

ELMTON WITH CRESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday 28 January 2016
In the Cavendish Room, Social Centre, Creswell

Present:	Cllr. D. McGregor (Chairperson) Cllrs. P. Colbert, E. Glassey, K. Jones, N. Sanders, S. Smith, and J. Wells.
In Attendance:	R. Nunn (Clerk/RFO) W. Elliott (Consultant/Funding Officer), H. Hankinson (Clerical Assistant)
Press:	No members of the Press present.
Police:	PCSO Matt Wardle.
Public:	4 members of public.

Public Participation

Members of the public raised concerns about the loss of the school crossing attendant on Elmton Road and also improper parking by parents and public outside the Junior School. Cllr. McGregor responded by saying that Derbyshire County Council and all Local Authorities are required to make significant budget cuts, imposed by the Government, now and over the next few years and that this was one of the services which had been examined closely. In response to a question from the members of public Cllr. McGregor undertook to find out the cost of employing a school crossing attendant and also request the attendance of the Traffic Warden to visit the site.

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made.

Min no: 100 Planning – Cllr. D. McGregor Level 1

94. BOLSOVER POLICE REPORT

PCSO Wardle reported that there were no particular increases in crime over recent weeks but that one area to note was the recent trend of joy riding and destroying old vehicles around the village. He also asked the Parish Council to give consideration to whether the police could use the Multi-Sports Pavilion as a “base” in the village so that the staff did not have to return to Clowne for breaks during the working day. The Parish Council agreed to this in principle and it was decided that the Chair and Vice-chair would meet with the police to discuss the details of the proposal. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Glassey. **Motion Carried**

95. MOTIONS TO VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no motions to vary.

96. BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr McGregor reported on the following:

- District Council yet to set the 2016/17 precept.
- Foundations have started on the new Leisure Centre at Clowne.
- Still waiting for the outcome on the proposed Combined Authority.

- A meeting had been held on 17 January regarding the future of Creswell Leisure Centre. Local organisations are to be contacted to ask for their ideas of how the building could possibly be utilised. The Parish Council will be sending a representative.

97. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr McGregor reported on the following:

- 35 Children's Centres across the County have been earmarked for closure. Creswell Sure Start not being one of them.
- Bus Services are being looked for possible cuts by 2017.
- Council tax to be increased by 1.99%.

98. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Parish Council Minutes – 26 November 2015

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 November 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

Cllr. Smith moved, seconded by Cllr. Wells.

Motion Carried

The Audit Committee Minutes – 13 January 2015

The minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 13 January 2016 were moved as a correct record by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Wells subject to the following amendment - *apologies for absence to be recorded from Cllr. Glassey and Cllr. Gilfillan.*

Motion Carried

Cllr. Smith reported that since the Audit committee meeting on 13 January he had undertaken audits on the sports equipment and maintenance equipment. He reported that there were no issues with either of the audits and commented that he had found the maintenance equipment to be in good order. He was however concerned about the state and condition of the Markland Campus changing rooms in terms of their cleanliness and tidiness. Members were extremely concerned about this and Cllr McGregor moved that the Clerk retrieve the keys prior to a meeting being arranged with the Rugby Club, Chairman and Vice-chairman, Cllr. Smith seconded the motion. Cllr. Colbert proposed an amendment that the meeting with the club should take place prior to retrieving the keys, this was seconded by Cllr. Sanders. Following a show of hands the amendment was defeated, 5 – 2 with Cllr. Colbert and Cllr. Sanders voting in favour of the amendment, the original motion carried.

Clerk

Cllr. Sanders thanked Cllr. Smith for undertaking the audits.

99. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Financial Statement for December 2015.

The Clerk/RFO gave an overview and answered several questions on the financial position as of December 2015. He pointed out that although the current position showed a surplus of income over expenditure they estimated that the out turn for the year end was a deficit of approximately £25,000 and this would need to be recognised in future year's projections.

Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Glassey that the accounts be approved.

Motion Carried

b) Accounts for Payments (December 2015 and January 2016)

Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Smith that the applications for December 2015 and January 2016 payments be approved.

Motion Carried

c) To agree Dreams Team Pantomime.

It was reported that the Pantomime for 2016 had been booked for 2 December 2016 with only one performance instead of two. Cllr McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Glassey. **Motion Carried**

d) Audit Arrangements for 2017

The Clerk informed the Council that a sector led procurement exercise was being undertaken to select external auditors from 2017 and that the Parish Council had to decide to opt in or out of these new arrangements. Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Smith that the Parish Council opt in to these new arrangements.

100. PLANNING

There were no issues raised regarding the following planning applications.

15/00652/VAR – 6 CCTV cameras, variation on 15/00173/FUL development of Solar Farm.
D.C.C. – Creswell Infant School – Cllr. McGregor gave a brief overview of the proposed building development at the Creswell Infant school which was at the planning stage.

101. CRESWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Cllr. Colbert reported that building development at Creswell Junior School would commence in April 2017 on new classrooms and kitchen. He asked the Council to note that access to the site would be through the car park to the rear of the Social Centre and that there may be disruptions at certain times. The Parish Council have not received any correspondence regarding this matter

102. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

Members were asked to consider existing Standing Orders and bring back to February's meeting any proposed amendments.

103. CORRESPONDENCE

i) Model Village Neighbourhood and Friends.

The Clerk read out a thank you letter from the Model Village Neighbourhood and Friends.

ii) Derbyshire Minerals – Local Plan.

Noted.

iii) Request to Erect a Memorial Bench.

A request had been received to seek permission to erect a memorial bench in the Cemetery.

Cllr. McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Glassey that the request be granted. **Clerk**

iv) DUWC request for Financial Assistance.

Request noted.

v) Tai Chi Open day.

Creswell Tai Chi group are requesting the Parish Council's support by way of free room hire for a Tai Chi open day that they are holding on 19 April. All were in favour. **Clerk**

vi) Creswell Rainbows.

Creswell Rainbows are holding an Easter fund raising event and have written to the Parish Council to request free room hire for the event. All were in favour of supporting the request. Cllr. McGregor

suggested that the group also contact him to speak about grant funding that may be available to the group. Clerk to contact. **Clerk**

vii) **Fox Green Dog Bin.**

A letter had been received requesting that a more solid base be laid around the dog bin at Fox Green. The Council did not support this request. Clerk to notify. **Clerk**

At this point Cllr. McGregor updated the meeting with regards to the proposed new Health Centre. The Chairman had asked the Clerk to contact Dennis Skinner M.P. to raise with the Shadow Minister the reasons behind the delay. It appears that the delay is due to the contents of the lease in relation to the Craggs Surgery. Cllr. McGregor suggested he speak to the Surgery to try to ascertain its concerns. Members were happy for Cllr. McGregor to do this.

The Chairperson moved, seconded by Cllr. Sanders that the remaining business is of EXEMPT nature and not for public interest.

Local Government (Access of Information) Act 1985 under section 100 (AO (4) of the Local Government Act (Amended) the public are excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the stated paragraph of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Act, and is not in the public interest for that to be revealed.