

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 21st November 2016, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

Present

Councillors Mrs K Bradford [Chairman], Mrs C Bradford, Mrs S Campion, M Kinson and M Mason.

District Councillor P Murray and was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Lees [Vice-Chairman], A Leese, District Councillor Mrs E Hall and County Councillor K Lauro.

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 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	7.50
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South Derbyshire District Council	➤ Play Mobile [VAT £62.00]	372.00
Trelawn Services	➤ Village Maintenance [August] VAT £59.51]	375.05
Trent Creative	➤ Printing [VAT £2.04]	12.22
<u>East Midlands in Bloom Account</u> Chapmans Nurseries	➤ Plants/Shrubs etc. [VAT £158.40]	1,045.40

3. DONATION – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Clerk reported that he had received a request for a donation from the Royal British Legion.

Members noted that the Parish Council had made a donation of £45.00 via the Linton Area Poppy Appeal.

4. OVERGROWN BUSH – 4 ELMS ROAD

The Clerk circulated a letter from Derbyshire County Council in respect of the above [copy attached].

RESOLVED

That the response of the County Council be noted and that no further action be taken by the Parish Council.

5. DOCUMENTATION

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

- 'Your Derbyshire' Booklet
- Clerks and Councils Direct
- 'What's On' Derbyshire and National Forest
- October Crime Figures

6. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL PLAN – PRE-SUBMISSION – PART 2

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Local Plan documentation received from the District Council.

Any Members wishing to comment on the document were invited to contact the Clerk before the expiration of the consultation period on 7th December 2016.

7. NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

The Parish Council noted that North West Leicestershire District Council had submitted their Local Plan to the Secretary of State on 4th October 2016.

8. SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHEME

The Clerk reported a letter of thanks from the District Council for the Parish Council's participation in the 2016 summer activity scheme.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk ascertain from the District Council a breakdown of the number of participants who had used the sports mobile.

9. PENSION REGULATOR

The Parish Council noted that the Clerk had received a letter from the Pension Regulator outlining legal requirements relating to workplace pensions.

RESOLVED

That the Pension Regulator be acquainted with the position in relation to the current Clerk and that the formal adoption of a pension scheme would not be necessary.

10. RECREATION GROUND

The District Councillor present kindly agreed to ascertain the current position in respect of the following outstanding matters:-

- Provision of top soil in goal-mouth area
- Repairs to swings as identified in the report from Zurich
- The provision of a height restriction barrier

11. PRECEPT 2017/2018

The Clerk reminded Members that they would be required, at the next meeting in January 2017, to set the Parish Council's precept for the 2017/18 financial year. The Clerk would be presenting a report to that meeting which would include reference to the purchase of play equipment and the up to date position relating to government grant.

The Clerk would also update the Parish Council on the response of Coton-in-Bloom to the request that they empty two new litter bins as part of the Lengthsmans Scheme.

12. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Vice-Chairman, who had attended the Area Meeting on 31st October 2016, updated the Parish Council as follows:-

- No crime stats due to software upgrade at Derbyshire Police
- Area 6 lowest crime rate based on Sgt Summers workload
- PSPO – Public Space Protection Order in place in Swadlincote town centre [mostly alcohol related incidents]
- Pubwatch in force in Swadlincote and surrounding areas
- Derbyshire Alert now relaunched – access via Derbyshire Police website
- Safer Homes Plus – can tidy up gardens for the elderly – referral via council offices
- Property Register – National database of valuable items in your home – registration via website
- Funding for community projects is available

Long discussion around cyclists and road user safety – a liaison group between communities and cycling clubs was proposed.

The Vice-Chairman was thanked for his report.

13. FINANCE REPORT

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

14. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor P Murray reported as follows:-

- The concerns expressed at the last meeting by parishioners about anti-social behaviour in the parish had been dealt with and the situation had improved. The matter would continue to be monitored.
- The Christmas lights in Swadlincote would be switched on during the evening of 25th November 2016.
- Swadlincote Town Scape – By February work would be underway on various improvements, including a heritage trail.
- A new refuse collection calendar would be issued to residents by the end of the week.

At this juncture, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow the members of the public present to address the Parish Council.

Councillor Murray noted the following issues raised by members of the public:-

- The need for a replacement handrail to be provided on the steps leading down from Glebe Close to Church Street.
- The need for the footpath between School House and Malthouse Farm to be improved.
- The dangers being caused by cars parking inappropriately on Lullington Road. Councillor Murray kindly undertook to refer this matter to the local PCSO.

The Chairman duly reconvened the meeting.

15. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

16. WEB SITE

The Clerk would arrange for the Parish Council's web address:

www.cotonintheelmshparishcouncil.co.uk

to appear on the local notice boards and in the village newsletter.

17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered the following two planning applications:-

9/2016/1109

Two-storey extension
13 Chapel Street

9/2016/1150

Extensions to existing annexe to form a new dwelling with separate amenity and parking
30 Church Street

RESOLVED

1. That no objection be made to 9/2016/1109.
2. That the Parish Council object to 9/2016/1150 as it considered that the planning application should refer to the conversion of a garage into an annexe, whereas in the submitted application [two separate dwellings] this was not the case and also it represented over-intensification of the use of the site.

[Councillor Mrs S Champion declared a personal interest in respect of 9/2016/1150 and did not speak or vote thereon.]

18. DATES OF MEETINGS 2017

RESOLVED

That the dates of meetings during 2017 be as follows:-

9th January
13th February
27th March [followed by Annual Parish Meeting]
15th May [Annual Parish Council Meeting]
12th June
24th July

4th September
9th October
20th November

All meetings would commence at 7.30 pm and be held in the Community Centre.

[Chairman]