

Rochester Parish Council

6th March 2023

Present – Cllr Mellor, Cllr Atkins, Cllr Pierzchalla, Cllr Twigge, Cllr Gregory

Borough Councillor Sankey

Clerk – Victoria Whittington-Parry

1 Members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence - Cllr Exton, Cllr Fisher
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approval of minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023. – Proposer Cllr Pierzchalla, Seconder Cllr Twigge
3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None
4. Public Participation - None
5. Councillors visit to First Steps & Future of the Children's Centre – Cllr Pierzchalla met with a potential tenant for CC. Would need to register the building with Ofsted which would cause a delay. Could get fast tracked as already an Ofsted approved centre. Need to put a statement out to say we are waiting for inspection to be completed. Awaiting survey report which was completed on 02/03/23.
Action: Cllr Pierzchalla to draft statement for website and Facebook.

6. Larger litter bins – problems with litter in village and residents would like larger bins. JCB academy leave a lot of litter. There is a new bigger bin in JCB academy. Bins are emptied Mon/Weds/Fri

Action: Cllr Mellor to send list of bins. VWP to email borough council to ask for more regular emptying

7. Fire damaged houses on Abbey Road – Dove Academy's headteacher has asked if anyone can do anything to speed up repairs. One of the houses is owned by Sanctuary Midlands and the other one is private. It's been 12 months since the houses were fire damaged and they are not screened off. Headteacher has said the children of the village are voicing anxiety about fire and homes. When fire alarms go off the children get panic stricken.

Action: VWP to email the chief exec ESBC Andy O'Brien.

8. Planning – None.
9. Borough Councillor Report – Cllr Sankey – Budget went through for council tax. Money from government for £750k for the villages in East Staffs – Cllr Sankey has sent Chair the criteria to improve quality of the village. Could be used for a playground.

Action: Councillor Sankey to work with VP to create a proposal and to ask JCB to part fund.

10. County Councillor Report – Cllr Atkins – Integrated care scheme with social services and NHS are starting to work together.
Potholes are still ongoing.
There is racing on Blithfield Reservoir. There is a section 59 so cars can be confiscated if caught racing.

11. Chairman reports

- a. Memorial bench has been installed. Family are happy.

