

Minutes of Cotesbach Parish Council Meeting held on November 7th 2016 at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Members of the Public Present:

Mr G Hart (County Councillor), Mr C Long, Mr W Lee, Mr G Middleton, Mrs J Strong, Mrs S Newton, Ms O Newton, Mr C Rohdenburg, Mr Campbell, Mr & Mrs Hall, Mr & Mrs Ford, Mr J Draisey, Mr S Russell.

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 are to be adopted and signed as being a true record at the next meeting.

Matters Arising:

Village Pond:

Now complete. AES still to deliver Siltex and show how to administer. It was felt that in future it would be better to carry out maintenance to the pond earlier in the year. February was suggested. As Tarmac equipment is not insured to deliver water should the water level run low the need for a pipeline connected to the culvert was discussed.

Magna Park is Big Enough, progress report:

Mr Hunt reported Gazeleys' second planning application for DHL is due to be considered by Harborough District Council in 3 months on the same day as the application by D B Symmetry.

D B Symmetry:

Pending consideration, on the same day as Gazeley's application – see above.

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

Resilience Plan:

Mr Haywood now has the 'grab bag' but he needs to arrange for it to be fixed somewhere in the Village Hall.

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 is in the bag.

Telephone Box:

Painting now completed.

Specific Items:

Tarmac:

The first phase is at the far end of the lane. Bunds and clearing will be completed in the spring. Vehicles will cross approx. 24 + a day, about 15min apart. Tarmac feel that a crossing control is not necessary. There have been complaints regarding the amount of mud on the road which they have attempted to clean. Flooding in the area where the vehicles will cross was mentioned but Tarmac do not feel this will be a problem.

Scoping drills west of the village have been carried out and it is anticipated that extraction could start in 4 to 5yrs. Tim Deal will arrange a meeting for the Village in the New Year.

New Earth recycling recently went into administration for a few days. This was due to problems sending products to Amsterdam because of a drop in demand. Some staff have been made redundant and a plant in Bristol has closed.

The Parish Council wished to give their sincere thanks for the long service Chris has given as Liaison Officer.

The next meeting is on 5th April 2017 and the PC will attempt to recruit a replacement by February 2017.

CIC – funding applications

Cheques from the Eight Parishes/Windfarm fund have been distributed to the last qualifying applicants as follows: Village Hall refurbishment £1000; Swinford School whiteboards £200; CET wood chipper + garden equipment £650; Mr Adcock is keen to support projects in the Village. Mrs Strong proposed funding the piping to supply water to the pond. The purchase of 30mph waste bin stickers was also proposed.

Next CIC meeting on 7 December 2016.

Vehicle activation sign:

There has been no real change in the statistics.

X44 Bus Route:

There no updates since the last meeting. There will be review of the whole bus service in the autumn after which there may be a developemant.

Planning:

Magna Park

Please see MP is BE comments above.

Symmetry Park

Please see MP is BE comments above.

Land between Manor House and The Precinct

Mrs Newton gave a brief outline of the proposed plans and asked that anyone with concerns should contact her individually.

Finance:

After remaining at £750 for many years Precept was increased to £850 last year. This was to take into account new and increasing costs. The costs are: Insurance, RCC and LRALC membership, internal audit fees, website fees and defibrillator upkeep. As they are ongoing it was decided that the Precept for 2017/2018 should remain the same.

The cash book was available for 2016/2017 to date.

AOB:

County Councillor Hart explained that there had been difficulties with the provision of Adult Care recently, due to one of the agreed companies to supply the service withdrawing only days before they were due to start.

He explained that Leicestershire is part of the Fairer Funding Campaign as the formula for funding by the Government is outdated and unfair.

Next meeting: 6th February 2017.

Dates of Future Meetings:

8 May 2017 (this will include the AGM); 4 September 2017; 6 November 2017 all at 7.30pm.