

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 24th September 2018 at 7.30pm

Present

Mr Ed Hunt (chair), Mr Tom Haywood, Ms Olivia Newton, Ms Margaret Wild (clerk)

1. Apologies

None

This Parish Council Meeting was held in addition to the Open Forum on 3rd September as apologies were received by Councillors Olivia Newton and Tom Haywood for that meeting, and the full agenda needed to be discussed by at least 3 of the current 4 Councillors.

For the Open Forum on the 3rd September, apologies were received by Cllr John Bateman from Harborough District Council. The police were invited but did not attend. Cllr Blake Pain from Leicestershire County Council did attend the Open Forum.

2. Councillor's Declaration of Interest

Margaret Wild putting in application for an extension at home in Cotesbach (Planning reference 18/01469/FUL).

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes approved and signed off as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

These cover items from the agenda and include any business raised at the Open Forum on 3rd September.

Fly nuisance

It has been reported that it has been a particularly bad summer for flies. Particularly bad around Orchard Farm which is situated next to the large muck pile from the pig farm. Can anything be done in discussing how to monitor this in the future in anticipation of this happening again.

Action – TH to speak to David Haynes directly to begin a conversation about plans for next year and whether insecticide can be applied more regularly.

Action – TH to speak to Harborough District Council to understand what can be done to enforce increased pesticide spraying by David Haynes to mitigate against another bad influx next year and / or monitoring of the situation

The Parish Council will consider promoting the Environment Agency / Harborough District Council Environmental Health contact numbers in Spring next year to encourage people logging complaints.

Parking on pavements

There have been some issues raised about parking on the pavement especially in the middle of the village in front of the water pump (a Parish Council asset). There are 2 issues:

(1) Parking cars or leaving wheelie bins in front of the village well, which is a village amenity.

Consideration should be given to this and wheelie bins should not legally be left on the pavement long-term.

(2) Parking cars on the pavement, particularly in the middle of the village

It is noted that villagers are entitled to park on the pavement, but if it obstructs passage along the pavement it is illegal and dangerous.

There's a similar issue with hedges not being trimmed so residents need to be reminded of not obstructing the pavement due to overgrown hedges.

Action – MW to send a previously circulated flyer regarding parking on pavements from HDC to EH for amendment and distribution.

Village Notice Board

EH keen to get some quotes to replace the board. EH looking into the Eight Parishes fund. Requirements would include a similar size, durable, working cabinet and pin board, not lockable.

Action – EH to speak to potential suppliers about a quote for the job. Decided that a quote would be sought for a whole new sign.

Action – TH to send EH details of a potential supplier

Fly tipping

There was some fly tipping at the Lutterworth end of the village in August which was apparently cleared up by a Cotesbach resident. Decided that it doesn't happen frequently enough to start putting signs up. TH suggested to speak further with residents at that end of the village if it becomes a problem.

Village pond maintenance day

Action – EH to organise for Saturday 29th September or October 6th / 7th

5. Specific Items

Tarmac Liaison

ON – hasn't been in touch with Tarmac as much as she had hoped. ON aiming to meet one on one or with TH as well prior to the next liaison meeting at Tarmac. Reports that they appear to be creating an additional crossing near to the existing one.

Discussion about litter picking and quering whether Tarmac or LCC are responsible for litter picking on the A426 now that it has been mown.

Action – ON to ask Tarmac whether they are responsible for litter picking on A426, or whether they've done it on goodwill in the past.

Discussion about the latest Tarmac planning application for land by Gibbet Cross.

Action – EH to review the current application and respond.

Action - ON to ask Keith Wharmby why the Cotesbach application was not put in following the scoping plan and receive confirmation in writing if possible.

Eight Parishes Fund

EH reported that funds are still available for the Cotesbach allocation. Plans to use some for the notice board.

EH attended the last Eight Parishes CIC meeting. They are planning on having a 5th anniversary event on 11th May when the public will be able to visit the wind turbine site and there will be an opportunity to showcase where funds have been directed. Good opportunity to keep in the loop. Developers are looking at a solar farm development south of Walcote.

EH was also informed at the recent CIC meeting on 12th Sept that Vattenfall are also submitting a planning application for a solar farm on the land just south of the current wind farm. This is not expected to be an issue for Cotesbach or affect its residents. No confirmation of further community funds was discussed.

District Council Local Plan

The inspectorate evaluation process has started for the HDC Local Plan. The Inspector hearings will be held on 3rd October to hear responses from stakeholders on the Inspector's questions of interest, before the Local Plan is finalised and likely to be approved in March 2019.

Cotesbach's particular interests are regarding Lutterworth East and Magna Park. EH will represent Cotesbach directly or through the Magna Park is Big Enough campaign during the hearings.

6. Planning

Tarmac

See above

Works to trees

Regarding Rectory Cottage, 18/01387/TPO, EH has been for a site visit and is happy with the proposal. The Council agreed for a "neutral" position and EH will comment on behalf of the Parish Council and submit response relating to the careful consideration that needs to be given to the extent of the works, but the benefit it can bring by providing additional light and minimising fire risk from an adjacent chimney flue.

Symmetry Park

Outline application has been approved after the Secretary of State decided not to call it in. Awaiting full planning application.

Magna Park

Gazely is now undergoing an appeal after HDC refused the application. Lengthy process which could take 6 months. EH still representing Cotesbach and liaising with MPIBE.

Ty Sammy (18/01469/FUL)

Action – TH, EH, ON to evaluate the plans and agree a response from the Parish Council

7. Finance

- a) The balance stands at £1,082.65

8. AOB

We are sorry to hear of Wilf Lee's passing – he was Chairman of Parish Council for a long time.

There was discussion at the open forum about gutter clearing. Blake Pain was present at the open forum and he said that there was a maintenance plan in place but that details were not ready for circulation.

Action – ON to contact highways direct to find out about schedule of works for both Main St and A426.

It was reported that the verge on Lutterworth end of the village looking towards Rugby needs cutting back further to create better visibility.

Action – ON to find out whether it can be cut back imminently and thereafter the splay be wider.

There were comments raised about motorbike noise in the village during the Open Forum. MW says that she finds they have been fairly courteous but that noise has been more noticeable more recently. ON – Jack from Idle Torque is keen to meet Parish Council and very happy to answer any concerns.

Action - ON to make sure Jack is aware of next Parish Council meeting and to ask him along.

Aubrey Adcock raised the potential of a 'warning pedestrians crossing' sign each side of the A426. Noted that a section of the A5 has been changed to a 50mph zone.

Action – EH to explore what's involved in changing the speed limit.

Tom Haywood to ask Aubrey about the vehicle activated sign and whether he is happy to continue managing it.

Action - TH to look into whether it's possible to move the sign to the corner where there are parking issues in order to try and reduce speed on that corner.

TH also reports that there has been an offer of training for the defibrillator and also the people in charge of the contract are planning to come and replace some parts. We can take them up on the training day whenever suits us, perhaps in the spring.

Action – TH to get some dates (Spring) and further information.

9. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 5th November 2018 7.30pm