**Cotesbach Parish Council**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 15th December 2020**

**The The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations came into force on 4th April 2020. Accordingly, due to the current situation, this meeting was held remotely over zoom and phone.**

1. **Members Present**

Cllr Ed Hunt, Chair, (EH), Cllr Margaret Wild (MW), Cllr Charlie Farley (CF), DCllr J Bateman and Patricia Nunn (PN), Parish Clerk

Mrs C Mellon

**Members of the Public in attendance**: 4 Parishioners.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received County Cllr Blake Pain (BP) which were accepted.

1. **Disclosure of Personal Interests**

There were not any disclosures.

1. **Public Participation**

* **Concern was raised at condition of village sign**. For the discussion on this please see item 17vii). Mr B Strong happy to co-ordinate/manage any refurbishment. Thanks was given by EH for this offer.
* **Vehicle Activated Sign -** new batteries and battery charger required at a cost of approx. £160.00 plus VAT. Aubrey to arrange order and invoice to be sent to PC. Proposed by EH that these items are purchased and seconded by CF . **Resolved to do.**

1. **Minutes of last meeting held on 22nd September and 13th October 2020**

Proposed by EH , seconded by MW, to be accepted as true records and will be signed by EH after the meeting. **Resolved.**

1. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes on 22nd September and 13th October 2020**

* Formal complaint to LCC and Tarmac over maintenance of pathway was sent.
* Tarmac hedge infillopposite Hill Farm–to be discussed with Tarmac. **CM**
* Notice board organization – will be completed now have printer ink. **MW**
* CCTV provision – ongoing**. EH**
* CF now on distribution list for Magna Park Liaison Group.
* Quarry application parallel to A426 has been approved.
* Magna Park fuel station (on Mere Lane) application to be responded to**. EH**
* Emergency bag is ready to be placed in village hall when safe to do so.
* Government’s new planning proposals were noted

1. **Chairman’s Announcements**

There were no announcements

1. **Matters raised by District/County Councilor**

* The cost of the provision of green bins will increase to £55.00 per bin from next year. This is due to the need for HDC to recoup costs. No profit is gained by the council.
* Magna Park extension consultation to be sent out by Rugby BC for their section. No application has been received by HDC for their section as yet.
* BP provides regular email updates and information prior to the Parish Council meeting and all matters noted.

**9. Finance**

i) **Payments:**

Payment to P Nunn (3 months salary Oct- Dec) 374.40

Payment to HMRC (3 months tax Oct- Dec) 93.60

**Total Payments - £468.00**

**Receipts**

15.09.20 Half annual precept 1602.50

Proposed by MW and seconded by CF, that the payments be made and receipts noted. **So resolved.**

**ii) Bank Reconciliation**

c/f 31.08.20 2191.97

Receipts 1602.50 3794.47

**Less September payments 507.53 3286.94**

Less December payments 468.00 2818.94

Proposed by CF, and seconded by MW, that Bank reconciliation is agreed and signed. **So resolved.**

1. **Budget and Precept**

The budget was discussed and agreed. It was proposed by EH, seconded by MW, to increase the precept by 2% for 2021/22 to £3269.00. **Resolved to do.**

**10. Planning**

i) **New /Unresolved planning applications**

**20/01289/FUL** – erection of a solar farm. PC have put in objection but no response as yet. 20/01926/FUL – Armdale, Main Street. Erection of single storey side and rear extension. No objection raised.

ii) **Other/Ongoing Planning Matters**

**Lutterworth East** – no other news as yet.

**19/01891/LCC** – **Beauparc/Shawell waste facility** - extension of sand and gravel working. Refused by HDC in October mainly due to increase in HGV movements. No appeal has been lodged but is anticipated.

**Magna Park Fuel station etc. on Mere Lane** – EH to submit a response.

**BMI Tile facility** – PC has put in an objection. Tarmac are also objecting as their business will be affected by BMI seeking to remove their joint venture of using sand and gravel from the quarry. Concern is that BMI will import immdeiately and not wait until quarry closes.

**11. Quarry Liaison Update**

- The last liaison meeting was held on 25th November. Mostly discussed problems with litter and HGV movements on Gibbet Lane into Shawell. Hope to resolve these issues.

- The quarry is back to full function. They have finished excavating Fields Farm and are now refilling which is likely to be completed in 12 months. Part of the restoration will include Shawell Lane which will have to be maintained

- “Slow Down” signs have been put up after a dog was hit by a passing vehicle.

- The next part to be excavated will be Grundell land down A5 and will last for 2 years after which the quarry will cease to operate.

**12. Magna Park Update**

Did not attend the recent meeting. Concerns over the noise from the site will be raised at the next meeting.

**13. Village Hall Update**

Last meeting postponed due to current situation.

**14**. **Eight Parishes CIC Fund**

Balance of grant is £6800 which is still available to access for village. No applications received.

**15. Pond**

Have been successful in obtaining funding of £1045 to renovate the pond area from the Shire Environmental Grant. This amount covers about 75% of the cost of upgrading the area including buying new plants and landscaping with bark chippings. Will put in an application to Eight Parishes CIC Fund for the shortfall. **EH**

Volunteers are called for to help with the landscaping in the spring.

**16. Councillor or Other Training**

No training planned. Are some online courses available when CF is able.

**17. Matters Arising**

1. **A426 speeding signs –** to be kept on agenda.
2. **CCTV-** to be kept on agenda.
3. **VE Day Grant –** this to be discussed at the next meeting.
4. **Ideas for improving the village** - with any funding received – no suggestions as yet. This to be put on village facebook page/village group.
5. **Annual Village Inspection** – carried out on 23rd October. Main concerns were the state of repair of the village sign and also the fencing by the church. The church have been told about the Eight Parishes CIC funding which could be applied for but not done so as yet.
6. **Community Funding Clearing of paths** – Funding was received from HDC for clearing of the paths throughout the village to help with social distancing and stop the need to walk in the road. This to be completed in next few weeks.
7. **Village Sign** - The village sign is in need of refurbishment. It requires a thorough clean and also the T bar needs replacing and the actual sign re-surfacing. Request volunteers to help with the cleaning. Need to get costs for other work if cannot be done by village volunteers. Can then look to getting funding as required. **All**
8. **Wild Flower verge –** Will be submitting application, by end of year, for this funding after getting mainly positive views from residents. **EH**
9. **Gulley Clearance** - work has been done on this by LCC to protect some properties from flooding.

**18. Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

**19. Any Other Business**

No other items raised.

**20. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.30pm in Village Hall or by zoom/phone if situation continues.

Meeting ended at 9.00 pm

To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 15th December 2020 and circulated to all members, be signed as a correct record.

Signature:…………………………………………………………………………….. (Chairman)

Name:……………Ed Hunt………………………………………………….

Date:…………………16th March 2021……………………………………

**Action Point Summary:**

**Action Point 1**: Tarmac hedge infillopposite Hill Farm–to be discussed with Tarmac. **CM**

**Action Point 2**: Notice Board to be organized. **MW**

**Action Point 3:** CCTV to be kept on minutes. **EH**

**Action Point 4**: Footway to A426 from Cotesbach to Lutterworth**.** To be continued to be monitored. **Action Point 5:** Magna Park fuel station (on Mere Lane) application to be responded to**. EH**

**Action Point 6**: Application to Eight Parishes CIC fund for shortfall in upgrading pond area. **EH**

**Action point 7:** Ideas for improving the village - This to be put on village facebook page/village group. **EH**

**Action Point 8**: Volunteers required to clean village sign and also help with required repairs**. All**

**Action Point 9:** Wildflower verge application for funding**. EH**