

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2014 IN THE CAVENDISH ROOM IN THE SOCIAL CENTRE
COMMENCING AT 3.00PM.**

Present:	Cllr. R. Glassey (Vice-Chairperson) Cllr. J Clifton, Cllr. P. Colbert, Cllr. E. Glassey, Cllr. C. Gilfillan, Cllr. D. McGregor, Cllr. P. Richardson, Cllr. N. Sanders and Cllr. S. Smith.
In Attendance:	R. Nunn (Assistant Clerk/RFO), H. Hankinson (Clerical Assistant)
Public Participation:	1 member of the public present.
Press:	No members of the Press present.
Bolsover Police:	P.C.S.O. Matt Wardle (Bolsover Police)
Apologies for Absence:	Cllr. R. Turner (Chairperson)
Declarations of Interest:	Item 235 Planning – J Clifton Level 1 Item 236 Elmton Community Association – J Clifton Level 1

Cllr. R. Glassey (Vice-Chairman) took the Chair in the absence of Cllr. R. Turner (Chairperson).

Motions to Vary Order of Business: Cllr. P. Colbert - Minutes of the Special Meeting held 11 March 2014 to be placed on agenda for approval.

Public Participation

A member of the public addressed the Council in relation to anti-social behaviour around the Gypsy Lane area and the railway station which was causing his family and other resident's great distress. He said that the incidents have been reported to Police but still continue. He has also contacted the Railway Police but they have not responded. PCSO Wardle stated that they were aware of these incidents but as yet had been unable to catch the people responsible; he insisted that residents continue to report any incidents to the Police. The Council agreed that they would also contact the Police regarding the situation. **CLERK**

Police Report:

PCSO Matt Wardle Mitchell reported on the areas crime figures for the month. The figures are very good, 12 incidents down for the same period last year. He reported that there had been a spate of vehicle crime mainly round the Craggs area which was causing concern. Following a question regarding anti-social behaviour in the village PCSO Wardle agreed that the figures would be distorted if incidents weren't being reported, he urged that the Police are contacted for any issues, however minor. It was noted that the local Police are now covering a wider area, including Hodthorpe and Whitwell. Cllr. McGregor suggested that the Council write to the Police Commissioner to inform him of their concerns about lack of policing in Creswell. **CLERK**

County Council Report

Cllr. McGregor reported on the following:

- Various consultations taking place regarding the reduction of spending. It's likely that these will be in the Public Service departments.
- A back log of potholes to be dealt with in Derbyshire. Additional companies have been drafted in to help along with the hiring of a patching machine to. Several roads in Creswell have been reported, Portland Street, Skinner Street and the corner of Duke Street.

Bolsover District Council Report

Cllr. McGregor updated the meeting on the following:

- Individual Electoral Registration comes into force following the European Elections in June 2014.
- The Parish Newsletter has gone to print and should be ready for circulation next week.
- A public meeting has been arranged for 15 April at 6.30pm regarding a new proposed Health Centre in Creswell. The meeting will be attended by representatives from the NHS. The 2 proposed sites for the Centre are owned by Welbeck Estates who are currently in consultation over the proposals.
- The Sports Development Office at Bolsover has secured funding to be allocated to certain designated wards to deliver a series of community based sport and physical activity sessions during 2014/15. Elmton with Creswell has been highlighted as one of these wards having existing facilities and Bolsover are seeking interest from the Council whether it would be interested in taking part in the programme. Further information is being awaited but Cllr. McGregor proposed that the Council agree in principle the cost of £750 to buy into the scheme, seconded by Cllr. Sanders. Deadline for interest is the end of April. **APPROVED**

230. Open Spaces Report

Cllr. Glassey stated that he had not completed a written report this month due to the transition of Maintenance Staff. The following issues were raised and discussed:

- The extra field at Markland was still ongoing.
- Up to now the Clerk has not been able to make contact with John Robertson at Derbyshire DC regarding investigation of the French drain at Fox Green.
- According to Defra anyone riding horses on a designated village green (Fox Green) causing damage can be prosecuted. It was agreed to look at signage in the area.
- Dog fouling is still a problem, particularly on East Street playing fields. Suggestions were made into adjusting the Dog Warden's hours to enable him to be more pro-active in catching offenders.

Cllr Sanders asked if the goal posts at Fox Green could be looked at, there seems to be some damage at the foot of the posts and suggests it may be caused by the tractor when cutting. **CLERK**

231. To Approve the Minutes

Cllr. D. McGregor proposed, seconded by Cllr. P. Richardson that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2014 and the Special Meeting held 11 March 2014 were a true record. **APPROVED**

During the Special Meeting held 11 March 2014 a vote took place by way of show of hands regarding the agreement to go ahead with the advertising of the Maintenance vacancies: Cllr. P. Colbert wished his vote against the matter to be formally recorded.

232. Financial Matters

The Financial Statement for February and year to date was circulated and discussed. In answer to a query the Clerk confirmed that last year's Christmas Lights under spend was contained within the budget figures. The Clerk explained that the Centre had undertaken only four Weddings last year and agreed to supply profit figures at the next meeting. It was agreed that an advertisement be placed in the next Newsletter to raise awareness.

234. To Approve Accounts for Payment

The list of accounts for payment was circulated to members and Cllr. McGregor proposed, seconded by Cllr. Smith that these accounts should be paid. **MOTION CARRIED**

235. Planning

No objections were raised to applications:

- 14/00092/FUL – To story extension – 14 Sherwood Ave, Creswell
- 14/00034/FUL - Replacement windows and cladding – Creswell Medical Centre
- 14/00079/79 – Ben Bailey Homes Residential development - Skinner Street
- 14/00096/FUL – Canine Hydrotherapy pool - Elmtun Lodge Farm

MOTION CARRIED

236. Correspondence

The following correspondence was read out:

- i) Chesterfield Amateur Boxing Club has requested free room hire for a non-profit making event on 30 May 2014. After discussion Cllr. McGregor proposed, seconded by Cllr. Turner to arrange a meeting with the club to discuss ways in which the Council could promote boxing in the community and how the residents could benefit before reaching a decision on the free room hire. Clerk to arrange. **MOTION CARRIED**
- ii) Creswell Children's Centre request free room hire on 14 April and 1 September. Cllr. McGregor proposed this be agreed, seconded by Cllr. Smith. **MOTION CARRIED**
- iii) Elmtun Community Association have written to the Council with a request that the frequency of the cutting of Elmtun Green be re-visited in order to preserve wild life. As this was an ongoing situation it was agreed that a meeting be arranged with ECA to look at finding a compromise to the situation before making a decision at the April meeting. **CLERK**

237. Wedding Licence

The Clerk informed the Council that the Wedding Licence was up for renewal and asked whether or not they felt it worthwhile to renew. Cllr. Glassey said that this would be raised at the Management Committee next week where they were looking into ways of promoting Weddings and reviewing the prices and menus. Cllr. Glassey proposed, seconded by Cllr. Gilfillan that the licence be renewed. All in favour.

MOTION CARRIED