

Minutes of Cotesbach Parish Council Meeting held on September 5th 2016 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr A Adcock (chair), Miss M Wild (clerk), Mr E Hunt, Mr A Craig

Members of the Public Present:

Mr G Hart (County Councillor), Mr C Long, , Mrs P Hall, Mr & Mrs Ford, Mr J Draisey, Mr S Russell, Mr D Hope, Mr S Wilcox, Mr B Hedcock.

Apologies:

Mr T Haywood

Open Forum:

Welcome

Mr Adcock welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declaration of Interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

These were adopted and signed as being a true record.

Matters Arising:

CIC – funding applications

Cheques from the Eight Parishes/Windfarm fund have been distributed to the last qualifying applicants. The final meeting for recent funding applicants is next week. Mr Adcock stressed that applicants from the Village and local groups should be encouraged.

Magna Park is Big Enough, progress report:

Mr Hunt reported Gazeleys' first planning application for DHL was reconsidered and passed in March. A cumulative effect survey is still to be done. Full consent of conditions is still in discussion and a planning meeting on the subject is not likely until Christmas.

Mr Hunt attends the Community Liaison Group meetings with Gazeley. He suggested that anyone could submit problems with Magna Park to him to raise at the meetings.

D B Symmetry:

D B Symmetry asked for a meeting with the council. A date is still to be arranged.

Resilience Plan:

Mr Haywood was unable to attend but informed us that there is currently nowhere secure or suitable in the Village Hall for the grab bag but this will change once the current work is concluded. At that point leaflets will be distributed around the village with details of what to do in the first instance of an incident and what's in the bag to help.

Village Pond:

The pond is now complete and the all one of the seats have had plaques fitted to recognise the generous support given by Tarmac, Vattenfal and Gazeley. The Council would particularly like to thank Tarmac for supplying the water to fill the pond and for agreeing to top up the water if required.

AES final payment of £1682.11 will now be paid. Maintenance of the pond will be carried out by the village in future.

Telephone Box:

Mr Burgoine will contact the contractor again to ascertain when the painting will be done.

Specific Items:

Vehicle activation sign:

There has been no real change in the statistics.

Lafarge/Tarmac:

Mr Long informed the council that as he is moving out of the village he wishes to resign. He explained that there are two meetings per annum, on site at 2.30pm and then a full meeting at 4.30pm. He also suggested that the council should advertise for a replacement. In May he provided the council with enlarged maps of the site to be excavated and asked if they could be displayed in the Village Hall. Their next meeting is on 12 October 2016 then in April 2017. Earlier this year the PC asked if the hedges could be trimmed. This has been done.

McAlpine/RES:

No further developments at present.

X44 Bus Route:

The X44 bus route has changed and now stop at Tesco. They are still investigating the possibility of incorporating the railway station to the route.

Pathway Parking:

Concern has been raised regarding cars parking on the pavement and blocking the way to pushchairs and wheelchairs, it was decided to distribute leaflets to discourage this practice. It was also noted that there had been cases of double parking in the area of the Village Hall blocking the road.

Planning:

The planning applications from Gazeley and Symmetry were discussed during the CAG report back. Mrs Newton explained that the application for the land next to Manor House had been withdrawn as it seemed likely to have been refused by HDC on the grounds of access.

The council had no comment to make regarding the Fields House application for a single storey side and rear extension.

Lutterworth East – draft of new local plan should be available in October.

Finance:

Precept for the year 2016/2017 has been increased to £850.

Currently £2,087.83 are held in account. The cash book was available for anyone to access should they wish.

AOB:

The Heartbeat Trust supplied new pads for the defibrillator. It was agreed that a donation of £30 should be sent to them. It was also agreed that checks on the machine should be arranged with them. It was thought that the possibility of a refresher awareness course should be explored.

Next meeting: 7th Nov 2016.

Dates of Future Meetings:

6 Feb 2017; 8 May 2017 (this will include the AGM); 4 September 2017: