

COTTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Action

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3rd November 2010 at the Village Hall Annexe, Berryfield Road, Cottingham commencing at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT – Cllrs Bowman (Chairman), Ashworth, Muir, Swallow, Hudson, Heggs (NCC/CBC), Chris Vickers (Police), P.T.Taylor (Clerk), Mrs. Suzanne Preston (Neighbourhood Pride Officer), Mr. Jon Dixon (Tree Warden).

1. Apologies for Absence & Acceptance were received from Cllrs Mrs. Pam Moore, Mrs. Irene Beadsworth and Davies and were accepted.
2. Declaration of Interest for Items on Agenda – Cllr Muir declared an interest in Item 11.
3. To Approve & Sign Minutes of Previous Meeting (6th October 2010) – It was proposed by Cllr Muir and seconded by Cllr Ashworth that the minutes be accepted as a true record.
4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (Information Only) – With reference to Item Oct 9(a) the Clerk reported that he had arranged for the flowers and card to be sent and Cllr Mrs.Irene Beadsworth had expressed her appreciation. The problem of dog fouling in the churchyard (Item Oct 2010 10d) had been referred to the Neighbourhood Warden.
14. Constabulary Matters – The officer reported on cases of fraud, theft and public order offences. The meeting was advised of a scam involving burglar alarms associated with the Metropolitan Police.
5. Public Participation –

At this point the Chairman opened the meeting for public participation

Mrs. Suzanne Preston was welcomed back by the Chairman. The officer outlined her new role and referred to the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme (Mr. James McCabe).

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13. The Dale (Part) – The Chairman welcomed Mr. Jon Dixon to the meeting. Mr. Dixon presented his report which covered –
- a) Parish Tree Survey (cost £600.00)
 - b) Work to trees opposite memorial bench
 - c) Suspension of Conservation Area by Corby Borough Council
 - d) New Planting
 - e) Proposed priority of above
- Mr. Dixon was thanked for his efforts. (continued)
6. Youth Club/Youth Matters – Cllr Swallow reported on the progress in securing accommodation in the village shop and on the utilisation of the £7,500.00 grant
7. Planning –
- a) Report from Planning Committee Meeting – The committee had met earlier in the evening to consider application 10/00367/RUC. This referred to the removal of Condition 1 of planning permission on land @ Ashley Road, Middleton. The committee refused to support the application. The data in respect of population levels and active odour was considered incorrect and misleading.
 - b) Conservation Area Review – nothing to report.
 - c) Rockingham Road Development – unlikely to be any movement until March 2011.
8. Highways, Footpaths, Road Safety & Transport – nothing to report.
9. Representational Matters –
- a) Quality Council Status – A meeting of the Working Party has been arranged for Tuesday 16th November 2010.
 - b) Village Plan – Monitoring – nothing to report.
 - c) Welcome Pack - nothing to report.
 - d) Meetings, Conferences, Seminars attended by councillors and Clerk – The Clerk

9. Representational Matters (continued)

discussed the events with particular reference to –

- i) Emergency Planning (Thrapston 7th October 2010) – A guide would be made available to councillors in order to consider its future use. Clerk
- ii) SLCC Conference (Durham 14th-17th October 2010) – The highlights included Mr. Michael Portillo’s presentation on “The Big Society” and on “localism”. The Chief Executive of National Council for Voluntary Organisations discussed the increasing importance of the third sector and emphasis was placed on the Equality Act 2010. The Clerk had the opportunity to raise specific points with SLCC legal advisor concerning parking on roadside verges and camping in The Dale.
- e) Rural Area Forum – Arising from adverse comments concerning the benefits to the Parish Councils, an informal meeting of Chairmen and Clerks was held on 22nd October 2010 at the Hatton Arms, Gretton. Matters discussed included the non attendance of County Council representatives, lack of response to correspondence and presentations which proved very time consuming. The issue of the appointment of a deputy chairman was discussed with a view that the appointment should be a parish council chairman.
- f) Sale of Land Rear Council Owned Garages – still awaiting a response from Corby Borough Council.

10. Village Maintenance –

- a) Schedule of Work 2010 – Action is being taken to deal with items on Schedule. Clerk

11. Finance –

- a) To pass a Resolution to approve payments to be made as per Schedule circulated –

11. Finance (continued)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount(£)</u>
974	BDO LLP	Ext Audit 2009/10	158.63
975	Cott/Mid VHMC	Hall Hire 1 st & 22 nd Sept 2010	16.50
976	Steve Morphy	Village Maintenance	275.00
977	Desboro' Baptist	Photocopying	11.68

The Parish Council resolved that the above payments be made.

b) Balances were given as –

(Gratuity) Alliance & Leicester Account	£18,942.83
90 Day Account	£370.60
Investment Account	£10,037.44
Current Account	£267.64

c) Income Details – None.

d) Precept 2011/2012 – The Clerk asked councillors to consider the precept requirement for discussion at the December 2010 meeting.

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12. Recreation Field – None.

13. The Dale (continued) – Further to Minute 2nd June 2010 (13a), Cllr Hudson informed the Council that he had been unable to find an alternative tenderer.

15. Correspondence Received & Comments Raised –

- Minutes – Gretton Parish Council (13th September 2010)
- Minutes – Weldon Parish Council (4th October 2010)
- Information on Speeding (PC 328 Nichola Murray)
- Report from Wildlife Trust re. The Dale Pocket Park
- CPRE “Outlook” (Autumn 2010)
- Harborough District – Core Strategy Publication Version
- Northants Police Authority “Have Your Say”
- Local Council Review (Autumn 2010)
- “Pocketeer” (Autumn/Winter 2010)

16. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 1st December 2010.

Signed a true record –

_____ (Chairman)

_____ (Clerk)

_____ (Date)