the name of the plan: there is a meeting on that day to make final decisions. As PJC will be away that day, DG volunteered to stand in for him at the meeting.

10 Boundary Commission Review

The Longmeadow development currently straddles the Diss-Roydon boundary. Diss TC would like to move the boundary so that all the Longmeadow housing falls within Diss, and also move the boundary at Factory Lane to include the Factory Lane houses in Diss. When this was discussed in the Annual Parish Meeting there was no support for this among Roydon residents. It will be discussed at a meeting between up to three Diss councillors and three Roydon councillors (PJC, JS and DG). PJC will confirm date and time. South Norfolk DC have a panel to adjudicate these matters. They will require a response by 16 May. GRJ will send a response after the Diss meeting.

11 Village Hall

Roydon PC are the owners of the Village Hall. The PC needs to have the land registered before work on the drainage can commence. It was proposed that we ask Steeles Law to act for Roydon PC in this: proposed PJC, seconded DG and agreed unanimously. GRJ will write to Steeles Law accordingly.

12 Brewers Green

(see items 3a - 3d)

The Chairman solicited the views of individual councillors on the proposal to donate funds to the owner to help towards the cost of the work.

- One councillor supported the idea on the grounds that the Green was an asset for the whole community to use, and in this respect it was similar to donating to the Village Hall; also it was a good opportunity to get rid of unsightly poles.
- One councillor did not express a view.
- The remainder of the councillors expressed the view that this would not be an appropriate way for Roydon PC to spend public money.

Motion: that Roydon PC grant the sum of £5,000 as a contribution towards work on

Brewers Green: proposed PJC, seconded DG
 for: 2
 against: 4
 abstention: 1

The motion was not carried.

13 Allotments

as discussed in item 5 above

14 Streetlights

Mr Cozens will give us a quote when he receives a full inventory: PJC will forward a copy to GRJ who will contact Mr Cozens

15 Planning Applications

- a 2017/0862 Diss Rugby Club new floodlighting - no objection
- b 2017/0713 Blenheim Way - outline permission for dwelling - objection on the grounds that the plot is too small

16 Correspondence

Correspondence has been circulated to all councillors and noted.

17 Report from District Councillor

There has been little activity to report because of the local government elections this week.

18 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Chamberlin confirmed that she would not be standing in this week's election. She thanked members of Roydon Parish Council for their support during her time as County Councillor,, and assured them that she would continue to liaise with the newly elected member.

19 Items for Next Agenda

- The War Memorial will need cleaning and maintenance before the 2018 centenary of the end of WWI.
- The hedge on the south side of Old High Road needs attention, as do the footpaths.

20 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30 May 2017 at 7.15pm