

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 2017, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

Present

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

District Councillor Mrs E Hall and County Councillor Mrs K Lauro 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 the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2016, 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	10.56
Mr PG Davies	➤ Stationery reimbursement [VAT £5.83]	34.99
South Derbyshire District Council	➤ Lease of land – Home Farm	37.50
Trelawn Services	➤ Village Maintenance [September/October] [VAT £141.02]	846.10
Trent Creative	➤ Printing [VAT £1.69]	10.13
Trent Creative	➤ Printing [VAT £2.25]	13.51

3. SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEME

The Parish Council considered the contents of a letter from the District Council regarding summer holiday provision 2017. A copy of the letter had been circulated.

The Clerk reported the following statistics in connection with participation in the 2016 scheme:-

28.07.16.	Play Mobile	2.00 – 4.00 p.m.	2 participants
11.08.16.	Play Mobile	2.00 – 4.00 p.m.	26 participants

RESOLVED

That for the 2017 scheme, the Clerk arrange to book the Play Mobile on the following dates and times:-

Wednesday, 9th August 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.
Thursday, 17th August 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

4. OVERGROWN BUSH – 4 ELMS ROAD

In noting the final response of the County Council, the Parish Council wished to place on record the following matters of concerns:-

- An error in the third paragraph of the letter – 16 Elms Road should read 14 Elms Road.
- No reference was made in the letter to the highway criteria and data sent to the County Council.
- No reference was made to the comments made by the Chairman in a conversation with Mr G Pickford.

5. POLICE REPORT

A copy of the Crime Report for November 2016 had been circulated for information.

PCSO Dave McMitton reported that, more recently, there had been four reported crimes. Two related to the Christmas lights, the others were in respect of an attempted break-in at a property in Church Street and damage to a vehicle in Elms Road.

6. CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Following a question from a Member, County Councillor Lauro kindly undertook to ascertain more information in respect of the timescale for the closure of this centre.

7. DOCUMENTATION

The Clerk tabled the following documents for circulation to Members:-

- "Forest Scene" – National Forest
- Clerks and Councils Direct

8. PRECEPT 2017/2018

The report of the Clerk on the precept for 2017/2018 was considered [copy previously circulated].

The Parish Council noted that the precept government grant would continue to be paid for the next financial year.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council's precept for 2017/2018 be increased by just 1% to £6,676.00.

9. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Vice-Chairman reported that he was still awaiting the date of the next Drakelow meeting.

10. LITTER BINS

The Parish Council noted that existing litter bins were being emptied by the District Council.

The Clerk advised that in accordance with the Lengthsmans Scheme, any new litter bins should be emptied by Coton-in-Bloom.

RESOLVED

That before the two new litter bins are ordered, the Clerk seek an assurance from Coton-in-Bloom that they would arrange to empty the bins on a regular basis.

11. NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk would liaise with Wicksteed Leisure and arrange a site meeting with their representative. He would update the Parish Council at its next meeting.

12. FINANCE REPORT

The Report of the Clerk showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 30th November 2016, was submitted for information and noted.

13. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

District Councillor Mrs E Hall reported that the next cycle of meetings at the District Council were now underway.

The Parish Council was sad to learn that Marion Knight, a well respected member of the community in Netherseal, had passed away.

The Chairman reported on the excellent response she had received from the Refuse Collection Team at the District Council to a request she had made for refuse to be collected.

14. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Lauro also referred to the fact that the 2017 cycle of meetings at County Buildings were now underway.

Councillor Lauro also made reference to a rolling programme to repair potholes throughout the County.

15. PUBLIC SESSION

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

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered the following planning application:-

9/2016/1260

Erection of an extension [Amended Scheme to that approved under 9/2016/0456]
4 Church Croft

RESOLVED

That no objection be made to 9/2016/1260.

17. CHRISTMAS TREE

A Member suggested that a permanent tree of a suitable species should be planted on the green which could then be used as the Christmas tree each year.

The Clerk undertook to invite the views of Coton-in-Bloom on this suggestion.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 13th February 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

[Chairman]