**Cotesbach Parish Council**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

1. **Members Present**

Cllr Ed Hunt, Chairman, (EH), Cllr Margaret Wild (MW), Cllr Charlie Farley (CF) and Patricia Nunn (PN), Parish Clerk

**Members of the Public in attendance**: 10 Parishioners.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received County Cllr Blake Pain (BP) and District Cllr J Bateman, which were accepted.

1. **Disclosure of Personal Interests**

There were not any disclosures**.**

1. **Public Participation**

**-** Concern was raised as to the increased lorry usage of A426 and also the speed of all vehicles.

- Questions were raised as to why the part of the road between Airplane roundabout and the Gibbet Island was 60mph whereas the road to Blaby was 50 mph. CF has sent 2 emails to BP without any response. Special concern for pedestrians trying to cross the road. This to be raised again. **CF/EH**

- Concern was raised as to the amount of litter being dropped along the A424. This is regularly cleared by volunteers but always returns. The PC would like to offer their thanks to all those volunteer litter pickers.

1. **Minutes of last meeting held on 4th May 2021**

Proposed by EH , seconded by MW, to be accepted as true record and were signed by EH after the meeting. **Resolved.** No recording was made of this meeting.

1. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes on 4th May 2021**

* Tarmac hedge infillopposite Hill Farm–to be discussed with Tarmac. **CM** ongoing
* BP was contacted regarding A426 speeding. To be asked again. **CF/EH**
* CCTV provision – ongoing**.**
* Co-option for Cllr advert was placed and 1 application received.

- Quarry liaison meeting – see later item11.

- Planning applications were assessed and put on portal

- Magna Park are completing the planting as per the plan, although still very new.

- Flier to all residents on ideas on how to spend solar farm money. **RH/EH**

- EH wrote to Lutterworth golf club after the fire.

1. **Chairman’s Announcements**

An application to become a Parish Councillor was received from Raj Heer (RH). It was proposed by EH that this application be accepted, and seconded by MW. **Resolved**. RH was duly co-opted as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect and joined the meeting. The relevant acceptance forma were signed after the meeting.

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

JB and BP provide regular email updates and information prior to the Parish Council meeting and all matters were noted.

**9. Finance**

i) **Payments and receipts:**

1. Payment to P Nunn for expenses (printing Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept – 1.99

X 4 = £7.96 ; fuel to attend meeting 45p x 6 = £2.70 ; stamps £7.92 17.86

1. Payment to P Nunn – salary Apr-Jun 368.98
2. Payment to HMRC – tax Apr-Jun 92.00
3. Payment to O&C Blacksmiths (village sign) 690.00
4. Payment to Strong O’Meara (village sign refurb) 1512.00

**Total Payments - £2680.84**

**Receipts**

28.05.21 Shire Environmental grant (pond) 665.63

07.07.21 8 Parishes grant (sign and pond) 2628.11

Proposed by EH and seconded by CF, that the payments be made and receipts noted. **Resolved.**

**ii) Bank Reconciliation**

c/f 30.04.21.21 2077.28

May payments 560.27 1517.01

June payments 460.98 1056.03

Receipts 3293.74 4349.77

August payments 2,202.00 2147.77

September payments 17.86 2129.91

Proposed by EH, and seconded by CF, that Bank reconciliation is agreed and signed. **Resolved.**

**10. Planning**

i) **New /Unresolved planning applications**

**21/01273/FUL** - 12.07.21- Rectory Cottage – demolition of existing single storey rear extension; erection of a 2 storey garage with accommodation above – neutral 28.07.21

**21/00895/CMA** - Shawell Tile Works – variation of conditions (2017/CM/0237/LCC). Continue to import sand for tiles for another 2 years up to 31.12.30. **Withdrawn**

ii) **Other/Ongoing Planning Matters**

**11. Quarry Liaison Update**

EH gave a presentation, and discussion was had, over information given at the last liaison group attended by CM. Cotesbach and Shawell PCs have been working together and have already written to Alberto Costa. Tarmac have submitted a proposal to be considered as part of HDC’s SHELAA ( Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment) suggesting that 130 acres of the land they currently own be industrialised to include ongoing operations at the BMI Tile facility ( already refused by LCC), warehousing and other industrial buildings. There could be a nature conservation area and agricultural land in the remaining 390 acres.

The PC and residents are not supportive of this proposal because:

* It would result in increased traffic both industrial and private.
* The land south of Cotesbach was supposedly protected by an agreement with LCC, so that the quarry did not encroach on the village.
* Cumulative development - Magna Park, wind / Solar farms / Major highways. Duration of temporary mineral/ waste/ industrial activities.
* Deteriorating trust in the process - this is the 4th major planning issue to be addressed in the last 18 months.

EH proposed, seconded by MW, that the PC work together with Shawell PC to do what is possible to prevent this proposal from being included in the revised Harborough Local Plan and to keep residents informed. **Resolved.**

**12. Magna Park Update**

Nothing to add since the last meeting. MW to attend next meeting.

**13. Village Hall Update**

The hall is now open.

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

Applications have been received for the following:

**- Additional refurbishment of the village millennium wooden sign** (£273.34)–this has already been paid as additional lead work was required to make the sign weatherproof. It was proposed by EH and seconded by MW, that this should be approved. **Resolved.**

- **Commemorative plague for the sign** (£85.00) - It was proposed by EH and seconded by MW, that this should be approved. **Resolved.**

**15. Pond**

The money applied for to improve the pond has been received.

**16. Councillor or Other Training**

Both on line and actual training dates have been suggested by LRALC . Dates to be sent to CF and RH. They to let PN know of their preferred dates. **PN**

**17. Matters Arising**

1. **CCTV-** ongoing
2. **VE Day Grant –** probably to be used for a village celebration of VE/VJ days.
3. **Ideas for improving the village** -. Flier to be sent to all residents detailing fund and asking for suggestions on both management of fund and what projects to spend it on. **EH/RH**
4. **Annual village inspection** – dates to be arranged with MW**. PN**

**18. Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

**19. Any Other Business**

- The PC would like to offer their thanks to all those involved in refurbishing the village sign, notably Brian Burgoine. A wonderful job has been done. It was suggested that a grand opening should be arranged for the village. **EH**

**-** The PC would respectfully ask all residents to bring in waste bins in a timely manner.

**-** The PC would respectfully ask dogs owners to take full poo bags home with them. New signs to be erected. **EH**

**20. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting ended at 2033

To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 14th September 2021 and circulated to all members, be signed as a correct record.

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

Name:……………Ed Hunt………………………………………………….

Date:…………………14th December 2021……………………………………

**Action Point Summary:**

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

**Action Point 2**: BP to be re -contacted about situation of speed limit on A426. **CF/EH**

**Action Point 3:** Flier to be sent to all residents detailing fund and asking for suggestions on both management of fund and what projects to spend it on. **EH/RH**

**Action Point 4:** Training dates to be sent to RH and CF and dates booked**. PN**

**Action Point 5:** A grand opening of village sign should be arranged for the village. **EH**

**Action Point 6:** New signs for taking home full dog poo bags to be erected. **EH**