

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 6th MARCH 2023
IN RUNWELL VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

IN ATTENDANCE: - Chairman: Mr. P Clark; Messrs: Rogers, Sloane & Tarplett. Mesdames: Ellis, Evans and Hutson; 5 members of the public. Clerk Mrs J Pharez

Minute 207 Apologies: Cllrs Messrs Davis & Redway; Mesdames Gould & Payne. Apologies accepted. (Not present Cllrs Lansdale & Mpawose)

Minute 208 Declarations of Interest – None

Minute 209 Public Participation

Highways - Potholes/Streetlighting/Rubbish – Continued reports of potholes along A132 Runwell Road and streetlights not working in Church End Lane, Brock Hill and other areas (all reported) also large amounts of rubbish in various areas across Runwell; **St.Luke's** – New compound being constructed in the field opposite Brockfield House, no planning application received; **Runwell Chase** – Report of conduct which could cause offense – public lewdness; **Memorial Oak Trees** – trees planted last year have failed, replacements needed and to be planted Spring and Autumn 2023. Offer received for oak saplings (digging up required)

Minute 210 Minutes of Council Meeting 6th February 2023; Minutes of Planning Committee held 20th February 2023 and Minutes of Standing Committee held 20th February 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Minute 211 Clerks Report

See Appendix 1

Replacement speaker for Annual Parish Meeting – “Spotlight Appeal” (New Radiotherapy Scanner)

Minute 212 Finance: Payments for authorisation:

Lloyds Bank

FPO	J Pharez	Salary	
FPO	JC Rogers	Salary 4 weeks plus locking etc	
FPO	L Vallis	Groundsman Runwell Park 4 weeks @ £232.50	£930.00
FPO	Essex Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	
FPO	JCR Garden Serv	Hall Garden - Monthly	£60.00
FPO	Viking Office Depot	Printer/Office Supplies	£83.20
FPO	A – Z Supplies	Hall Supplies	£93.55
D/debit	Veolia	Hall Refuse	£142.57
FPO	Activ8	Spring Roundabout	£425.00
FPO	JR Payne	Hall Maintenance	£175.00
FPO	M Anderson	Returned Hall deposit	£30.00
FPO	S Malcolm	ditto	£30.00
FPO	CL Fitzgerald	ditto	£30.00
FPO	T Beadle	ditto	£100.00
		Total	£4993.15

The Council agreed a transfer of £5,000.00 (Five thousand pounds) from the Deposit Account to the Current Account to cover these payments.

Barclays Bank

Card	Defib Warehouse	AED Protect Responder Kit	£25.13
D/debit	British Gas Business	Monthly Bill January 23	£2957.82
D/debit	E.on Next	Electricity used at Hall monthly	£181.00
D/debit	BT	Quarterly Invoice	£213.54
		Total	£3377.49

Sufficient funds held in the Barclays Current Account to cover these payments.

Minute 213 Correspondence

1. Scott Wilson – Footpath Wickford to Battlesbridge. Details noted.
2. Roger & Joyce Goodchild – Thanks for flag repair. Details noted
3. CCC - Love Your Parish. Clerk to send response to include Runwell Chase, Meadow Lane, Brock Hill etc
4. Anonymous Residents of Meadow Lane – State of the lane. Details noted unable to send reply.
5. S-type Security – Range of services. Clerk to get costs for opening and closing the Park Gate.
6. Runwell Flower Class – Funding request. The Council agreed that local groups should be supported. Clerk to prepare a formal S137 Grants Policy and to forward an official application form to the group. Agenda item for next Council meeting.

Minute 214 Planning

Applications received:

- (i) 23/05027/TPO – 11 The Greenway – T2 Oak located in rear garden. Cut back the branches by up to 6m. Reason: General maintenance, reduce shading. RPC comment: Supported
- (ii) 23/00185/FUL – Site at 130 Runwell Road – New detached 3 bedroom dwelling. Discussed at length. Majority decision. RPC comment: Object to inappropriate development within the greenbelt. The overall size of the area to be developed appears to be too large to be considered as infill. Existing housing along this part of Runwell Road is sporadic in character.
- (iii) 23/00223/FUL – 5 Clare Avenue – Single storey rear extension with 3.8m side canopy roof. RPC comment: Supported.
- (iv) 23/00268/FUL – Land at Dobe Farm, Meadow Lane – Demolition of outbuildings, formation of 2 detached bungalows. RPC comment: Maintain previous objections to application reference 22/01948/FUL (December 2022 Minutes – Planning)

Minute 215 Runwell Park

- (i) Security at Runwell Park: The Council resolved to ask for an urgent meeting with the CEO of Chelmsford City Council Nick Eveleigh to discuss the future of Runwell Park in respect of re-establishing the security fence, moving the security and replacing the kissing gate for PRoW 7 following the recent incident of criminal damage along with fly-tipping, illegal pony and trap exercise, horse grazing. This subject was discussed at length. Agenda item for next meeting.

Minute 216 Reports

- **Hall** – Anti-moss spray required for the outside play area.
- **Park** – No further report.
- **Runwell Roundabout** – Spring edition. Volunteers took copies for delivery.
- **St. Luke's Park** – No report
- **Allotments** – No report
- **Public Rights of Way** – RH reported on the proposed new footpath in Battlesbridge
- **Schools** – St. Lukes School should achieve three year group classes for 2023/24
- **CCC** – Council Tax to increase by 2.69%. Remit of Highway Rangers has been reduced.

Minute 217 Notices of Motions and Future Business

- Planning Committee Meeting (if business dictates) Monday 20th March 2023 at 7pm to be followed by informal meeting to complete Parish Council Nomination Forms for Elections 4th May 2023.
- Annual Parish Meeting Monday 17th April 2023 7pm

Minute 218 Agenda items for the next meeting of Runwell Parish Council on 3rd April 2023. Please note no decision can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 section 12 10(2)(b) states that business must be specified.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.