

Minutes of the meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council Held on Thursday 28th April 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

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Green.

2. Declarations Of Interest from Councillors

None

3. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 03.03.16

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

4. To note any comments or questions from residents

a) WI Bench on the Triangle

The original bench installed on the Triangle did not survive during the recent renovation work. As part of the renovation project the PC agreed to purchase a new bench. The plaque from the original bench will be fixed to the new bench.

Action: Circulate bench suggestions and choose a replacement.

b) School Crossing proposals for the Lutterworth Road A4304

A resident had contacted the PC to discuss proposals for a school crossing. He will attend a future meeting to present his proposals to the PC.

5. To note any planning matters

None

6. Matters Arising

a) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Marsh had been in contact with Gary Kirk from YourLocale who provided information on preparing a neighbourhood plan. He agreed to attend a future PC meeting.

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

A service request status update from Leicestershire County Council on 03.04.16 confirmed that the potholes had repaired. Work to improve the passing bays on the lane, bridge maintenance and carriageway maintenance is scheduled to commence on 20.06.16.

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

The bench is missing a bench slat, Nick Marsh volunteered to repair. The wood for the bench has been purchased. Still ongoing.

Action: Nick Marsh

d) Routine Inspection of Children's Play Area – Chapel Lane/damaged junior swing seats

The damaged seats have been removed and replacement seats received. Cllr Robertson and Cllr Green will re-attach the new seats.

e) Routine Inspection of Children's Play Area – Chapel Lane/zip wire seat

The zip wire seat was inspected on 05.03.16 by Cllr Green. The condition of the seat does

not warrant replacement at the present time, it will continue to be monitored as part of the Routine Inspections.

f) Routine Inspection of Children’s Play Area – Franks Lane/Skateboard ramps

Some of the timber on the ramps was rotten/rotting. The Parish Council inspected the site on 13.03.16 and decided that the Driveway ramp in particular was so badly rotten it was dangerous and repairs were required immediately. Rampchild carried out the repairs and necessary maintenance on 22.03.16.

g) AED Kiosk

The AED kiosk is looking shabby and needs cleaning.

Action: Cllr Robertson volunteered to clean the kiosk and will complete this prior to the next meeting.

h) Triangle renovations

The work on block paving the triangle as part of the renovations has now been completed. Cllr Marsh has obtained two quotes for the new signage. As the village notice board was rotten and had to be taken down, it was agreed to purchase a double-sided notice board. One side would be a pin board for residents to use and the other side providing pre-printed village information/maps/walks of the local area.

Following the renovations, the existing cobble stones look dirty and need cleaning. The PC scheduled a date of Saturday 04th June for a working party to complete the clean-up.

i) Lighting Improvements – Lane leading to the village hall

Action: Cllr Hobbs and Cllr Robertson will obtain quotes for low level PIR controlled lighting.

7. Children’s Play Areas

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

Points to note;

Chapel Lane:

- The fence running behind the swings has fallen down and is in the process of being repaired.
- Despite the warmer weather the carousel is still very difficult to rotate. Due to the ongoing problems the Parish Council are considering replacing the carousel with a different piece of equipment.

Action: Cllr Marsh will look at suggestions for a new piece of equipment.

Action: The clerk will forward the suggestions the children made during the original planning stage of the playground project.

7.2. To ratify the cost of repairs made to the skateboard park on 22.03.16

Resolved: To approve the cost of repairs.

7.3. To schedule dates of future inspections

Future dates for inspections were scheduled.

8. Financial Matters

8.1. Financial Statement

The first precept instalment of £6,729.50 was received from HDC on 13.04.16.

Balance Sheet and Bank Reconciliation for year ending 31st March 2017

		£
Opening Balance	1-Apr-16	<u>£6,812.56</u>
Receipts to	23-Apr-16	£6,729.50
Payments to	23-Apr-16	-£4,328.77
Closing Balance	23-Apr-16	<u>£9,213.29</u>

The balance carried forward is represented by these funds

	£
Current Account	£300.00
Business Reserve account	£13,241.96
Capital Reserve Account	£0.10
Add income received but not yet banked	£0.00
Less payments made but not yet presented	-£4,328.77
Bank Reconciliation to	<u>£9,213.29</u>

8.2. Accounts for paymentCheques issued prior to the meeting:

£50.00 - Harborough District Council | Allotment Rent
 £1,176 - Rampchild | Repairs and maintenance to skate park
 £4,450 – MDH Brickworks | Triangle renovations (block paving)
 £1,838.60 - Edwards, Hands and Lewis | Completion fees associated purchase of land at Lutterworth Road, Walcote.

Cheques issued at the meeting:

£169.19 – LRALC | 2016-2017 subscription fee
 £198.85 – Glasdon UK Ltd | Litter bin & fixing kit (for the Triangle)
 £600.00 – 2commune Ltd | UK Local Council's website, set up, training and annual fee.
 £270.00 – 4 Counties Grounds Maintenance Ltd | March grass cutting
 £678.00 – Came & Company | Insurance 2016-2017
 £109.80 – Wicksteed Leisure Ltd | 2 replacement junior swing seats
 £16.00 – Cathy Walsh | Clerk's allowances and expenses
 £30.00 – Leicestershire & Rutland Playing Field Association | Annual Subscription 2016/2017
 £26.00 – Nick Marsh | Replacement wood for bench repairs

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

The final figure available this year has not been confirmed. However, it is anticipated that there will be approximately £11,000 in this year's fund. The Parish Council has received applications from three organisations.

- 9.1. Misterton with Walcote Parish Council** applied for funding towards replacing stiles with kissing gates on the public footpaths in Walcote and Misterton. Due to the success of being awarded £8,000 grant funding through Tesco's Bags of Help initiative it was decided to postpone the application for the time being.

Cllr Astle provided an update on the current footpath improvement plans. She has met with the Rights of Way Officer from Leicestershire County Council who was happy with the

proposals. Cllr Astle is in the process of negotiating with the land owners and obtaining quotes. She will also formally accept the offer of grant funding from Tesco's Bags of Help initiative.

- 9.2. 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.

Resolved: To award grant funding of £6,000.

- 9.3. 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 felt that the new flooring would benefit many users of the hall and agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the flooring. This was on the condition that Misterton with Walcote Community Trust fully consented to the proposals and that GottaDance informed the Parish Council the legal status of their organisation.

Resolved: To award grant funding of £1,000.

10. To consider renewing membership to Leicestershire & Rutland Playing Fields Association

Despite the increase in fees, the Parish Council were happy to continue their membership to the Association.

Resolved: To approve the membership cost of £30.00.

11. To consider purchasing a notice board for village matters to replace the damaged one

This has been covered in agenda item 6(h).

12. To receive updates on the following:

12.1. South Kilworth Road Field – Cllr Astle

All the documents relating to the sale have been signed and the legal fees paid.

12.2. Footpath Improvement Project – Cllr Astle

This has been covered in agenda item 9.1.

13. Any Other Business – for notification only

13.1. Outdoor gym equipment

The Parish Council will look into grant funding from the current cycle of Tesco's Bags of Help initiative for purchasing outdoor gym equipment.

13.2. Grass Cutting

The Parish Council are pleased with the condition of the park following its first cut of the season.

13.3. Misterton with Walcote Community Trust – Fireworks display notification

The Trust gave advance notice of a fireworks display taking place at the Memorial Hall on 18.06.16. A copy of the leaflet will be published on the Trust's website and delivered to all households in the village.

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting date is confirmed as; Thursday 26th May 2016 at 7.30pm – Annual Meeting of the Council followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.18pm.