

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013 IN THE  
CAVENDISH ROOM AT THE SOCIAL CENTRE.**

**Present:** Cllr. D. McGregor, Chairman  
Cllr. R. Turner, Vice Chair  
Cllrs. J.Clifton, P. Colbert, E.Glassey, R.Glassey,  
N.Sanders, S. Smith  
Officers: W. Elliott, Clerk, T. Fletcher, Acting RFO  
PCSO Matt Wardle.  
Public one member  
Guest Speaker Mr. Alister Shaw, accompanied by  
Mrs. Pam Brown BDC Parish Liaison.

**Apologies - Cllrs. C.Hearnshaw, P.Richardson, C.Gilfillan.  
C/Cllr. K. Stevenson.**

**Address on Big Lottery Award.**

**Mr. Shaw engaged members present in a simple questionnaire which he is intending to put to members of the Public to obtain their views on future development. He would be holding meetings throughout the coming weeks with various groups of residents to obtain their opinions as to how the £1million Lottery allotment might be spent. The money has not been made available yet so a plan has to be formed and approved. Mr. Shaw will be producing a new leaflet and inviting comments on Face Book. A Steering Group will be set up to take matters forward and a Local Trust Body to further support implement the Grant. The Trust Body will be Independent but will have representations from Local Groups and the Parish Council.**

**Mr. Shaw is keen to get things moving quickly and part of his job is to create local visions. The Chairman thanked Mr. Shaw for his attendance and information and felt sure that when members have digested the information gained this evening, a further meeting will be requested, Cllr. Clifton said that families need to be encouraged to be involved and suggested that this might best be achieved by getting the children involved through the schools.**

**Police Report – provided by PCSO Matt Wardle.**

**The Officer was pleased to report that crime figures for the year showed a reduction on the previous year. Break-ins of dwellings and sheds were up but this was offset by reductions in other crimes.**

The Police were experiencing problems at Model Village and Duke Street. A Meeting with Cllr. Brian Murray Carr at BDC was being sought to see if further support could be available to aid the Police. Cllr. R.Glassey asked the Officer if any action could be taken to stop motorists parking on grass verges. The Officer replied that such cases were for the County Council to take action. Cllr. McGregor said that drug dealing was still active in the village and he would be speaking to PC Martin Wilde about this. The Chairman thanked the Officer for his attendance and report.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Cllrs. McGregor, Turner and Clifton all declared Level 1 for Item 6 – Planning and stayed in the room.

**105. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Cllrs. Colbert and Clifton asked for an amendment to Item 99 to record that they asked for consideration for a further “Football” pitch to be provided at Markland Ground, and delete reference to either “football and/or Rugby” Cllr. Turner proposed seconded by Cllr. Smith, that after this amendment, the Minutes of the Council Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 be accepted as a true record.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**106. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Mrs. Theresa Fletcher, acting RFO, presented the Financial Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year to end March 2013. She explained however that this doesn’t include accruals and the “Final Accounts for Audit will be available at the next meeting. It is anticipated that there will be a surplus of £23,000, which against a budgeted deficit of £42,000 will show a favourable movement of approx. £63,000. The accounts for the Social Centre also show an improvement on the previous year. Cllr. Colbert asked for an explanation as to the variances to budget on estimated various sections of cost for Maintenance. The Clerk replied that the overall cost of the Maintenance Team Wages had not varied and it is extremely difficult to budget what expense will follow on each separate section of their work. The RFO and the Clerk feel that a more simplified budget system on this item be used for the coming year.

Cllr. McGregor proposes, seconded by Cllr. Turner, that the Accounts be accepted.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The list of accounts for approval for payment was circulated to members present.

Cllr. Clifton proposed, seconded by Cllr. McGregor, that the accounts be paid and cheques signed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Clerk reported that the Investment with Nationwide had not been made yet as different documentation has to be completed. This will, it is hoped, be completed before the next meeting. The Payment by BACS also has still to be arranged with the Bank and it is hope to have this arrangement completed in time for salaries to be paid by this system at end of May.

**107. MATTERS DEFERRED:**

(a) Second pitch at Markland. Cllr, R.Glassey and the Clerk reported the findings of a measurement of what might be possible. It is possible to add further Rugby pitch as the measurements differ to that for league football, but to add full size football pitch alongside the present rugby pitch presents difficulties of ground work having to be made. The Clerk is to find out what work is necessary to improve the drainage on the lower pitch at Fox Green, and whether it would be advisable to have a football pitch at the Cricket Ground. These findings to be reported on at the next meeting, if possible.

**Cllr. GLASSEY / CLERK.**

(b) Bowls Club Needs. The Clerk reported that he had engaged Boughtons to advise on what treatment is needed on the Bowling Green. £120 value of special fertiliser will deal with the problem and there is no need for a total re build of the Green which might have cost in the region of £25,000. The request for a replacement mower estimated cost £5,000, is waiting to see if Boughtons can locate a suitable and less costly second hand machine.

(c) Cllr. Colbert's request for the re-introduction of delegate reports. This is to be looked at during the next meeting – AGM.

**108. CLERK'S MATTERS:**

The new gates at both entrances to East Street Playing Field have now been erected. The problem is now to arrange for the gates to be locked and opened each evening and morning. Cllr McGregor suggests that our Maintenance Team be instructed to carry out this work. The duty will however be a seven day service. Cllr. Smith added that making children and youths vacate the field will be a problem during nightfall. The Clerk is to discuss this matter with the Maintenance men and try and arrange a rota.

**CLERK.**

The recent gales have destroyed the Cricket Net frames. The Clerk is to see if our Team can re weld the corners to strengthen the structure for re use.  
**CLERK**

Cllr. R.Glassey has reported that there are parts of Markland Field where there is hardly any grass. He asks the Clerk to consult with Boughtons to see if this can be rectified.  
**CLERK.**

With regard to the forthcoming County Councillor elections, the Clerk is likely to be approached by candidates for approval to display their posters on Parish Council land. There are rules for allowing this and the Clerk must be asked for such approval and the size and duration details are listed. This Council does agree that the Clerk gives approval if the conditions are met. Cllr. McGregor then asked the Clerk for approval to display his posters. Approval was granted.

Cllr. Sanders asked if a Football Team has been seeking permission to play their marches next season at Markland. The Clerk said that an approach has been made for permission to use our football pitches, but no decision has been made pending our search for increasing the football pitch situation.

#### **COUNCIL**

The Clerk advised that our Dog Enforcement Officer, Jason Moon, is now fully authorised to carry out his duties in this regard.

#### **109. CORRESPONDENCE;**

The Clerk read the letter from the new Police Officer in Charge at Bolsover Division - Inspector 1907 Frank Burns.

#### **110. REQUEST BY BDC WE SUPPORT THEIR STREET SPORTS OUTREACH:**

The request is as in previous years for a financial donation of £720, covering a 10 week programme of diversionary sports activities which will include Creswell's young people. Proposed Cllr Clifton, seconded Cllr. Smith, we donate £720.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**111. STAFF VACANCIES.**

**The Chairman announced that we have received a very high response to our vacancies and the panel of the Chairman, Vice Chair, and Chair of Audit have selected Mr. Roger Nunn as Asst.Clerk/RFO, and Mrs Helen Lockwood as Clerical Assistant. They will both be commencing their duties early May on a six month probationary basis.**

**113. PLANNING.**

**The notices of decisions were read to the meeting. There were no objections to the two applications received.**