

COTTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 1st June 2011 at the Village Hall Annexe, Berryfield Road, Cottingham, commencing at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT - Cllrs. Bowman (Chairman), Davies, Davison, Hudson, Swallow, Mrs. Irene Beadsworth, Ms Joanne Leaning, Ashworth, Riley (CBC), P.T.Taylor (Clerk), PCSO Nathan Murray and colleague, Mr, Chris Owen, Mrs. Anne Langer and partner.

1. **Apologies for Absence and Acceptance** - None.
2. **Declaration of Interest for Items on Agenda** - Cllr. Swallow declared an interest in Item 12(d).
3. **To Approve & Sign Minutes of Previous Meeting (11th May 2011)** - It was proposed by Cllr. Ashworth and seconded by Cllr. Davies that the minutes be accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meetings** - The Clerk referred to Action Sheet 10 and the need to act with urgency on -
 - i) Quotes for Tree Works
 - ii) Co-option of Councillor
 - iii) Arrange new Mandate
5. **Constabulary Matters** - PCSO Nathan Murray reported on recent crimes in the area including -
 - i) Theft of scrap metal
 - ii) Suspicious characters
 - iii) Domestic Issues
6. **Public Participation** -

At this point the Chairman opened the meeting for public participation

Mrs. Langer addressed the Parish Council and asked why the precept had increased by 5.69%. She commented on Cottingham's higher level of expenditure compared with Middleton P.C. and to her decision to write to Corby Borough Council and the Department of Communities & Local Government on the matter. The Chairman explained that the Borough Council intended to bill the Parish Council for

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£1,570.72 in respect of the anticipated 5th May 2011 election. The Parish Council agreed to include £1,000.00 in its precept requirement to part fund the election. There were insufficient candidates standing and it did not take place. If it had not been necessary to include the £1,000.00 the precept requirement would have been £881.00 less than the previous year (2010/2011).

Mrs. Langer accepted the explanation but questioned whether all precept monies recovered from residents matched that requested by the Parish Council. Borough Councillor Riley agreed to pursue. BR

Mrs. Langer then referred to the problem of speeding in Corby Road. Cllr. Davies stated that the Council was currently working with the Highways Authority in efforts to combat it.

Mr. Chris Owen referred to the expansion of a variety of wild flowers in The Dale and drew attention to the effect on wildlife if hedge laying was to take place.

Cllr. Bob Riley reported on the possible availability of funding from Grantscape and Wren to support replacement fencing in The Dale.

It was agreed that arising from a site meeting with Mrs. D. Spalding a letter be sent to her outlining the action to be taken by the Council to deal with her concerns relating to the condition of the fences in The Dale. Clerk

At this point the chairman closed the meeting for public participation

7. **Youth Matters/Youth Club** - No report.

8. **Planning** -

a) **Reports from Planning Committee Meetings** - 25th May 2011 - 7 School Lane (Ref 11/00175/DPA) - Change front bay window to full walk-in with canopy - agreed to support application.

b) **Rockingham Road Development - Update** - Cllr. Davies presented his report which referred to the removal of only certain items (e.g. mobile home) and to the meeting due to take place on 2nd June 2011 at the Borough Council to consider the next legal steps to be taken.

9. **Highways, Footpaths, Road Safety & Transport**

a) **Report from Cllr. Davies** - The councillor commented on the proposals to move the 30 m.p.h. signs in Corby Road, hatching signs in the highways (narrowing) and the re-instatement of the show sign at the Millfield turn.

b) **Blocking of Public Footpath** - The Clerk referred to a letter to the occupier of 15 Rockingham Road asking for the footpath to be cleared. This had not been done and it was agreed that the matter be referred to Highways and the police. Clerk

9. Highways, Footpaths, Road Safety & Transport (continued)

c) Pot Holes in Church Street - Cllr. Hudson asked Borough Councillor Riley to pursue with MGWSP/NCC the unsatisfactory completed works

10. Representational Matters -

a) Quality Council Status to be followed up with Chief Executive of NCALC. **Clerk**

b) Village Plan Monitoring - ongoing.

c) Land Rear Council Owned Garage - Cllr. Hudson agreed to obtain a rough estimate for work to shore up the council owned land. **GH**

d) Review of Procedures - The Clerk informed the Council that the Health & Safety procedure would be circulated for comment during June 2011. **Clerk**

e) Diamond Jubilee Celebration - It was agreed to obtain costings for the event and a sub group was set up -

i) Cllr. Mrs. Irene Beadsworth

ii) Cllr. Owen Davison

iii) Cllr. Geof Hudson

11. Village Maintenance - Schedule 2011 now in use and will be made available to councillors. Clerk

12. Finance -

a) To pass a resolution to approve payments to be made as per Schedule circulated

<u>No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount(£)</u>
1008	Santander	Contrib to Gratuity	1,500.00
1009	Cott/Midd VHMC	Hall Hire 6/13/20 April 2011	16.50
1010	Steve Morphy	Mowing etc (£240) The Dale (£194)	434.00

The Parish Council resolved that the above payments be made.

b) Balances were given as -

(Gratuity) Santander £20,452.51

12. Finance (continued)

Investment Account £22,508.44

Current Account £789.55

c) Income Received - None.

d) Shares in Village Shop - The Council discussed at length the issue and agreed to support the purchase of shares under Section 137 Local Govt Act 1972. It was proposed by Cllr. Davison and seconded by Cllr. Hudson that the sum of £600.00 (six hundred pound) be invested. A show of hands resulted in 6 in favour, 1 against with 1 abstention.

The Council recorded its thanks and appreciation to Cllr. Swallow for his dedication in bringing the project to fruition.

e) Clerk's Gratuity - The Clerk advised the Council that there was likely to be a surplus of approximately £200.00 at 31st March 2012 when comparing entitlement with deposit held.

f) Annual Return - It was agreed that this be approved subject to scrutiny by Chairman and two councillors.

13. Recreation Ground - The Chairman drew attention to the Summer Fete (16th July 2011) and asked councillors to support the Parish Council's stand. **All**

14. The Dale -

a) Tree Work in Village - See Item 4.

b) To consider Condition of Fencing - Discussed in Public Participation.

15. Correspondence Received - None made available.

16. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 6th July 2011.

Signed a true record -

_____ (Chairman)

_____ (Clerk)

_____ (Date)

