

ELMTON WITH CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 24 July 2014
in the Cavendish Room, Social Centre, Creswell

Present: Cllr. R. Glassey (Chairperson)
Cllr. D. McGregor (Vice-Chairperson)
Cllrs. R. Turner, E. Glassey, J. Clifton (until 4.15pm), P. Colbert and S. Smith.

In Attendance: R. Nunn (Clerk/RFO)

Press: None present.

Bolsover Police: P.C. Martyn Whyte

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present.

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Gilfillan, P. Richardson and C. Hearnshaw.

Cllr. Colbert wished to express his concern about the recording of apologies for non-attending Councillors.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made.

Min no.37 :	Cllr. D. McGregor	Level 1
	Cllr. R. Turner	Level 1

36. MOTIONS TO VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

37. CRESWELL LEISURE FACILITIES

Cllr. Anne Syrett and Lee Hickin (Leisure Officer) attended the meeting to outline the proposal to cease activities at Creswell Leisure Centre. They emphasised that the proposal is at an early stage with public consultation to take place in early August. The proposal involves the transfer of services to Clowne into new facilities and is based on the fact that Creswell Swimming baths requires £300,000 investment over the next 5 years and incurs annual running costs of £160,000. The utilisation rate at Creswell Swimming baths is very high at 95% and provides little scope for expansion of activities. Councillors asked a number of questions seeking clarification about the proposal and in particular confirmation that the responses received as part of the consultation process would be taken into account when final decisions were made. A question was raised regarding the timescale of the proposal should it go ahead. Cllr. Syrett stated that there is a 'calling-in process' under the Scrutiny Procedures of the District Council, if this item is 'called-in' the process of consultation will be delayed. Cllr. Syrett also stated that during discussion at Bolsover District Council local members had forcibly expressed their opposition to the proposal.

38. POLICE REPORT

The Council received details on crime statistics compared with last year which showed a reduction of 19%. Cllr. McGregor asked if more up to date detection rates/arrests information could be provided.

The police representative, having listened to the discussion under Item 37 expressed a view that the closure of the Leisure Centre would be detrimental to efforts to reduce anti-social behaviour in the village.

39. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr. McGregor gave an update drawing particular attention the fact that crossing patrols could be hit by savings targets. The Council expressed their concern at this.

40. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

The Bolsover District Council report concentrated mainly on the proposed closure of the Leisure Centre discussed earlier on the agenda. The Parish Council were keen to register their opposition to the proposed closure and to actively campaign against the closure. A number of suggestions were made including circulating a news sheet, contacting local media and writing to various partners and local organisations.

41. DELEGATE REPORTS – OPEN SPACES

The following issues were raised. Cllr McGregor requested that the flower troughs at the front of the Social Centre be raised up and fastened to the railings. **ACTION CLERK**

Cllr. McGregor asked if any progress had been made in procuring stone boulders to be positioned next to the former lay by on Sheffield road. The Clerk responded that contact had been made with the quarry but felt that more progress could be made if Cllr. McGregor contacted the quarry. The Clerk agreed to provide contact details to Cllr. McGregor. **ACTION CLERK**

The Clerk reported that he had located a company in Retford who could apply the protective coating to the Parish Council's two new paintings. He had earmarked this as a "rainy day job" for the maintenance team to take the paintings to Retford. **ACTION CLERK**

Cllr. McGregor asked what was being done about the Skinner street entrance gates to the East Street playing field. The Clerk reported that he was seeking quotes to enable the work to be done. **ACTION CLERK**

42. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Parish Council – 26 June 2014

Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. E. Glassey that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2014 were approved subject to amending Item 19 to include "it was agreed that the Parish Council would commit resources to opposing the closure". **APPROVED**

Management Committee – 9 July 2014

Cllr. E Glassey, moved by Cllr. R. Glassey that the minutes of the Management Committee held on 9 July 2014 were a true record. **APPROVED**

Audit Committee – 9 July 2014

Cllr. S Smith moved, seconded by E Glassey that the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 9 July 2014 were a true record. **APPROVED**

43. FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) To Approve the Financial Statement for May 2014

The Clerk presented the financial statement for June answering several questions about variances. Cllr. McGregor proposed, seconded by Cllr. Glassey that the accounts be approved. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ii). **APPROVAL FOR PAYMENTS.**

The application for payments was circulated to members and Cllr. D. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. R. Turner that these accounts be paid. **APPROVED**

44. PLANNING

There were no planning applications.

45. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.