

## COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

### Present

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Bradford and Mrs S Campion.

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

### 1. MINUTES

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 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:-

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>£</b>
Linton Poppy Appeal	➤ Donation	45.00
Trelawn Services	➤ Village Maintenance and associated works [VAT £110.84]	665.04
The Clerk	➤ Postage	6.84
South Derbyshire District Council	➤ Play Mobile [VAT £64.00]	384.00

### 3. NEW AGREEMENT/LEASE FOR RECREATION GROUND

The Parish Council noted that the Agreement with the District Council in respect of the Recreation Ground had expired in 1996.

Despite several attempts to expedite matters with the District Council, a draft document had still not been received.

Members examined various options as follows:-

- Retaining the status quo and entering into a new agreement on the same terms as previously.
- Re-negotiating new terms more preferable to the Parish Council.
- Withdrawing altogether from the process leaving the District Council to administer the site.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk continue to pursue the matter with the District Council and update Members at the next meeting.

**4. CUTTING BACK OF GRASS AND HEDGEROWS – RECREATION GROUND**

**RESOLVED**

- [1] That the Clerk write to the District Council requesting that they trim back the weeds and nettles around the wooden items of play equipment.
- [2] That the District Council be asked to cut back the hedgerows as a matter of urgency, but if no immediate action is taken, the Chairman request Mr A Hill to undertake the work.

**5. MEMORIAL STONE**

The Parish Council noted that Mr Pickering of Church Street had kindly taken action to raise the level of the memorial stone on the village green. The work had greatly enhanced the visibility of the stone and given it the greater prominence it deserved.

**RESOLVED**

That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Pickering.

**6. DOCUMENTATION**

The Clerk circulated the following documents for the information of Members:-

- Information on New Derbyshire Connect Dial – A Bus Shopping Service
- Press Release – Derbyshire Connect
- Minutes of Parish Liaison Meeting held in September 2017
- Mobile Library Timetable
- Clerks and Councils Direct

**7. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

The Parish Council noted correspondence from the Royal British Legion inviting the Parish Council to make a donation to the Charity.

Members acknowledged that the Parish Council already made a donation via the Linton Area Poppy Appeal.

**8. PLAY MOBILE**

The Clerk updated Members on the level of participation in the Sports Mobile Programme 2017 [copy attached].

**9. AREA 6 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS MEETING AND LINTON AREA FORUM**

The Clerk advised Members that the next meeting of these bodies would be held at Netherseal Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**10. COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Councillor Mrs S Champion had provided the following update from the Annual General Meeting:-

- Four Trustees remain the same.

- Financial resources very good.
- Future plans include the replacement of the hall floor and the main front doors.

#### **11. DOG WASTE/LITTER BINS AND BENCH**

The Parish Council noted that some of the dog waste bins were not properly secured. The Clerk would ask Trelawn Services if they could undertake the work but if this was not possible, Councillor M Kinson indicated he would arrange for the bins to be properly secured.

The Clerk would also inform Trelawn Services to take no further action in respect of the bench as a local parishioner had kindly agreed to undertake the repair.

#### **12. FINANCE REPORT**

The Report of the Clerk showing income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, was submitted for information and noted.

#### **13. PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE**

Members reviewed the Parish Council's website following comparisons made with other local councils.

The Clerk undertook to liaise with the Manager of the website with a view to permitting direct access for both the Vice-Chairman and Councillor C Bradford in order that information and visual displays could be added to further enhance the site.

#### **14. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Vice-Chairman gave an update on his attendance at a Parish Council Liaison Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, at County Buildings, Matlock. He handed to the Clerk a copy of a folder on 'Digital Derbyshire' which included a 'Deployment Map' showing coverage of broadband in Derbyshire.

A copy of the notes of the meeting would be circulated in due course.

#### **15. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

No District Councillors were present at the meeting.

#### **16. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

#### **17. PUBLIC SESSION**

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

#### **18. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications:-

9/2017/0946

Conversion of former dairy parlour to a brewery at Overfields Farm from Coton Road to Church Street.

9/2017/0890

The siting of a motorhome at Crosses Farm, Lullington Road.

**RESOLVED**

That no objection be made to these planning applications.

**19. 14 ELMS ROAD – OVERGROWN BUSH**

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk request the County Council to carry out a further inspection of the site.

**20. MCMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT – COFFEE MORNING**

The Parish Council placed on record its thanks to Councillor A Leese for hosting a coffee morning in aid of this charity.

**21. STEPS – CHURCH STREET TO GLEBE CLOSE**

The Parish Council noted that the posts and handrail on these steps required attention as they had become unstable. This presented a danger to pedestrians, particularly the elderly.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk request the County Council to carry out this work as soon as possible.

**22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED**

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

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[Chairman]