

IRONVILLE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2016
MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2016
IRONVILLE COMMUNITY ROOM, VICTORIA CRESCENT, IRONVILLE
COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

Councillor J. W. Brown (Chair)

Councillors J. Bates, Mrs. K. Brown, P. Clark, Mrs. P. Cope, Mrs. R. L. Daniel, P. Smith, R. Tailby & Mrs. K. Whitehouse.

Four members of the public were also in attendance.

57/2016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Derbyshire Constabulary & Mr. M. Blount.

58/2016 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS

RESOLVED:-

None received.

59/2016 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 9th November 2015 approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a correct record on behalf of the Parish Council.

60/2016 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(a) **Matters raised by the Public**

Members of the public raised the following concerns:-

A request was received with reference to the last Council meeting held where a request had been submitted to Future Homescapes regarding parish matters. The meeting noted the response received from Future Homescapes which confirmed the following:-

- a) A noise app purchased to assist residents record incidents of noise nuisance which can be used as evidence to support complaints.
- b) The doors to Adelaide Walk and Openacre flats will be replaced and improved in 2016.
- c) Work underway to establish a community facility; updates to follow.
- d) Residents can submit concerns to the Officers or through the Parish Council.

- e) Thriving Communities to carry out walkabout in the parish on 15th January 2016.
- f) Gas supplies to residents' homes. Noted the decision remained with British Gas as Future Homescales cannot afford the installation costs.
- g) Post Office car park brick wall disturbed; vehicles turning at the junction causing safety concerns.
- h) No lines on Cinder Bank to prevent parking causing concerns. Cllr Smith reported that double yellow lines unsuitable for all areas; sleeping policemen slows down traffic in the area and zigzags installed on the highway outside the school. Cllr Smith agreed to request Enforcement Officers to visit the area.
- i) Parking around the Post Office was now limited and it was felt this could exacerbate issues in the area.
- j) Report of anti-social activities around the parish. The Chairman advised all incidents should be reported to the Police in order the crimes become recorded and Officers aware of the concerns.
- k) Representation from newly formed Codnor Park Unicorn Group; objective to raise the profile of the village.
- l) Discussion held on the consultation underway regarding proposals to close village nursery. **RESOLVED** a letter to be sent to the M.P. Nigel Mills to request support to retain the valued facility within this statistically deprived location. Closure would have a detrimental effect on the community.
- m) Road repairs required outside Post Office on Cinder Bank.

(b) **Police Matters** No report.

(c) **Parish Lengthsman** No report.

(d) **Borough Council Report from Borough Councillor Roy Walker**

No report.

(e) **Amber Valley & County Council Report from County Councillor Paul Smith**

Derbyshire County Councillor Paul Smith reported on the following matters:-

(i) **Borough Council** No report

(ii) **County Council** Further information received on actions to consider closure of children's centres in the county; update on bus routes consultation underway; update on budget restrictions with reserves used to protect some services; information received on residential homes. Noted report on the Coach Road with HGV usage causing concerns. Complaints referred to County Highways. Report received on budget for repair of potholes. Information received on canal partnership.

RESOLVED:-

That the reports received.

61/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported on the following matters:-

- a) Youth Project – report of recent event held at the railway carriage to commence works on the extension. Cllr Smith extended appreciation to the Chairman for the loan of a JCB to cut the first grass sod on site.
- b) Noted Cllr Clark had organised planting of 1000 bulbs in the parish around Cinder Bank and Waterside. Cllr Clark extended appreciation to the Parish Council for financial support. Residents assisted with the bulb planting.
- c) The Chairman reported on the success of the festive lights at Christ Church. Noted a tree had been planted for decoration in the churchyard for future years.

RESOLVED:-

- i. Information noted.
- ii. That a letter sent to resident Mrs. S. Bullock extending the appreciation of the Parish Council.

62/2016 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) **Codnor Park & Ironville Walking Group** Cllr P. Clark reported on the condition of some parish footpaths. A site visit to the Greenway to be organised. Cllr Smith updated on works carried out in the area. Note of roadsign requiring attention.
- b) **Futures Homescape** Coffee mornings once a month. No meeting organised.
- c) **Town & Parish Liaison Group** No meeting date arranged.
- d) **Amber Valley Access** No report.

RESOLVED:-

That the reports received.

63/16 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- (a) **Allotment Site Meadow Road** The Council considered quotation from Ilkeston Fencing to provide Weldmesh fencing to the retaining boundaries of the allotment site to increase security and improve the appearance of the site. Quotation of £4655 to provide galvanised and ppc green single weld mesh panel system. The project could be carried out in two phases.
- (b) **Floral Hanging Baskets & Planters** Quotation will be sought for the 2016 season.
- (c) **Parish Skip** The Chairman reported on the success of the skip initiative held on Saturday 16th January 2016 at the King William Centre.
- (d) **Voluntary Project** Cllr Clark reported on the voluntary work carried out in the parish by residents to improve the area. A schedule of the works carried out to date was presented to Council.
- (e) **Footpath Concern** Complaint received regarding condition of footway on Victoria Street. Condition poor. Owner required identification.

RESOLVED:-

- i. That the reports received.
- ii. With reference to (a) above that the quotation to provide improved fencing in the sum of £4655.00 from Ilkeston Fencing noted. That the project split into two phases with Phase One approved in the sum of £2327.00 to provide fencing to the footway entrance to the site from Meadow Road. The project to include new gate.
- iii. That the Parish Lengthsman requested to visit the footway on Victoria Street to tidy.

64/16 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Copies of circulars made available to Members of the Council at the meeting.

RESOLVED:-

That the information noted.

65/16 PLANNING MATTERS

No reports.

66/16 FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET FOR 2016 - 2017

- a) A statement of expenditure for the period 2015 – 2016 to date received in the sum of £10,383.29 gross.
- b) A draft budget received for the period 2016 – 2017 remaining static at anticipated expenditure in the sum of £18,050.00.
- c) Precept requirements for the period 2016 – 2017 considered. The precept for the 2015 – 2016 financial year was reported at £14,500.00.

RESOLVED:-

- I. That the documents approved.
- II. That payments for cheques approved as (a) above.
- III. That a precept in the sum of £15,000.00 approved for the period 2016 – 2017 to support a budget for the same period totalling £18,050.00.

67/2016 **PARISH COUNCIL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

It was reported the laptop used by the Clerk for Council business had become slow and dated.

RESOLVED:-

That a budget of £400.00 approved towards providing a new computer system.

68/16 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) **Village Celebration** Cllr P. Clark reported an event would be considered when the village was tidied by the voluntary group. The Chairman & Cllrs R. Tailby, J. Bates, P. Clark agreed to assist with the project.
- b) **Photo Slide Presentation** Cllr P. Clark provided slides of the canal and area restoration project.
- c) **Codnor Park & Ironville Magazine** Mr. A. Cadman reported to the meeting of the forthcoming magazine and that minutes of Council meetings were now online.

RESOLVED some support received for the initiative from the Chairman, Cllr R. Tailby, Cllr R. Daniel & Mrs. K. Brown. Resident expressed interest.

- d) **Festive Decorations** it was reported on the discussions which had been held with regard to installation of festive tree at the Christ Church. The meeting **APPROVED** festive lighting around the Church. Costs for consideration at the next meeting.

69/16 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC ORDER**

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

70/16 **STAFF MATTERS**

RESOLVED:-

That the Clerk receive an increment in accordance with the National Association of Local Council scale of pay to SCP point 27 effective from 1st January 2015.

71/16 **ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDA**

The next meeting of the Parish Council scheduled to take place on Monday 14th March 2016 at the Ironville Community Room, Victoria Crescent, Ironville commencing at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.