

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 8th October 2018, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

Present

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Lees [Vice-Chairman] and A Leese.

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2018, be approved and signed as a correct record.

2. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED

That the payment included on the Agenda, together with the following additional payments, be authorised:-

Payee	Item	£
Trelawn Services	➤ Village Maintenance [August]	437.04 [VAT 72.84]
The Clerk	➤ Postage Reimbursement	8.08
South Derbyshire District Council	➤ Sports mobile, etc.	402.00 [VAT 67.00]
Reflex Print Shop	Printing	6.72 [VAT 1.12]

3. DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that Councillor A Leese was continuing to test the defibrillator to ensure it was functioning correctly. He had approached one company in Burton-on-Trent but the price they had quoted was too excessive. Councillor Leese was making alternative arrangements to get the kit tested and would update the Parish Council at its next meeting.

The Chairman indicated that Sam Towers had kindly indicated that she was prepared to arrange training on the use of the defibrillator in due course.

4. MEMORIALS – VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council discussed the options for providing small individual memorials in front of each of the recently planted trees on the Village Green in memory of those parishioners who had given their lives in the First World War.

Councillor Kinson indicated that he would source the metal stakes to go in the ground in front of each tree whilst the Clerk undertook to investigate the cost of producing six small brass plates, each one to include the name of a soldier. The brass plates would be attached to each of the metal stakes.

5. NOTICE BOARD

Councillor Kinson reported that he was obtaining a price for repairing the notice board on the Village Green. This would be sent to the Clerk in due course. The quote would include the options of either repairing the doors or providing new doors, in addition to arranging for the proper reinstatement of the board.

6. DOCUMENTATION

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

- Information from the Royal British Legion
- Clerks and Councils Direct
- Crime Reports – August and September
- Letter from Royal Mail regarding Scam Mail
- Sports Mobile, etc. - usage

7. GROW WILD SPACES COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Clerk reported details of the grant scheme which was designed to reclaim neglected and run down areas for the local community. Grants of between £2,000.00 and £4,000.00 were available for this purpose.

Any scheme should have the potential of reaching at least 300 people. The project would need to be delivered in co-ordination with one or more of the following groups:-

- Students and young people aged 18 – 25
- People living in urban areas
- People experiencing disadvantage and reduced access to services
- Adults less engaged with their community and environmental activities

The Clerk undertook to send a copy of the information to Councillor Mrs S Campion in respect of the Community Centre.

8. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports to this meeting.

9. FINANCE REPORT

The Report of the Clerk, showing income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 3rd September 2018, was submitted for information and noted.

10. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There were no District Councillors were present at the meeting.

11. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

12. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered the following planning application:-

9/2018/0971

Erection of a detached garage at Fallowfield Lodge, 12 Mill Street.

RESOLVED

That although not objecting to the planning application, the Parish Council would request the District Council to take account of the following:-

- the closeness of the development to the adjoining property;
- possible commercial use of the garage;
- drainage – problems had been experienced in the past with excessive amounts of water forming at the bottom of the drive.

14. PLAY EQUIPMENT

Councillor Mason reported that the damaged play equipment had been repaired by the District Council.

15. VILLAGE GREEN – ELM TREE

The Parish Council noted that a damaged elm tree on the Village Green may need replacing. The tree had received some remedial treatment by a tree surgeon but could pose a safety problem in the longer term.

The Clerk undertook to write to Coton in Bloom to seek their views on the matter.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 12th November 2018, at 7.00 pm.

[Chairman]