

ELMTON WITH CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 25 June 2015
in the Portland Room, Social Centre, Creswell

Present: Cllr. D. McGregor (Chairperson)
Cllrs. J.Clifton (left 5.30pm), P.Colbert, C. Gilfillan, E. Glassey (left 4.30pm),
R. Turner (left 4.30pm) and J. Wells and K. Jones.

In Attendance: R. Nunn (Clerk/RFO)
W. Elliott (Consultant/Funding Officer)

Press: None present.

Police: Inspector Frank Burns

Public: None present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. P Richardson, N. Sanders and S. Smith.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made.

Min no: 25	Planning	Cllrs. D. McGregor – Level 1
Min No: 31 (i)	Big Local	Cllr. J. Wells – Level 1

19. MOTIONS TO VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

20. POLICE REPORT

Cllr. McGregor introduced Inspector Frank Burns who was attending the meeting to explain the rationale behind the closure of Creswell Police Box and also recent staff changes. The Parish Council agreed in principle to the proposed use of the Social Centre by the Police and a list of times when the building is occupied would be sent to Inspector Burns so that he would be able to see whether the times the police would require the building could be accommodated. **Clerk**

Inspector Burns answered a number of questions about the new staffing arrangements and reassured the Parish Council that there would not be a reduction in Police presence in the village.

21. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr. McGregor reported that there was still no news with regards to the new Health Centre. The Council wrote to Dennis Skinner MP following the last meeting but as yet no reply has been received. **Cllr. McGregor**

22. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr. McGregor reported that there were no specific issues to report.

23. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 May 2015 were agreed as a correct record. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Glassey that the minutes be approved subject to the following amendment to item 8 – the minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on April 15 should read “Cllr. Glassey moved, seconded by Cllr. Gilfillan”. **Motion Carried**

24. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To Approve the Financial Statement for May 2015

The financial statement was discussed and the Clerk gave an overview of the figures. Cllr. McGregor proposed, seconded by Cllr. Glassey that the accounts be approved.

Motion Carried

b). Accounts for Payments

The application for June’s payments was approved.

Approved

Following receipt of an invoice backdated 3 years for the maintenance of Wollen meadows it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Derbyshire County Council querying why the invoice had only just been received and the level of service provided.

Clerk

Following the success of the recent ‘Whizzkid’ band event it was agreed that this be placed on the agenda for the July meeting for further discussion as to holding such events on a more frequent basis.

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c). Nationwide Investment

The Clerk/RFO reported that the One year fixed rate investment with the Nationwide terminates in August. It was agreed that he clerk report back to the July meeting with options for further investment. All were in agreement.

Clerk

d). Photocopier Replacement

Following constant issues with the current office photocopier the Clerk explained that he had looked into the cost of replacing with a colour machine and as this would work out cheaper in the long run he asked members to consider going ahead with this. Cllr. Glassey moved, seconded by Cllr. Gilfillan that a new copier be leased.

25. PLANNING

There were no issues raised regarding the following planning applications.

15/00224/FUL – Demolition of rear Porch, 2 The Square, Elmton.

15/00184/FUL - 4 New detached dwellings, Laburnham Close, Creswell

26. BDC SUSTAINABILITY SCOPING REPORT

Cllr. McGregor explained that details regarding the report had been received from BDC who were seeking people’s views. If anyone had any views or ideas they contact the Clerk who would pass on to Bolsover.

27. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Cllr. Colbert raised concerns over the lack of information now being issued to new Councillors. He suggested that all members may wish to look at the website CPALC - www.cpalc.org.uk, which he felt was very informative and helpful in the role and duties of a Councillor.

28. APPROVAL OF PROTOCOL FOR THE RECORDING OF MEETINGS

In line with the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act the Clerk had previously circulated a procedure document for approval. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Turner that the document be approved. **Motion Carried**

Following a discussion regarding the recording of meetings by the Parish Council Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Gilfillan that the purchase of recording equipment should go ahead. A show of hands was given, 2 members against. **Motion Carried**

29. AMENDED STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk confirmed that the current Standing Orders have been amended to reflect the Protocol for Recording Meetings and an updated version would be circulated to members in due course.

30. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Cllr. Colbert raised concerns over the amount of litter around the village and suggested that the Council need to adopt a long term plan as to how it can improve the environment. Cllr. McGregor confirmed that BDC were still looking at the street cleaning staffing re-structure. He agreed with Cllr. Colbert regarding a long term plan but that finances would need to be looked at. Cllr. Wells suggested that Big Local may possibly help in sharing the funding of a Street Operative and that they be contacted. Following discussion Cllr. McGregor moved that a letter be sent to Big Local with the Councils proposal. All in agreement **Clerk/Agenda**

31. CORRESPONDENCE

i) Big Local – Summer Soccer Camp

The Sports Coach had been successful in obtaining a grant which would fund equipment requirements for the events and that financial assistance from Big Local was not required on this occasion.

ii) DCC Street Lighting

Derbyshire County Council has written asking for feedback from members as to any areas around the village that would benefit from street lighting. Any suggestions to be passed to the Clerk before the next meeting in July. **Agenda**

iii) Payback Team

A letter had been received from the Derbyshire Payback Team requesting suggestions from the Council of any projects around the village that they could assist with. Any suggestions to be discussed at the July meeting. **Agenda**

iv) Creswell Dance

A letter had been received from the Creswell Dance Group thanking the Council for its help and financial support over the years. The group have recently disbanded and all proceeds left over will be donated to the Nottingham and Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

v) Bridleway

An organisation in Clowne are looking to make the footpath along Border Lane and Oxcroft Lane between Elmton and Clowne into a public bridleway and have written to the Parish Council asking if they have any objections to this. There were no objections to the request. **Clerk to inform Group**