

ELMTON WITH CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 23 April 2015
in the Cavendish Room, Social Centre, Creswell

Present: Cllr. R. Glassey (Chairperson)
Cllrs. D. McGregor, E. Glassey, R. Turner, P. Colbert and J. Clifton.

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

Press: None present.

Bolsover Police: PCSO Matt Wardle.

Public: 1 member of the public present.

150. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked if the floodlights at the Bowling Club were ever used. Cllr. R. Glassey confirmed that the floodlights were installed to encourage evening matches, but these as yet have not been established. He agreed that more use should be made of the lights and people should be encouraged to use the facilities.

Thanks were also given to the Council for the new litter bin installed near the Library.

151. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C. Gilfillan, P. Richardson, N. Sanders and S. Smith.

152. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made.

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153. MOTIONS TO VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Item no.14 to be discussed under Exempt.

154. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Wardle stated that there had been 10 reported crimes in April compared with 4 in April 2014. He reported that the police did have suspects for the current crimes.

He also reported that a recent affray in the village had resulted in two people being charged and eight being banned from public houses in the area. PCSO Wardle also stated that this action had been assisted by the Pub Watch meetings.

The Chairperson explained that the Council had received a letter from Big Local complaining about anti-social behaviour by older children in the play areas. PCSO Wardle agreed to include the play areas as part of routine patrols.

155. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr. McGregor reported on the following:

- Concerns regarding the dumping of rubbish in the Model Village area had been raised with Welbeck and Streetscene were now waiting for instructions to remove.
- Ownership of the Police building in Creswell is being pursued by Bolsover District Council.

- It was anticipated that a planning application for the new Health Centre would be submitted within the next six weeks and if approved construction could start in August later this year.

156. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr. McGregor reported on the following:

- Additional funding had been agreed for the County Archives.
- Funding had been agreed for a pre-school nursery new build expansion.
- The extent of financial cuts to the Police Service - the Police and Crime Commissioner had given assurances that services to the public would not be affected.

157. OPEN SPACES REPORT

Cllr. Glassey gave a verbal open spaces report. There were no serious areas of concern.

158. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on held 26 March 2015 were agreed as a correct record. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Turner that the minutes be approved.

Motion Carried

159. FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) To Approve the Financial Statement for March 2015

The Clerk/RFO presented a year end financial statement pointing out that it had not been adjusted for year end creditors and debtors. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. E. Glassey that the statement be approved.

Motion Carried

ii). Approval for Payments.

The application for April's payments was approved. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Turner that the accounts be paid.

Motion Carried

iii) Annual Risk Assessment.

The Clerk presented the Annual Financial Risk Assessment report which identified the control measures in place and asked the Council to consider whether these were still appropriate.

Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Turner that the report be approved. **Motion Carried.**

160. PLANNING

There were no planning applications.

161. REVISED ALLOTMENT RULES FOR APPROVAL

The Council received a set of draft revised Allotment Association Rules and Regulations. After due consideration and discussion the Council decided that there were several areas which required further clarification and refinement.

162. MARKLAND COMMUNITY EVENT

The Council had previously considered that the Netball event scheduled for the 18 July could be expanded to become a Community Day event. After considering several issues, but in particular potential car parking problems, it was decided that a better alternative would be to hold a totally separate Community Day event sometime during August. The Clerk to communicate this decision to the Netball Tournament organisers and also to the Big Local who had offered to assist with the event.

Clerk

163. SOCIAL CENTRE MUSIC EVENTS (Management Meeting)

Cllr. E. Glassey reported that all necessary arrangements were in place for the music event on 25 April. She asked whether consideration should be given to planning a series of events over the next 12 months perhaps on a quarterly basis. It was decided that the success of the event on 25 April be assessed before any future events were planned.

164. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) A request had been received from Big Local requesting free room hire for an event on the 9 September 2015, which supports increased apprenticeship opportunities for local people. It was agreed that room hire would be waived for this event, however confirmation of the date and time would be required from the Social Centre Manager to avoid potential conflict with other events.
Approved/Action Clerk
- ii) A letter had been received from the Police and Crime commissioner from Derbyshire in response to a letter sent by the Clerk in relation to the proposed closure of the Creswell Police building. The letter highlighted the level of savings the Police Service had already been subjected to and that the priority was to protect police officer numbers wherever possible. The Police Commissioner re-iterated that he expected the standard of service to remain high. The Council noted the response but expressed disappointment that the issue of prior consultation had not been addressed.