

ELMTON WITH CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 26 February 2015
in the Cavendish Room, Social Centre, Creswell

Present: Cllr. D. McGregor (Vice-Chairperson) in absence of Chairperson
Cllrs. P. Richardson, R. Turner, J. Clifton, P. Colbert, N. Sanders and S. Smith.
In Attendance: R. Nunn (Clerk/RFO), H. Hankinson (Clerical Assistant) W. Elliott (Funding Officer)
Press: None present.
Bolsover Police: PCSO Matt Wardle
Public: 2 members of the public present.

110. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public attended to ask for an update on the latest position regarding the proposed closure of Creswell Swimming Baths. Cllr. McGregor gave an assurance that our local Councillors were continuing to oppose the proposed closure and were questioning some of the financial assumptions which had been made in coming to the decision to close the baths.

Another member of the public asked for an update about the proposed new Health Centre for Creswell. Cllr. McGregor reported that since the public meeting in April 2014 progress had been slow and consequently the Parish Council had written to our local MP to pursue at Government level. It appears that progress is being made albeit slowly and that it is now in the hands of the Developer/Contractor and NHS England with a planning application anticipated in May 2015.

111. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R. Glassey, E. Glassey and C. Gilfillan.

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made.

Min nos. 120/115/116	Cllr. D. McGregor	Level 1 Planning, CCTV, Creswell Craggs
120/115	Cllr. R. Turner	Level 1 Planning, Creswell Craggs
120	Cllr. J Clifton	Level 1 Planning

113. MOTIONS TO VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

114. POLICE REPORT

It was reported that crime figures were much higher than this time last year, the increase relating mostly to theft offences. It was reported that the thefts appear to have been targeted and that those responsible had been identified. Cllr. Richardson requested that the police keep an eye on the garages on Baker Street. The police also informed the Council that the Creswell Police "Box" was due to close. This was discussed under the next item.

115. UPDATE ON CCTV – Cllr. Murray-Carr

Cllr. Murray-Carr attended the meeting to give an update on the position regarding CCTV in the village. He reported that the local Parish/Town Councils were not receiving the service for which they had been paying for since 2014. The Parish Council expressed serious concerns at this situation. It was agreed that a refund of monies already paid would be requested from Bolsover District Council and that the Parish Council needed to be reassured that the contract was

operating properly before any future payments be made. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr Richardson. **APPROVED**

Cllr Murray- Carr also informed the Council that the Police building in Creswell was earmarked for closure due to the financial savings to be achieved by the Police Authority. There was general concern expressed about the impact of this decision and the way the decision had been made with no local consultation. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to the Police Commissioner to register their objection to the closure and the fact that the Parish Council had not been formally made aware of the decision.

116. CRESWELL CRAGS HERITAGE TRUST – Roger Shelley

Mr Roger Shelley, Director at Creswell Crags, attended the meeting to give an overview of current activities at Creswell Crags and plans for the future. He asked if the Council would be prepared to make a financial contribution to Creswell Crags as they did last year. It was moved by Cllr Colbert, seconded by Cllr McGregor that a donation of £1000 be made. **APPROVED**

117. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on held 22 January 2015 were agreed as a correct record. Cllr. R. Turner approved, seconded by Cllr. S. Smith. **APPROVED**

- Cllr. McGregor reported that he had raised with the County Council the issue of car parking on Elmton Road and that the Parking Enforcement Officer would now be patrolling in the area concerned.
- The Clerk reported that he had had a discussion with the Secretary/Treasurer of the Allotment Association and had agreed that the Rules and Regulations for the Association should be reviewed and revised and brought back to a future meeting of the Parish Council for approval.
- Cllr. Smith informed the Council that he and Cllr. Glassey had met with the Cricket Club to raise a number of issues about the ongoing state of the multi-sports pavilion. The Cricket Club had responded positively to the issues raised and would be working closely with the Parish Council to resolve them moving forward.

118. FINANCIAL MATTERS

i) To Approve the Financial Statement for January 2015

The Clerk/RFO gave an overview of the financial position at the end of January. He then answered questions about variances

The Financial Statement was approved.

ii) Budget 2015/16

The Clerk/RFO circulated for information the redrawn budget for 2015/16. **APPROVED**

ii). Approval for Payments.

The application for February's payment were approved. Cllr. J Clifton moved, seconded by Cllr. P Richardson that the accounts be paid. **MOTION CARRIED**

It was queried whether the Black Diamond Football second team had submitted their annual request for financial assistance. As financial assistance of £210 had already been approved for

the first team, Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Turner that the same amount be donated. **MOTION CARRIED**

119. **STANDING ORDERS – REVIEW**

The Council considered, discussed and agreed the existing Standing Orders.

120. **PLANNING**

15/00016/FUL
15/00056/TPO

There were no issues regarding these applications

121. **MUSICAL EVENT APRIL**

Cllr. McGregor asked for suggestions regarding the music event scheduled for April.

Cllr. Sanders volunteered to investigate potential bands for the event and it was agreed that a budget of £1,000 be allocated with admission to the event being free. Cllr McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr Clifton. **MOTION CARRIED**

122. **WOMENS INSTITUTE CENTENARY EVENT – 11 SEPT 2015**

It was agreed that once a definite theme had been agreed, a free event be held on 11 September 2015. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Smith. **MOTION CARRIED**

123. **PROVISION OF GRIT BINS**

Two requests had been received from village residents about providing grit bins in certain locations. It was agreed that further enquiries should be made with Derbyshire County Council regarding the cost of grit bins and this information be reported back to the next meeting.

CLERK

Cllr. McGregor, on behalf of Carole Hirst, asked if the Parish Council would contribute £400 of the remaining World War 1 funding towards an application she was making to the Arts Council. This was agreed - Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Smith

124. **CORRESPONDENCE**

i) **Big Local**

Elmton, Creswell and Hodthorpe Big Local had written to express concerns about the misuse of play equipment and play areas in the village. It was agreed that the letter be passed to the local police.

Elmton, Creswell and Hodthorpe Big Local have offered to supply the reindeer for the 2015 Christmas parade at their cost. This was agreed. They also indicated that they would like to be involved in Netball Event to be held on 18 July. It was agreed that as this event was now developing a wider scope that the Social Centre Management Committee should take on the coordination and planning of the event.

ii) **Derbyshire Law Centre Free**

Derbyshire law centre had sent an information flyer and poster advertising free legal advice to residents. It was agreed that the poster be displayed at the Social Centre.

iii) Elmton Green Grass Cutting

Elmton green resident Association have requested that the grass cutting regime for Elmton Green introduced in 2014 be repeated in 2015. Cllr McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Smith. **APPROVED**

At this point Cllr. McGregor explained to members that Carole Hirst from Bolsover District Council was looking to produce a book and video on the Heritage of Creswell. He asked members if they would be willing to support the project. After discussion it was agreed to contribute £400. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Smith.

125. BDC COUNCIL STREET SPORTS

A request that been received from Bolsover District Council to ask if the Parish Council would consider making a financial contribution to the Street Sports Programme as they had done in previous year. A contribution of £750 was agreed. Cllr. R. Turner moved seconded by Cllr. P Richardson. **MOTION CARRIED**