

ELMTON WITH CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 24 September 2015
in the Cavendish Room, Social Centre, Creswell

Present: Cllr. D. McGregor (Chairperson)
P.Colbert, E. Glassey, 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: None present

Public: Two persons present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representation was made on behalf of the Clowne Community Association and the Countryside Access Group to express their disappointment and to ask the Council for clarification as to why it had opposed the recent proposal to widen the existing footpath on the A 616, Clowne to Creswell to provide a shared cycle/pedestrian route.

Cllr. McGregor responded by saying that the major concern around the proposal related to safety issues particularly for pedestrians.

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J. Clifton, C. Gilfillan, K. Jones and P. Richardson.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made.

Min no: 61 Planning – R. Turner Level 1
 Planning – D. McGregor Level 1
 Contract with Big Local – J. Wells Level 1

55. MOTIONS TO VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

56. BOLSOVER LOCAL AREA CO-ORDINATION – Marie Billyeald

Marie Billyeald (Service Manager for Prevention for D.C.C.) gave an overview of an initiative to build resilience into local communities and reduce the need and demand for formal services.

A co-ordinator's post is being created and will be based in Creswell with the aim of supporting people with disabilities, those with mental health needs, older people and their families/carers. Interviews will take place in November to appoint to the new position.

57. SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN CRESWELL – Lee Hickin

Lee Hickin (Assistant Director of Leisure Services BDC) attended the meeting to outline how he would like to use Creswell as part of a pilot scheme to encourage and increase participation in sport. Mr Hickin asked if the Parish Council would support this initiative and would return to a future meeting with more detailed proposals including suggestions into how the Parish Councils sports coach could be involved. Following discussion the Parish Council agreed that they were fully supportive of Mr Hickin's aims and objective.

58. BOLSOVER POLICE REPORT

There were no police present. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the police requesting, if possible, a more regular attendance at the meetings. **Clerk**

Cllr. Glassey raised concerns about the lack of lighting at Queen's Court and Cllr. McGregor agreed to discuss this further after the meeting.

59. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 July 2015 were agreed as a correct record. Cllr. Turner moved, seconded by Cllr. Glassey that the minutes be approved. **Motion Carried**

60. FINANCIAL MATTERS**a) To Approve the Financial Statement for August 2015**

The financial statement was discussed and the Clerk gave an overview of the figures. Cllr. Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr. Turner that the accounts be approved. **Motion Carried**

b) Accounts for Payments

Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Glassey that the applications for September 2015 payments be approved. **Motion Carried**

The Clerk reported that the Council's Insurers had proposed a new 3 year agreement up to 2018 at a very favourable rate.

Cllr. McGregor proposed, seconded by Cllr. Glassey that the proposal be accepted.

d) Audited Accounts 2014/15

The Clerk reported that the Council's 2014/15 Annual financial statements had been approved by the external auditors with an unqualified audit opinion.

61. PLANNING

There were no issues raised regarding the following planning applications.

15/00322/FUL – Two extensions to side, 19 Linden Road, Creswell.

15/004543/ELEC – Overhead line at Spring Lane, Elmton – Western Power.

62. CORRESPONDENCE**i) SAFFA**

A request had been received from SAFFA for financial assistance. After discussion it was agreed that because SAFFA is a National Organisation the request be turned down. **Clerk**

ii) Infant School Letter of Thanks

A letter of thanks had been received from the Infant School for the Council's gift of free vouchers for Creswell Craggs.

iii) Tennis Coaching

A request had been received for the free use of Markland for a 6 week period in an attempt to establish a tennis club. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Glassey that the proposal be supported. **Clerk**

iv) DCC – Children’s Centre Request for Funding

The Council agreed that they would allow free use of the Social Centre for the Christmas event.

Clerk

v) Tai Chi

The Clerk read out a letter from the Tai Chi group thanking the Council for their ongoing support.

63. TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MINERS WREATH – 65th Anniversary

Cllr. McGregor confirmed that a wreath had now been purchased, paid for out of his Chairman’s allowance. The wreath would be laid at the miner’s memorial on behalf of the Parish Council following a service on Sunday the 27 September.

64. TO CONSIDER ADVERTS TO FUND COSTS OF NEWSLETTER

A discussion took place about whether the parish council should explore the possibility of paying for the Parish newsletter from external advertising. It was agreed that the Clerk look into the possibilities and report back to a future meeting.

Clerk