

ELMTON WITH CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 22 October 2015
in the Cavendish Room, Social Centre, Creswell

Present: Cllr. D. McGregor (Chairperson)
P.Colbert, E. Glassey, C. Gilfillan, K. Jones, N. Sanders, S. Smith, R. Turner
and J. Wells.

In Attendance: R. Nunn (Clerk/RFO)
W. Elliott (Consultant/Funding Officer), H. Hankinson (Clerical Assistant).

Press: None present.

Police: PCSO Matt Wardle and a PC from Nottingham Constabulary.

Public: One.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jenny Street, managing director of Langwith Rhubarb Farm, attended the meeting to give an overview of the activities at the farm. Rhubarb Farm is a horticultural enterprise aimed at supporting people with long term needs to improve their health, opportunities and life chances through volunteering on the land. She informed the Council that new land close to Creswell was going to be used and expressed her hope for partnership working in Elmton and Creswell for the benefit of the local people.

Cllr. McGregor thanked Jenny for attending, wishing her good luck with the venture.

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. Clifton and P. Richardson.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made.

Min no: 78 Planning – Cllr. D. McGregor - Level 1

72. MOTIONS TO VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no motions to vary.

73. BOLSOVER POLICE REPORT

PSCO Matt Wardle informed the Committee that crime in general is low however there had been a recent spate of motor cycle thefts and break-ins. Matt informed the Committee that the Police would no longer be providing actual crime figure to the meetings but that they could be viewed on the website.

74. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr. McGregor reported on the following:

- The huge success of the Bolsover District Council Brass Band event.
- An overview of the efforts being made to tidy up parts of the Model Village.
- Reported that he and the Clerk had met with Big Local to identify priority areas for the new litter picker having regard to the litter picking schedules received from Bolsover District Council.
- The consultation period for the local plan emphasising for local needs to be taken into account. A public meeting is to be held at the Social Centre on the 12 November 2015.

75. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

- Cllr. McGregor reported on the situation regarding Fracking in that no licence has yet been issued in Derbyshire.

In response to a question to progress on the proposed new Health Centre Cllr. McGregor reported that the matter had been raised in the House of Commons by Dennis Skinner MP and that a letter had also been received from NHS Properties Limited indicating that progress was still slow but ongoing.

76. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 September 2015 were agreed as a correct record subject to an amendment to item 58 which should include "It was agreed that the Clerk write to the police requesting if possible a more regular attendance at the meetings".

Cllr. Turner moved, seconded by Cllr. Smith that the minutes be approved. **Motion Carried**

77. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To Approve the Financial Statement for September 2015

The financial statement was discussed and the Clerk gave an overview of the figures.

Cllr. McGregor approved, seconded by Cllr. Smith that the accounts be approved. **Motion Carried**

b) Accounts for Payments

Cllr. Smith moved, seconded by Cllr. Turner that the applications for October 2015 payments be approved. **Motion Carried**

78. PLANNING

There were no issues raised regarding the following planning applications.

15/00479/TCON – Work to trees in Church yard, Creswell.

15/00491/TCON – Removal of trees at Elm Tree Farm, Elmtun.

15/00483/FUL – Single storey extension on Maple Drive, Creswell.

14/00402/FUL – Erection of conservatory, West Street, Creswell.

15/00265/FUL – Erection of wall and fence, 2 Mansfield Road, Creswell.

79. Grit Bins

The Council agreed that no further grit bins be purchased and that the existing grit bin be retained at the Social Centre.

80. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read out by the Clerk:

i) East Midland Autism

A request had been receive from the East Midlands Autism Society asking for free room hire for an event. The request was agreed. **Clerk**

ii) Ryan Holmes Memorial Fund

A letter had been received from the above thanking the Council for its support.

iii) Wood Avenue Residents Association

A request for free room hire has been received from Wood Avenue Residents Association for their Christmas Party. This was agreed. **Clerk**

iv) Big Local

An email had been received from Big Local stating that they had recently agreed a small grant for the Cricket Club. They were asking if they could put a plaque in the changing rooms to publicise their financial support. The Council refused this request.

81. SOCIAL CENTRE MENUS (From Management Committee Meeting)

Cllr. Glassey raised the matter of the lack of marketing material for the Social Centre and in particular promoting it as a wedding venue. It was agreed that existing material be put on display and that Mrs Watson be asked to gather together material from other venues to be brought back for consideration at the November meeting.

82. GAMING MACHINE

Following discussion at the Management Committee meeting on 14 October 2015 the Parish Council were asked whether it was financially viable to continue with the gaming machine in the Social centre. It was agreed that due to the poor financial gain received that the machine be removed.