

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 27th July 2015, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

Present

Councillors Mrs K Bradford [Chairman], Mrs S Campion, M Kinson, A Lees, A Leese and MJ Mason.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs C Bradford.

District Councillors Mrs E Hall and P Murray and County Councillor Mrs C Lauro were also in attendance.

Mr PG Davies, the Parish Clerk, was also present.

1. MINUTES**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2015, be approved and signed as a correct record.

2. PAYMENTS**RESOLVED**

That the payments included on the Agenda, together with the following additional payments, be authorised:-

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Mr PG Davies	➤ Postage reimbursement	10.45
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Trelawn Services	➤ Village Maintenance – May [VAT £59.51]	357.05
Grant Thornton	➤ External Audit [VAT £20.00]	120.00
South Derbyshire District Council	➤ Service of Dog Bins [VAT £108.75]	652.52
Zurich Municipal	➤ Insurance	255.88

3. VILLAGE BROOK

The Clerk reported that the District Council had acknowledged that they were responsible for that part of the brook between New Road and Church Street. An officer had inspected the brook and had advised that no maintenance or clearance work was required at this stage. They would keep the matter under regular review.

4. PLANTING OF TREES - VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council noted that all the statutory utilities had indicated that they had no apparatus in the vicinity of the six trees to be planted in memory of soldiers killed in the First World War. Final approval was awaited from the County Council but the Clerk had been informed that this was now a formality.

RESOLVED

1. That the Clerk, in liaison with the Chairman, arrange with Trelawn Services to plant six rowan trees in the positions previously agreed by the Parish Council.

2. That the Clerk arrange for a plaque to be provided to incorporate suitable wording in memory of those six soldiers who had made the supreme sacrifice in the First World War.
3. That the Chairman of the District Council be invited to the Unveiling Ceremony on 3rd November 2015, at 2.00 p.m. on site.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council noted that in respect of the pre-consultation on the wind turbines, the Clerk, after receiving an approach from Councillor Mrs S Campion, had added the following wording:-

"It had been brought to the Parish Council's attention that individuals in neighbouring parishes had been consulted direct. Why is this not the case in Coton-in-the-Elms where the prevailing wind may result in noise being greater in this parish than in others. Each household in Coton-in-the-Elms should be consulted."

RESOLVED

That the action taken be approved and confirmed.

6. ROLL OF HONOUR

Councillor M Kinson displayed the Roll of Honour which had received a new frame. The work had been carried out by Mr M Webster of 160 Sycamore Road, Burton-on-Trent.

Councillor Kinson had kindly agreed to meet the cost of the work.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council place on record its thanks to Councillor Kinson and that the Clerk send a letter to Mr M Webster thanking him for the excellent work done in providing a new frame for the Roll of Honour.

7. OVERGROWN BUSH – 14 ELMS ROAD

County Councillor Lauro indicated that she would be carrying out a site inspection with Mr N Wallis from the Depot at Willington and would report the outcome to the next meeting.

8. DOCUMENTATION

The Clerk circulated the following documents for the information of the Parish Council:-

- Clerks and Councils Direct
- Briefing Note – June Update – Swadlincote Fire Station
- What's On in South Derbyshire and The National Forest
- Agenda and minutes – Joint Parish Councils' meeting on 8th July 2015
- Maintenance of the Bustleholme to Drakelow Overhead Line – Update
- Crime Statistics – 1st April to 30th June 2015

9. EXTERNAL AUDIT

Grant Thornton had signed off the Parish Council's accounts for the 2014 – 2015 financial year. No comments whatsoever had been made on the accounts.

10. FAMILY HISTORY

The Clerk circulated a letter from Mr D Goshorn of Brackley, Northants, who was researching

family history. He was particularly interested in finding any reference to the Croxall family from Coton-in-the-Elms.

Although Members were not able to recall any such name immediately, the Chairman indicated that she would mention this to Mrs Scott to ascertain if there was any reference to the name in church records and Councillor Mason would review burial records in his possession.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk inform Mr Goshorn of the action being taken.

11. STREET TRADING POLICY

The Clerk circulated a letter from the District Council outlining details of a review of the Street Trading Policy.

Members were invited to send the Clerk any comments on the Policy before the August deadline.

12. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor A Lees reported back on the Safer Neighbourhood meeting and the joint meeting with Parish Councils. Notes of these meetings would be circulated to Members in due course.

A copy of a presentation on Emergency Planning is attached to these minutes.

13. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Murray reported on the following:-

- Golf Driving Range opened – lessons available for children.
- Green Dog Code launched successfully.
- Members were updated on work being undertaken to facilitate faster Broadband.

Councillor Mrs E Hall kindly undertook to remind officers at the District Council to contact the Clerk regarding re-instatement work required to the football pitch on the Recreation Ground.

14. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Lauro kindly undertook to investigate the following-

- Whether street light T1347 was operating properly.
- The present position in respect of the role of 'Broadband Champions'.

Councillor Lauro would also approach officers requesting them to make arrangements to cut back the hedge on the approach from Lullington to the Coton Wood car park.

15. ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

Any items to be submitted to the Chairman.

16. FINANCE REPORT

The report of the Clerk on income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 30th June 2015, was received for information and noted.

17. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present at this juncture in the meeting.

18. PLANNING APPEAL – COALPIT LANE

The Parish Council noted that the appeal in respect of the development on land to the north east of Coalpit Lane, had been dismissed by the Inspector.

A copy of the Decision Notice is attached to these minutes for reference by Parish Councillors when considering future planning applications,

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

That the next meeting be held on Monday, 14th September 2015, at 7.30 p.m.

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