

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2017, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

Present

Councillors Mrs K Bradford [Chairman], Mrs C Bradford, M Kinson, A Lees [Vice-Chairman], A Leese and M Mason.

District Councillors Mrs E Hall and P Murray were also in attendance.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs S Campion.

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That subject to the name of the PCSO being changed to McMillan [Minute 6], the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017, be approved and signed as a correct record.

2. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED

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

Payee	Item	£
Mr PG Davies	➤ Postage reimbursement	8.25
Mr PG Davies	➤ Stationery reimbursement [VAT £2.08]	12.47
<u>East Midlands in Bloom</u> Chapmans Nurseries	➤ Tree	90.00

3. SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEME

Councillor Mason kindly undertook to ascertain whether the Community Centre would be available to accommodate the Play Mobile on 9th August and 17th August 2017, in the event of inclement weather.

4. LITTER BINS

Coton-in-Bloom had indicated that emptying new litter bins was '*not something that we would like to start doing*'.

The Parish Council acknowledged that the existing bins were emptied by the District Council but remained of the opinion that in accordance with the terms of the Lengthsmans Scheme, the two new bins should be emptied by Coton-in-Bloom.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk seek clarification of the position from Coton-in-Bloom and ascertain costings for emptying the bins by other bodies.

5. NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reported that the site meeting with Wicksteed Leisure would be held on Wednesday, 1st March 2017, at 2.00 p.m. on the Recreation Ground.

6. CHRISTMAS TREE

The Parish Council noted that Cotton-in-Bloom considered that the planting of a permanent tree would be problematic. They had advised that the cost of a large specimen would be too high and without removing the existing concrete planters on the 'triangle', it would be difficult to find a good location for it. There were also overhead cables in the vicinity, which could be disrupted by a live, growing tree.

7. SUBMISSION OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL PLAN PART 2

The Clerk reported that this Plan and accompanying documents had been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

The Parish Council noted that part of the resulting process would involve formal hearing sessions where those who had made formal representations would be invited to attend and be given the opportunity to respond to matters raised by the Planning Inspector.

8. DALC

The Clerk reported on an invitation which had been received from DALC for the Parish Council to take up membership of the organisation at a cost of £241.13 per annum.

RESOLVED

That no action be taken.

9. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Clerk circulated a letter received from Community Transport of Swadlincote inviting the Parish Council to make a donation to fund the purchase of staff uniforms.

RESOLVED

That no action be taken.

10. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Vice-Chairman gave an update on a Forum and Area Meeting he had recently attended along with the Chairman and Councillor C Bradford. A résumé of his report is set out below:-

- ✚ Parent Partnership education was being expanded.
- ✚ Hate crime was being given priority, with surgeries being established.
- ✚ Safer homes were being provided for vulnerable persons, including those subject to domestic violence.
- ✚ Gresley Old Hall was to become a community hub and suggestions as to its future use were being invited.
- ✚ A funding pot was available for community projects. Further information via Philip Marriott.

- ✚ The benefits of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme were outlined to those present at the meeting.
- ✚ Several cats had been poisoned – the Police were liaising with local residents.
- ✚ Parking problems in Overseal and Walton were discussed, together with a code of conduct for cyclists.
- ✚ A brief overview was given of Rural Action Derbyshire with particular reference to a community bulk-buying oil scheme.
- ✚ The District Council were intending to increase Council Tax by 1.95%, with the Derbyshire County Council increase expected to be 3.99%.

11. FINANCE REPORT

The Report of the Clerk showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 31st December 2016, was submitted for information and noted.

12. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The District Councillors reported that prosecutions were pending in response to several instances of fly tipping.

13. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

14. PUBLIC SESSION

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

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

16. NOTICE BOARD – VILLAGE GREEN

RESOLVED

That the Clerk obtain a quotation from Trelawn Services for repairing the base to the notice board on the Village Green.

17. VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

The Chairman reported that the next newsletter would be the last one to be produced due to printing problems.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to Mrs Y Scott to thank her for all the splendid work she had done in producing the newsletter over many years.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 27th March 2017, at 7.30 p.m., followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 p.m.

[Chairman]