

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2013 IN THE CAVENDISH ROOM IN THE SOCIAL CENTRE COMMENCING
AT 3.00PM.**

Present:	Cllr. R. Turner (Chairperson) Cllr. R. Glassey (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. J. Clifton, Cllr. P. Colbert, Cllr. E. Glassey, Cllr. D. McGregor, Cllr. P. Richardson, Cllr. N. Sanders and Cllr. S. Smith.
In Attendance:	W. Elliott (Clerk) R. Nunn (Assistant Clerk/RFO), H. Hankinson (Clerical Officer).
Public Participation:	No members of the public present.
Press:	Representative from Worksop Guardian was present.
Apologies for Absence:	Cllrs. C. Gilfillan and C. Hearnshaw.
Declarations of Interest:	Item 194 Planning - Cllr. R. Turner, Level 1 Item 197 School/Instruments - Cllr. E. Glassey, Level 1 Item 199 BDC Save a Life Scheme - Cllr. J. Clifton, Level 1

Motions to Vary Order of Business: None.

Police Report: No Police present.

County Council Report

Cllr. D. McGregor reported on the following:

- £157 million to be saved over the next 4 years in line with government cuts.
- Cuts in Service departments to come into force by early next year.
- Senior staffing levels currently being looked at.
- Six street lamps have been ordered to replace condemned columns in Creswell.

Cllr. R. Glassey asked if anything could be done with the potholes around the village before the onset of winter. Cllr. McGregor said he would report the issue and assured him that Derbyshire County Council would do its best to repair as soon as possible. Cllr. P. Colbert confirmed that there is a public 'pothole' hot line to the County Council for any emergency repairs.

Bolsover District Council Report

Cllr. D. McGregor reported that Senior Staff cuts have been implemented and a further 2 Assistant Directors have taken redundancy. New structures have not yet been agreed although it is likely that these will be brought into line to work in with N. E. Derbyshire under the joint alliance.

Cllr. J. Clifton reported that Bolsover had recently received a good audit report with only 2 recommendations which is a vast improvement from 2 years ago and it was agreed yesterday that the Council agreed to become a consortium to the living wage.

Delegate Reports – Open Spaces

Cllr. R. Glassey read out his findings highlighting the following points.

- The security gate on East Street playing field has now been repaired. The clearing of the hedge bottom is in progress but brambles, weeds and wood need to be removed.
- 'No Glass' signs in Cemetery need to be better secured and the grounds generally tidied.
- The Derbyshire 'Community Pay Back Team' has now completed the clearing of the footpath along Skinner Street and we are now waiting to hear from LaFarge regarding the supply of surface stone.
- Request for a litter bin to be placed outside the changing rooms at Markland Campus.
- Look into the moving of "Kissing Gate" to Skinner Street end.
- Letters to be sent to residents on Wood Avenue requesting they remove the conifer cuts that have been left in the hedge row on the Playing Fields.

CLERK

192. To Approve the Minutes

Cllr. D. McGregor proposed, seconded by Cllr. E. Glassey that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 October 2013 were a true record.

APPROVED

193. Financial Matters

Mr Nunn (RFO) provided members with a statement of income and expenditure for the month of October and year to date. The Social Centre finance report was noted. Cllr. D. McGregor proposed, seconded by Cllr. R. Turner that these accounts be accepted

MOTION CARRIED

The list of accounts for payment was circulated to members present and Cllr. R. Turner proposed, seconded by Cllr. N. Sanders that these accounts should be paid.

MOTION CARRIED

194. Planning

No objections to application 13/00474/FUL.

195. Update on Christmas Lights

Cllr. R. Glassey confirmed that the lights were being put up today by Platinum Electrics and Independent Testing.

Cllr. E. Glassey wished to thank Zoe Green for agreeing to stand in as First Aider at the Fireworks display and the Santa Parade and proposed that she be paid for these events along with a letter of thanks from the Council. Cllr. D. McGregor seconded this and agreed that payment for any future events be considered at the budget meeting in January.

APPROVED

Members also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Santa Clause for his part in the yearly event. **CLERK**

196. 2014 Fireworks Display

It was noted that this years Firework display had been an excellent success, receiving lots of positive comments from those who attended. Cllr. E. Glassey proposed that next years event be pre-booked with the same company on Sunday 2 November 2014, seconded by Cllr. S. Smith. All members present were in favour.

APPROVED

Following a query regarding bar takings on Fireworks night, Finance Officer agreed to make enquiries.

FINANCE OFFICER

197. Band Instruments – Consideration of Loan to School

Cllr. D. McGregor informed members that following the disbandment of the Creswell Community Band he had consulted with Creswell Junior School to ascertain whether they would be interested in using the instruments on loan for an after school club. The Head Teacher was very supportive of this and Cllr. McGregor proposed, seconded by Cllr. R. Glassey that the figure of £3000 be budgeted in next year's expenditure for tuition costs.

198. Energy Contracts

The Finance Officer advised the Council that he had been contacted by an energy adviser who, without charge to us would look at any possible reduction in costs of our energy costs. The Finance Officer advised that there would be an opportunity to hold current prices and consider 1, 2 or 3 year contracts. Cllr. D. McGregor proposed that the Finance Officer proceed with negotiations and seeks the approval of the Chairperson and Vice Chairman on the outcome. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Turner.

APPROVED

199. Applications for Assistance

a) Whitwell Middle FC – the Clerk read out a letter received requesting financial assistance for this club. It was unanimous that the Council do not make a donation to organisations outside of Creswell and the Clerk to write suggesting that Whitwell Middle Club consider joining with the Creswell clubs were they might enjoy Creswell's benefits.

b) Bolsover District Council - Save a Life Scheme

An application from BDC was received requesting a donation of £100 towards the cost of children travelling to the event. Cllr. D. McGregor proposed, seconded by Cllr. Smith to make this donation provided that Creswell children participate.

APPROVED

200. Clerks Matters – Arising from Previous Meeting

Dog Warden Successes – there has been two spot fines issued by the dog warden.

201. Items to be Considered in Next Years Budget.

Cllr. D McGregor suggested that members list items of expenditure they would like to be incurred in next financial year and have these available for consideration at the meeting on 23 January 2014.

202. Armistice Weekend

The Clerk reported on the Remembrance Day Service and Parade and on the Armistice Day at the Cenotaph which was well attended and the singing of the Junior School much appreciated. It was approved that the Creswell Colliery Brass Band be booked for the Armistice Day Parade 2014 and a trumpeter for the Cenotaph Ceremony.

203. Re- Décor of Offices

It was agreed that we accept the quote from DNL Decorators and proceed for the work to be done. **CLERK**

204. Recording Meetings

Cllr. D. McGregor reported that he had been in touch with the company who supplied Bolsover District Council's recording equipment giving them our contact number for them to get in touch.