

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 24th July 2017, 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.

County and District Councillor P Murray was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs C Bradford and District Councillor Mrs M Hall.

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 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:-

Payee	Item	£
The Clerk	➤ Stationery [VAT £2.50]	14.98
Trent Creative	➤ Printing [VAT £2.26]	13.58
The Clerk	➤ Stamps	8.82
Trelawn Services	➤ Village Maintenance [June] [VAT £69.51]	417.05

3. NEW LEASE

The Clerk had invited Mr J Houghton [South Derbyshire District Council] to attend the meeting but unfortunately, due to other commitments, he was unable to be present.

The Parish Council was anxious to move this matter forward as quickly as possible and for this reason, considered that:-

- a) the basic provisions of the lease should be very similar to the lease which had now expired;
- b) the term of the lease should be a minimum of 30 years but the Parish Council would prefer a longer term if this was possible.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk convey the foregoing views to Mr J Houghton at the District Council.

4. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PLANNING CONSULTATION

Members were invited to inform the Clerk if they had any comments on the following three documents before the deadline date of 7th August 2017:-

- Local Green Spaces – Options
- Affordable Housing – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance
- Design Guidance – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance

The Vice-Chairman had kindly e-mailed the Clerk information on this documentation and the Clerk circulated a copy of the basic outline of proposals at the meeting.

5. DOCUMENTATION

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

- Crime Report – June 2017
- Clerk and Councils Direct
- Press Releases – South Derbyshire District Council
- 'What's On' – South Derbyshire and the National Forest
- Minutes of the Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on 6th April 2017

6. LITTER BINS

The Parish Council noted that the Clerk had added the two new litter bins to the All Risks part of the Parish Council's insurance policy. There would be no additional premium payable until the date of the next renewal.

7. FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Clerk reported the contents of a letter from the Honorary Treasurer of the PCC inviting the Parish Council to participate in a Flower Festival by decorating a window in the church. The Flower Festival would take place on 12th – 13th August 2017.

Participants would be able to raise their own funds by using a stall, etc. subject to a donation being made to the Church towards the cost of the event.

That, although not taking part directly, the Parish Council Members indicated that they would support organisations/individuals who were participating in the Flower Festival. The Clerk undertook to inform the Honorary Treasurer accordingly.

8. PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING – SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Parish Council noted that the next Parish Liaison Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 13th September 2017, at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber at Swadlincote.

9. HIGHWAY ISSUES

The Clerk circulated copies of e-mails between Joanna Lang and the Police and Crime Commissioner in respect of the introduction of traffic calming measures to help alleviate the problems of vehicles speeding through the village.

Ms Lang had invited the Parish Council to arrange a meeting with County Councillor P Murray and the Police and Crime Commissioner and residents of the village.

Councillor P Murray kindly undertook to contact Ms Lang direct with a view to examining all

options, including a possible site meeting. He would update the Parish Council at its next meeting.

10. FINANCE REPORT

The Report of the Clerk showing income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 30th June 2017, was submitted for information and noted.

11. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE – FLOOD LIAISON MEETING

The Clerk had circulated, for information, the notes of the South Derbyshire Flood Liaison Meeting held on 22nd June 2017. An Advisory Note on Japanese Knotweed had also been circulated.

Councillor A Leese reported that the District Council would be formally writing to the Parish Council inviting it to appoint a Flood Warden for the parish.

12. DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS’ LIAISON FORUM

The Parish Council noted the contents of a letter [copy circulated] from Councillor Carol Hart, Cabinet Member for Health and Communities. It invited Parish Councils to send representatives to a Liaison Forum to be held on 21st September 2017, at 6.00 pm at County Hall, Matlock.

The Vice-Chairman indicated that he hoped to be in a position to attend the meeting.

13. CONSULTATION – MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL PLAN PART 2

The Clerk had circulated a letter from the District Council inviting comments on the main modifications to the Local Plan Part 2. The closing date for comments was 18th August 2017.

Members were invited to inform the Clerk before the deadline date if they had any comments on the document.

14. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Vice-Chairman reported back on the Safer Neighbourhoods and Area Forum meetings held on 28th June 2017.

The minutes from both meetings would be circulated to Members in due course.

15. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor P Murray reported on changes to his committee responsibilities at South Derbyshire District Council.

16. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor P Murray reported that he had been appointed as the Support Member for Council Services. He referred to possible changes to the top management structure within the County Council.

Following a question from a Member, Councillor Murray undertook to update the Parish Council at its next meeting on proposals for the Children’s Centre.

17. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

18. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered the following planning application:-

9/2017/0491

Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of 2-storey 3 bedroomed house and detached garage
20 Mill Street

RESOLVED

That no objection be made to this planning application.

19. VILLAGE GREEN – MEMORIAL PLAQUE

RESOLVED

That authority be given to Mr R Pickering to raise the level of the memorial plaque on the Village Green and, at the same time, create a hook to facilitate the attachment of a wreath.

20. STORY HISTORY BOARD

A parishioner had suggested that a board depicting the history of the parish be erected on the Village Green.

Councillor Mrs S Campion undertook to ascertain more information to enable this matter to be given due consideration.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 4th September 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

[Chairman]