

Minutes of the meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council Held on Thursday 03rd March 2016 at 8pm at Walcote Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr James Robertson (Chair), Cllr Elizabeth Marsh, Cllr Seph Green, Cllr Paul Hobbs, Cllr Lindsey Astle, Cathy Walsh (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations Of Interest from Councillors

None

3. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 14.01.16

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record of proceedings.

4. To note any comments or questions from residents

a) Neighbourhood Plan

The question was asked whether the PC will be preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. At the moment there are no forthcoming plans. However, the PC are keen to explore the idea, with this in mind, Cllr Marsh will invite a consultant who specialises in preparing Neighbourhood Plans for Parish Councils to a future meeting.

Action: Cllr Marsh

b) Planning Applications for land east of the M1

The PC was asked if they were aware of the plans. The PC confirmed that they were.

c) Gilmorton Lane – Potholes and poor condition of the road

Issues over the state of the road were discussed. Including potholes and the lack of passing places. It was felt that as the road is single track and a designated cycle route the lack of passing places for vehicles and the potholes were a cause for concern.

Action: The clerk to report the situation to Leicestershire County Council Highways.

d) Footpath from Chapel Lane Play Area towards Misterton

Concerns were raised over a number of significant potholes on the footpath.

Action: The clerk to report the situation to Leicestershire County Council Highways.

e) Boggy ground in field near style

The first style on the right leading off the footpath from Chapel Lane Play area is very boggy/muddy. This is made worse by cattle in the field and the very bad weather we have had in recent weeks. The Parish Council are unable to do anything about this as it is on private land. They will however, revisit the situation later on in the year.

5. To note any planning matters

None

6. Matters Arising

a) Routine Inspection of Children's Play Area - Chapel Lane

The bench is missing bench slat, Nick Marsh volunteered to repair. Still ongoing.

Action: Nick Marsh

b) AED Kiosk

The AED kiosk is looking shabby and needs cleaning. It was no longer thought necessary to purchase 'Defibrillator' stickers to cover up the BT signage.

Action: Cllr Robertson volunteered to clean the kiosk – this is planned for w/c 07.03.16.

Resolved: To purchase a waterproof notice board for inside the kiosk.

Action: Cllr Marsh will inspect local kiosks for ideas.

c) Franks Lane – Skateboard Park

The grind box surfacing and concrete surfacing around the skateboard park is no longer slippery.

d) Capital Reserve Account – accumulated funds.

The funds identified to be transferred into the Capital Reserve Account include the following:

£7,500 for Triangle Renovations (£1,500 in 2016-2017, £3,000 was allocated in 2015-2016 and £3,000 allocated in 2014-2015).

£200 (from 2016-2017 this will be added to the budget for the next 3 years to cover the cost of replacing the Clerk's laptop).

£100 a year to the budget until the next Parish Council elections in 2019 to cover election expenses.

£95.65 remaining balance from the Windfarm Grant for the footpath improvement project.

This will be put towards a notice board on the triangle to advertise details of the walks.

e) A4304 Pedestrian Road Safety – Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)

The clerk made enquires with North Kilworth, Theddingworth, Lubenham and Lubenham Hill Parish Councils to see if they would be interested in jointly purchasing a MVAS. Only North Kilworth Parish Council responded. They already have a MVAS and do not wish to spend any more money on speed devices.

Cllr Marsh discussed the idea at the recent Eight Parishes CIC meeting, unfortunately there was not much interest in the idea.

f) Lighting Improvements – Lane leading to the village hall

Action: Cllr Robertson will obtain a quote for low level PIR controlled lighting.

g) Outdoor Gym Equipment - Trial of equipment from Wicksteed Playgrounds

Cllr Marsh reported that Wicksteed Playgrounds are no longer offering mobile trials of their equipment. The Parish Council are still keen on the idea of purchasing outdoor gym equipment and this will be considered in the future.

h) Hedge cutting quotes

Regulations on cutting hedges during bird nesting season means that the Parish Council will wait until later in the year to obtain quotes.

i) Joint Parish Meeting – Local Plan consultation (housing growth options in Lutterworth)

Following a joint meeting with Lutterworth Town Council, it was acknowledged that Cotesbach, Gilmorton and Misterton with Walcote Parish Councils, and Lutterworth Town Council want to achieve the best outcome for Lutterworth and surrounding communities as a result of the New Local Plan currently being worked upon by Harborough District Council. It was recognised that it would be more sensible to collectively combine in an attempt to provide a coherent vision and to magnify a joint voice rather than to fragment.

7. Children's Play Areas

7.1. To note the Routine Inspection of Children's Play Areas

Points to note;

Chapel Lane:

- Due to the cold weather the Carousel is not rotating.
- The junior swing seats are cracking. These will be removed as soon as possible and replacement seats purchased.
Action: The clerk to purchase new seats.
Action: Cllr Green to remove the damaged seats.
- The seat of the zip wire seat needs checking to ensure that it still fit for purpose.
Action: Cllr Green
- The willow tunnel has 15 dead willows. To replace these it will cost £7.50 for each willow.
Resolved: To approve the purchase and planting of the willows by Chapel Forestry.

Franks Lane:

- Some of the ramps at the skateboard park are growing fungus. There are also some with rotten and rotting pieces of wood.
Action: The Parish Council will inspect the skateboard park on 13.03.16 and decide upon a plan of action after the inspection.

7.2. To schedule dates of future inspections

Future dates for inspections were scheduled.

8. Financial Matters

8.1. Financial Statement

Balance Sheet and Bank Reconciliation for year ending 31st March 2016

		£
Opening Balance	1-Apr-15	<u>£11,368.98</u>
Receipts to	26-Feb-16	£20,456.73
Payments to	26-Feb-16	-£18,344.96
Closing Balance	26-Feb-16	<u>£13,480.75</u>

The balance carried forward is represented by these funds

	£
Current Account	£300.00
Business Reserve account	£13,678.98
Capital Reserve Account	£0.10
Add income received but not yet banked	£0.00
Less payments made but not yet presented	-£498.33
Bank Reconciliation to	26-Feb-16
	<u>£13,480.75</u>

8.2. Accounts for payment

- 8.2.1. Chapel Forestry | Removal of diseased elm tree - £432.00
- 8.2.2. Rural Community Council | 2016 Membership - £50
- 8.2.3. Clerk's expenses & allowances - £112.98

9. To confirm that the council will remain opted-in to the Sector Led Body arrangements for the procurement of external audit to 31st March 2017

Resolved: To remain opted-in.

10. To approve the contract length with 4 Counties Ground Maintenance Ltd for the grass cutting
(4 Counties Ground Maintenance Ltd is the new name of CGD Contractors Ltd)

Resolved: To approve a 5 year fixed price contract for the grass cutting.

11. A4304 Pedestrian Road Safety – to discuss any further developments

There was nothing to discuss. It was agreed to remove this from a recurring agenda item until required.

12. Triangle renovations and to consider quotes for resurfacing works

Action: Cllr Robertson to obtain a quote from MDH Brickworks to block pave the area.

13. To consider the Eight Parishes CIC Community Fund grant applications

It is anticipated that there will be approximately £10,000 in this year's fund. The Parish Council has received applications from three organisations.

Misterton with Walcote Parish Council applied for funding towards replacing stiles with kissing gates on the public footpaths in Walcote and Misterton. However, due to the success of securing funding through Tesco's Bags of Help initiative they wanted to give their application a lower priority to the others until the amount of funding allocated from Tesco was known.

Black Horse Walcote Community Benefit Society Limited applied for funding towards the set-up costs associated with purchasing the Black Horse. The Parish Council felt this was a very worthwhile project and fully supported the application as it meets all the fund priorities.

GottaDance applied for funding towards installing wood sprung flooring at the Memorial Hall to improve the venue for themselves and other users of the hall. The Parish Council had concerns over this application which they will address prior to making a decision at April's meeting.

14. To receive updates on the following:

14.1. South Kilworth Road Field – Cllr Astle

Recently a number of councillors and residents were involved in an exercise clearing up and hedge cutting at the field.

The Parish Council's solicitors are now in receipt of the relevant paperwork from HDC. These have raised some queries to address.

14.2. Footpath Improvement Project – Cllr Astle

The Parish Council were successful in their application to Tesco's Bags of Help initiative. They public will cast their votes using tokens, in-store at Rugby Tesco Superstore branch. Cllr Astle has spoken to the three major landowners of the fields where the stiles are located and met with the Right of Way Officer today.

14.3. Lighting – to receive an update on lighting the lane leading to the village hall

This was covered under 'Matters Arising' item (f).

15. Any Other Business – for notification only

15.1. Signage for the Triangle improvement project

Cllr Marsh had received a quote from Shelley Signs for signage with village information to be placed on the Triangle.

Action: Cllr Marsh will obtain a further quote.

Action: To be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

15.2. Painting of the Black Horse

The Parish Council had been offered an old painting of the Black Horse by a previous member of the village. If the painting is not suitable for the Black Horse it could be displayed in the Memorial Hall.

16. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting dates are confirmed as:

Thursday 28th April 2016 at 8pm – Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 26th May 2016 at 7.30pm – Annual Meeting of the Council followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.59pm.