

## COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

### Present

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

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

### 1. MINUTES

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 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:-

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>£</b>
South Derbyshire District Council	➤ Lease – Recreation Ground	37.50
Trelawn Services	➤ Emptying litter bins [VAT £3.33]	19.99
The Clerk	➤ Postage [Reimbursement]	10.98
The Clerk	➤ Stationery [Reimbursement] [VAT £7.08]	42.47

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

The Clerk reported as follows:-

- The District Council had advised that the play equipment inspections were part of the Council's overall insurance policy and the cost could not be broken down for each site.
- Trelawn Services had indicated that maintenance of the site would cost the Parish Council £1,960.00 per annum, plus VAT.
- The District Council would allow the Parish Council to employ its own contractor provided that the site was maintained in accordance with the lease.
- The current agreement provided for the Parish Council to give three months notice to quit.

The Parish Council acknowledged that if eventually it was decided to enter into a new agreement with the District Council, it would have to be for a sufficiently long period [at least 21 years] to enable applications for grant funding to be made.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk seek clarification from the District Council as to what any new rent for the site was likely to be and whether the Authority would consider offering the land to the Parish Council on a peppercorn rent.

**4. COTON-IN-THE-ELMS WIDOWS/WIDOWERS AND OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION**

The Members noted that a letter of thanks had been received from this Association for the donation of £50.00 received from the Parish Council.

**5. DOCUMENTATION**

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

- Clerks and Councils Direct
- Time of Mobile Library Service
- Derbyshire Connect – Information Leaflet
- Safer Homes – Leaflet
- Crime Reports for November and December 2017
- Notes of the Parish Liaison Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**6. EXTERNAL AUDIT**

Members noted that PKF Littlejohn had been appointed as the Parish Council's external auditor for the period 2017 – 2022.

**7. AREA 6 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING AND LINTON AREA FORUM**

The Parish Council noted that the next meeting of Safer Neighbourhoods and the Forum would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre.

**8. BUS SERVICES**

The Clerk circulated an e-mail from the Clerk of Clifton Campville and Thorpe Constantine Parish Council regarding the withdrawal of local bus services due to Staffordshire County Council's decision to remove subsidy payments.

The e-mail referred to other alternatives being considered and it was:-

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk contact Clifton Campville Parish Council in an endeavour to obtain more information on alternative provision being proposed.

**9. ORCHARD WINDFALLS FUND - GRANT**

The Clerk circulated information on this grant fund. Successful applicants would receive fruit trees for planting during National Tree Week [24<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018].

**10. PRECEPT 2018 - 2019**

The Report of the Clerk on the precept for 2018-2019 was considered.

**RESOLVED**

That the Parish Council's precept for the 2018-2019 financial year be set at £6,775.00.

**11. FINANCE REPORT**

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

**12. SUMMER HOLIDAY PROVISION**

The Parish Council noted the contents of a letter and enclosures from the District Council regarding summer holiday provision from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk be authorised to book both the play mobile and sports mobile.

**13. COMMUNITY BUS SERVICES**

The Parish Council noted details of a letter from the Ashbourne Little Bus Company setting out information on community bus services in the South Derbyshire area. A copy of the information had been posted on the Parish Council's website.

**14. GRAFFITI REMOVAL**

The Clerk had circulated a letter from Derbyshire County Council on the use of Community Payback Teams to assist with graffiti removal and clean-up works.

**RESOLVED**

That the contents of the letter be noted.

**15. LOCAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VALIDATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Council noted the contents of a letter from Derbyshire County Council on a consultation exercise relating to the above. A copy of the letter had been circulated.

**16. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no reports to this meeting.

**17. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

The District Councillors were not present at the meeting.

**18. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

**19. PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**20. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

**21. CUTTING BACK OF HEDGEROWS – RECREATION GROUND**

**RESOLVED**

That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr A Hill for the splendid work he had carried out in cutting back the hedges on the Recreation Ground.

**22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at 7.00 pm.

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[Chairman]