

## **Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of**

### **Riccall Parish Council**

**held on**

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**from 10am via Zoom**

**Attending:** Cllr Keen (Chairman), Cllrs Sharp, Dawson, Morton, Owens, Tatterton, Nuttall and Wiles

Cllr Adamson joined the meeting at 11.10am after experiencing technical difficulties.

Glenda Foster - Administrative Assistant

#### **1. Apologies and Declarations of interest**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rimmer. Cllr Marston advised he would be late joining the meeting due a work commitment.

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **2. Riccall Park**

The meeting was called to discuss parking issues on Main Street near the park, progress on the proposed car park

It was noted that a new police officer would be covering Riccall. PC Neil Morris will take over from Nigel Collins who was the Neighbourhood Officer for the village before being reassigned to York last year. **Action: Clerk to circulate full information.**

Discussion took place regarding car parking concerns on Main Street outside the park and a recent report of cars queueing on the A19 to turn into the village. Highways have already been contacted. The Clerk has approached PC Morris and updated him regarding the current issues and invited him to attend a Council meeting.

It was recognized the car parking issues were not solely an issue for the Traffic Group, hence a full Council meeting was called.

It was suggested the issue needs to be pursued with Highways, the police and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and advice to be taken from them. The car park project also needs to be escalated.

Various possible solutions were discussed including, VAS signs, queueing traffic ahead signs and double yellow lines. It was suggested that if double yellow lines were close to the A19 junction this could escalate the problem with cars parking further up Main Street and in the nearby estate around the corner from the park.

It was mentioned the Clerk is putting an in-depth article in The Beacon regarding car parking issues.

It was noted the Annual Assembly of the Parish, an open public meeting, will be held in a few weeks' time which would be an ideal opportunity for residents to discuss their concerns and ideas, however these meetings are generally not well attended.

The use of signs/notices on the park entrance and along the fence was raised. Wording could include encouraging park users to walk/cycle and not travel by car, observe considerate parking and highlight the safety aspect of children getting in/out of cars on the roadside. It was mentioned it might be more beneficial to erect a sign on the small gate where people have to walk through rather than the big gate where the notice currently is.

The Clerk has already obtained costs for A3 signs for the fence/gate.

If the Council are in agreement the A3 signs can be ordered but we could also look into getting a bigger size.

**Action: Clerk to obtain costs for A2 size signs in addition to A3.**

**Action: Clerk to draft signage wording and circulate to members.**

Contact can be made with Highways and the Police who can advise us on the best way forward. There is also an article being published in the Beacon.

The meeting moved onto an update of the proposed car park plans.

Survey results were discussed. There were approximately 28 replies, the majority being from residents who live opposite the park or close in proximity. There was only one negative comment who didn't agree with the car park. Suggestions were made including double yellow lines, charging for the car park, locking the car park up at night, making safe for children and making the entrance bigger.

It had been decided to take up several of the suggestions highlighted below.

1. Width of entrance - increase to two car widths
2. Surface of car park – probably permeable surface as opposed to tarmac
3. Gate going into the park – talked about moving the kissing gate and having staggered bike gates but decided safer for young children if have kissing gates on the footpath.

The Clerk has contacted Mr. Robinson to update the plans showing the above, which has now been done and the drawings should reflect the amendments. The Clerk has contacted SDC to query some of the things such as the surface, gate and entrance. Highways and SDC do not appear to have any concerns with the revised ideas.

**Action: The Clerk to contact Mr. Robinson and ask him to escalate to the Planning Department.**

A proposal was made to progress the planning proposal and cover any costs that is required by that and submit it to SDC as soon as possible and get some feedback from them officially.

It was RESOLVED to proceed with Mr Robinson submitting the plans.

A discussion took place regarding inviting people who are not Council members to join working groups as had been done in the past. It was agreed this was a good opportunity for anyone particularly with construction experience to join in with the final part of the car park project, and also people in general for future projects.

The problem of recent acts of vandalism were raised which included the destruction of whips which had been planted behind the skate park by Riccall Lands Charity. Canes, sleeves and whips had been pulled out and thrown on the grass along with daffodils. There was also broken glass and evidence of drinking alcohol.

**Action: Clerk to circulate to members pictures of recent vandalism taken at the park.**

A discussion took place on how to address these issues. It was suggested more police presence could help. CCTV could act as a deterrent, which members considered a good idea. It may be possible to get permission to put CCTV on the water tower or erect on poles.

***Cllr Marston joined the meeting at 10.48am.***

Cllr Marston gave an update on any problems he had found at the park. Cllr Marston had been to the park twice over the weekend and hadn't noted any issues. It was mentioned that not all cars outside the park are park users and that parking does tend to slow traffic down coming into the village.

Another suggestion was to consider installing infrared lights or floodlights on the grassed area so that older youths could make use of the football pitch later at night. CCTV could possibly be erected on the floodlight poles. Lights and CCTV could be controlled remotely/on timers. It was suggested to share this with the police and public to ascertain if they considered it a good option.

It was also mentioned that if there were lights around the skate park area that could provide extra security for the possible storage provision of the litter picker's equipment.

It was discussed what provisions there are available in the village for 14 – 17 year olds. Could a youth club be resurrected? Cllr Sharp mentioned a document from SDC that had been circulated by the Clerk which included possible groups and activities, but was unsure whether these were for Selby Town or included surrounding villages. It was suggested to look further at this to see if there was any funding available for youth provisions in Riccall.

It was mentioned that it is good for youths to take ownership of something so they can appreciate it and look after it, e.g., painting of the skatepark.

Youth members on the Council was raised. The Council does advertise for young people to join but this hasn't been taken up. Members agreed that it would be good to get young people representing the Council.

***Cllr Adamson joined the meeting at 11.10 after having technical difficulties.***

It was suggested to perhaps set up some action working groups. Working groups could appoint a secretary and take their own minutes.

**The Chairman thanked those attending and closed the meeting at 11.21am.**

