

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 3rd October 2016, 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] and A Leese.

District Councillors Mrs E Hall and P Murray and County Councillor K Lauro were also in attendance.

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2016, 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:-

Payee	Item	£
Mr PG Davies	➤ Postage reimbursement	10.56
Mr J Thompson	➤ Minor Footpath Maintenance	380.00
Linton Area Poppy Appeal	➤ Donation	45.00
Grant Thornton	➤ External Audit [VAT £20.00]	120.00

3. NATIONAL GRID

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from National Grid regarding the power line refurbishment from Drakelow Substation. The work had involved the replacement of fixtures and fittings at all 101 pylons along the 34 kilometre route and the upgrading of the circuit to a 400 kilovolt power rating.

National Grid had requested feedback on how the scheme was managed.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk arrange to complete the questionnaire giving positive feedback on the management of the project.

4. FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE – NATIONAL ARBORETUM

The Parish Council noted information in respect of the above.

Members also considered making a donation to the Linton Area Poppy Appeal.

RESOLVED

That a donation of £45.00 be made to the Linton Area Poppy Appeal.

5. LAND AT COALPIT LANE

The Parish Council considered the contents of a letter from Mr K Greatorex on behalf of the owners of land at Coalpit Lane. A copy of the letter had been circulated.

Members did not consider it appropriate to comment on possible uses of the land until such time as the access to the site and consequential improvements to Coalpit Lane had been completed. It might be possible, in due course, to accommodate allotments on the site but this would be dependent on the highway improvements being agreed and implemented.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk convey the foregoing views to Mr Greatorex.

6. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports to this meeting.

The Chairman reported that a Parish and Member Briefing would be held on the basics of Planning and Planning Enforcement on 5th October 2016, at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber at South Derbyshire District Council. The Vice-Chairman indicated that he hoped to attend the briefing.

7. FINANCE REPORT

The report of the Clerk showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 30th September 2016 was submitted for information and noted.

8. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Hall for arranging for the replacement of the 'Church Street' sign.

Councillor Mrs Hall reported that the Local Plan Part II would be reported to full Council in January and then sent to the Inspector. She undertook to send information on improved Broadband provision to the Chairman.

At this juncture, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public present to address the Parish Council.

Reference was made to nuisance and anti-social behaviour being caused by tenants of a property in New Road. Councillor P Murray undertook to visit concerned parishioners on 4th October 2016, with a view to arranging for appropriate action to be taken.

Residents also made reference to vehicles speeding in Coalpit Lane and using the entrance to the Queens Head to avoid oncoming vehicles. The owners had carried out remedial works on several occasions to refurbish the entrance to the carpark but this was being continually damaged by vehicles swerving onto the land to allow other vehicles to pass. Councillor K Lauro undertook to investigate what, if any, action could be taken by the County Council.

The Chairman duly reconvened the meeting.

Councillor P Murray referred to a charity sponsored cycle ride in January in which he would be participating to raise funds for a Prostate Cancer Charity. The route for the ride would

pass through Coton-in-the-Elms.

9. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor K Lauro reported that she had received information from the Clerk on highway visibility data relating to the overgrown bush at 4 Elms Road. She had brought the information to the attention of the responsible officers. She was continuing to pursue the matter and would update the Parish Council at its next meeting.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for consideration at the meeting.

11. MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Councillor A Leese was thanked for hosting this Coffee Morning on 1st October 2016, which had raised over £1,000.00.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 21st November 2016, at 7.30 p.m.

[Chairman]