

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 19th June 2017, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

Present

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

District Councillor Mrs M Hall was also in attendance.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P Murray.

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 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	£
Trent Creative	➤ Printing [VAT £4.98]	29.90
Trent Creative	➤ Printing [VAT £3.11]	18.65
Zurich Municipal	➤ Insurance Premium	274.30

3. LITTER BINS

The Clerk reported that the two new litter bins had been delivered. Trelawn Services had been asked to install the bins at the same time as carrying out the repair work to the notice board.

4. PURCHASE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk had completed the application for submission to Awards for All for funding only to find the lease to the Recreation Ground had expired in 1996.

Following consultation with the Chairman, the District Council had been asked to start preparation of a new lease for consideration by the Parish Council.

As soon as the new lease was in place, the application for funding would be submitted to Awards for All.

5. DOCUMENTATION

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

- May Crime Report
- Press Releases – South Derbyshire District Council

6. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PLANNING CONSULTATION

The Parish Council noted that South Derbyshire District Council were consulting the public on the following three documents:-

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

Members noted details of ‘drop-in events’ being held throughout the District. The last date for comments was 7th August 2017.

7. DOG BINS AND STREAM MAINTENANCE

The Clerk circulated a letter from David Brookes [Coton Village in Bloom]. He made reference to the following:-

- a) Brook clearance
- b) Cutting back of two areas of grass adjacent to the brook
- c) Emptying of dog bins

The Clerk undertook to raise (a) and (b) with Trelawn and request that they take action to clear the brook and cut the two areas of grass referred to.

The situation regarding the dog bins would be monitored and, if necessary, the matter would be drawn to the District Council’s attention.

8. CUTTING BACK OF TREES

A parishioner had contacted the Chairman to request that the trees in the playing field adjacent to Church Street be cut back and their height reduced.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk arrange with Trelawn for the work to be carried out during late October/November.

9. FLOOD LIAISON MEETING

Councillor A Leese indicated that he would be representing the Parish Council at the next Flood Liaison Meeting to be held on 22nd June 2017.

10. FINANCE REPORT

The Report of the Clerk showing income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 31st May 2017, was received for information and noted.

11. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Vice-Chairman reported on his attendance at the Annual Meeting of South Derbyshire District Council on 25th May 2017.

12. SAVE OUR PRE-SCHOOL

The Clerk had circulated an e-mail from the staff and Committee of the pre-school requesting a donation from the Parish Council.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk inform the staff and Committee that the Parish Council is unable at the present time to make a donation to the pre-school.

13. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, congratulated Councillor Mrs Hall on being appointed as Vice-Chairman of the District Council for the ensuing year.

14. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

15. PUBLIC SESSION

No issues were raised by the public present at the meeting.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

17. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk undertook to bring the following matters to the attention of the County Council:-

- The need for the hedge to be cut back at 11 Church Street as it was overhanging the footpath.
- Gutters throughout the village required weed treatment, particularly those in New Road.
- Pot holes in Church Street required repair.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 24th July 2017, at 7.30 p.m.

[Chairman]