

## COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

### Present

Councillors M Kinson [in the Chair], Mrs S Campion and A Leese.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Bradford, Mrs K Bradford [Chairman] and A Lees [Vice-Chairman].

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

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was

#### **RESOLVED**

That Councillor M Kinson be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

### 2. MINUTES

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018, be approved and signed as a correct record.

### 3. PAYMENTS

#### **RESOLVED**

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

| <b>Payee</b>      | <b>Item</b>                     | <b>£</b>              |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Trelawn Services  | ➤ Village Maintenance [August]  | 437.04<br>[VAT 72.84] |
| The Clerk         | ➤ Postage Reimbursement         | 67.00                 |
| The Clerk         | ➤ Postage Reimbursement         | 8.08                  |
| The Clerk         | ➤ Stationery                    | 32.35<br>[VAT 5.39]   |
| Reflex Print Shop | Printing                        | 7.68<br>[VAT 1.28]    |
| The Clerk         | ➤ Laptop repair – Reimbursement | 25.00                 |

### 4. DEFIBRILLATOR

Councillor A Leese reported that Sam Towers had kindly agreed to co-ordinate the following:-

- the testing of the defibrillator;
- the installation of the cabinet;
- demonstration and training.

## **5. MEMORIALS – VILLAGE GREEN**

The Parish Council concurred that the plaques to be sited next to the memorial trees on the Village Green should contain the following information:-

- Name of Soldier
- Regiment
- Date of death
- Age

Councillor M Kinson had started to compile the information for inclusion on the plaque. Councillor A Leese indicated that he would approach Mr Norman Cruise to ascertain whether he could add to the information so far provided.

When all the information was available, the Clerk would arrange for 'Sports Trophies and Engraving' of Tamworth to prepare the plaques.

## **6. NOTICE BOARD – VILLAGE GREEN**

The Clerk reported that Mr RL Charlton of Netherseal had quoted £350.00 to repair the notice board. To replace the existing doors and provide a top-hung door with glass, hinges and stays would cost £425.00.

### **RESOLVED**

That Mr Charlton be informed that the Parish Council wish to proceed on the basis of a top-hung door at a total cost of £425.00.

## **7. VILLAGE GREEN – ELM TREE**

The Clerk reported the response of Coton-in-Bloom regarding the damaged elm tree on the Village Green. Members also noted the comments of Coton-in-Bloom in respect of the state of the brook.

### **RESOLVED**

- That for health and safety reasons, the Clerk arrange with Trelawn for the removal of the elm tree and the provision of a replacement tree.
- That Coton-in-Bloom be consulted on the type of replacement tree to be provided.
- That Trelawn Services be acquainted with the comments of Coton-in-Boom in respect of the village brook.

## **8. DOCUMENTATION**

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

- Linton Area Forum Papers – 18.10.18.
- Clerks and Councils Direct
- Royal British Legion - Update
- Crime Report – October 2018
- 'Derbyshire Now' Magazine

**9. PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL FORUM**

The County Council had advised that the next Forum meeting would be held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019, at 6.00 pm at County Hall, Matlock.

**10. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no reports to this meeting.

**11. DRAFT LOCAL GREEN SPACES PLAN**

The Parish Council noted the contents of a letter from the Planning Policy Officer at the District Council in respect of the above.

**12. FINANCE REPORT**

The Report of the Clerk, showing income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018, was submitted for information and noted.

**13. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Murray reported as follows:-

- a review was underway at the County Council in respect of improving Social Care and keeping children and adults safe. These areas were to be given maximum priority;
- Derbyshire Culture and Tourism was to be given more priority with a view to further expansion.

Other initiatives included the following:-

- improving people's life styles by investing in employment and skills;
- supporting local libraries;
- helping young children achieve a better quality of life in schools.

The Parish Council also noted the following:-

- £1.5 million was being made available to charitable organisations;
- a member of staff was being made available to assist clients with electronic universal credit submissions;
- more foster parents were needed in the county;
- a consultation exercise was underway on the local refuse collection service.

The Parish Council also noted that the County Council needed to find £18.5 million in savings in 2019/2020 and a further £17 million over the next five years.

**14. PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Parish Council considered the following planning application:-

99/2018/0991

Pruning of trees [covered by Tree Preservation Orders] at 1 and 1A Church Croft.

**RESOLVED**

That the District Council be informed that this Parish Council has no objection to the planning application subject to the Tree Officer being satisfied with the proposal.

**16. FLAG POLE**

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk send a letter to Mr Brian Wolfe for his splendid efforts in erecting a flag pole on the Village Green and also for the maintenance work he had carried out on the Green.

**17. TREE – VILLAGE GREEN**

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk request Trelawn Services to cut back and remove the ivy growing up the 'third tree in from Church Street'.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED**

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018, at 7.00 pm.

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[Chairman]