

IRONVILLE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2017
MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017
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.

Also in attendance were six members of the public.

71/2017 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Derbyshire Constabulary.

72/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS

None received.

73/2017 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 7th November 2016 approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a correct record on behalf of the Parish Council.

74/2017 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(a) Matters raised by the Public

- i. Concerns raised regarding the maintenance of Ironville House Grade II listed building with ongoing restoration works underway. The Chairman agreed to liaise with Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Department to monitor the site. Cllr Clark reported of his conversation with the developer of the site and a summary of the works underway was received.
- ii. No other matters raised.

(b) Police Reports

Apologies received from Derbyshire Constabulary. Residents were encouraged to contact the authority on 101 to report any incidents, with 999 for emergencies.

(c) **Parish Lengthsman** Confirmation the staff member would supervise the skip initiative booked to take place on Saturday 14th January 2017 at King William Square.

(d) **Borough Council Reports from Borough Councillor J. W. Brown & P. Smith**

Borough Councillor J. W. Brown

No report

Borough Councillor Paul Smith

Cllr Smith reported on a number of redundancies at the Borough Council which indicated the impact of reduced funding from Central Government. Information of Council Tax amounts would be reported at the Borough Council in the near future. The meeting noted redundancies of staff within the Futures Homescape organisation, which again would impact on the village of Ironville with reduced services to maintain the parish.

(e) **County Council Report from County Councillor Paul Smith**

- i. **Highways Surfacing** Information received on highway repairs and the facilities in place to deal with excess loose surface dressing along Bullock Lane, South Street and Greenhill Road. The area would be monitored and the contractor would return to amend the dressing at no additional cost if not satisfactory to the Local Authority. A road sweeper has been deployed.
- ii. **Street Lighting** Budget reductions had affected monitoring of lighting. Residents recommended to provide full information and column number to County Council for action. Noted repair for Main Road. Residents were encouraged to report lights in need of repair to the Derbyshire County Council.
- iii. **Council Tax 2017 – 2018** The meeting noted taxes would be increased to provide additional funding towards social care. The authorities working alongside health partners.
- iv. **Gritting** Cllr Smith recommended the Council consider adopting the Snow Warden Scheme. The Chairman reported salt supplies were held from last year.
- v. **Derbyshire County Council Community Room Award** through County Councillor Paul Smith in the sum of £20,000 to renovate and improve the building for the community. Work was to start in the near future.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked Cllr Smith for his informative report.

75/2017 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on the success of the Lottery Award for the development of Meadow Street allotment site.

A report was received on the Festive Event held at Christ Church in December 2016, with a well-attended service and festive lighting provided by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:-

- a) A contribution in the sum of £25.00 to be paid to Christ Church to cover the cost of electricity for the festive lighting 2016.
- b) The meeting noted the Carol Service expenses for refreshments in the sum of £47.00 approved.

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REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) **Amber Valley Access (Cllr R. Tailby)** No report.
- b) **Codnor Park & Ironville Walking Group** Group actively organising walks
- c) **Futures Homescape** No report.
- d) **Town & Parish Liaison Group** No report.
- e) **Unicorns (Cllr P. Clark)** No report.
- f) **Ironville Breakfast Club (information)** Oscari now running the scheme.
- g) **Codnor Park & Ironville Project** Photographs and work towards an exhibition in April/May 2017 noted. The Working Party continuing to work on Tuesday and Wednesdays. 28th January 2017 day organised at the stepping stones at Jacksdale.
- h) **Friends of Cromford Canal** The Chairman reported on the proposed installation of a bin at the site to collect waste from the canal as the Borough Council was unable to continue providing a service for the quantity of debris regularly removed from the site. The FoCC would be required to cover the cost of servicing the bin

RESOLVED:-

That the reports received.

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APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY MONUMENT LANE

The meeting noted the application for a BOAT along Monument Lane and Long Lane, which had been accepted following an inquiry through the Planning Inspector, subject to revision to a 'bridleway'. Noted the Monument Lane did not have an agreed landowner, therefore the repairs to the open stile area would have to be borne by the Parish Council, subject to agreement. A clause relating to the 'deletion of gate' required clarification.

RESOLVED:-

That the information noted.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- (a) **Allotment Site Meadow Road** Cllr Mrs. P. Cope reported on the success of the Awards for All application and the plan for development of the site. Quotation for fencing had been requested through Ilkeston Fencing Limited. Cllr Mrs. Cope & the Clerk would prepare costs for the site development and report to Council.

Lottery Awards for All Cllr Mrs. P. Cope reported on the success of a bid submitted for improvement of the allotment site at Meadow Street. The amount awarded was £5,700. The following information was noted:-

- The bid would cover the cost of new fencing to the upper section of the site
- The bid would cover the cost of new polytunnel

- The bid would cover the cost of attention to the existing trees and new tree planting for the site
- The bid would cover the cost of a storage facility installation on the site (planning permission required for container)

A quotation had been received from Ilkeston Fencing, the company which had provided the existing metal mesh fencing to part of the site in the current financial year:-

To take down 48m of existing fencing and cart away.

To supply and erect 48m of 2m high fencing.

To be either:

Timber posts and timber picket fencing lump sum price £3325.00 or

Concrete posts and timber picket fencing lump sum price £3745.00 or

Eclipse single weld mesh panel fencing system galvanised and ppc green £2530.00.

All prices subject to vat at current rates.

Prices held firm 21 days only.

Payment on account.

All sales of Goods and/or services are subject to our terms and conditions supplied herewith.

RESOLVED:-

- a) That the report noted.
- b) That Ilkeston Fencing instructed to remove the existing upper timber fencing and install weld mesh at a cost of £2530.00 nett which included removal from the site of the existing fencing.
- c) That a planning application submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council for siting of a metal container for storage of equipment and tools.
- d) That a budget of £500 approved to purchase a polytunnel.
- e) That Cllr Pam Cope & the Clerk to manage the project on behalf of the Council.

(b) Floral Hanging Baskets & Planters No report.

(c) Parish Skip It was reported the skip was organised for Saturday 14th January 2017 on King William Square from 10 a.m. until the skip was filled. The Parish Lengthsman would supervise the event on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:-

That the reports received.

That Ilkeston Fencing appointed to install a metal mesh fencing to the same standard and specification as the work the company previously carried out on the allotment site. Approved quotation in the sum of £2530.00 exclusive.

79/2017 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Circulars received from the Association circulated as follows:-

17/2016 (i) National salary award (ii) Derbyshire alert community messaging system (iii) HR for busy Councils (iv) Liaison Forum update (v) Responsive bus service for rural residents (vi) Legal Topic Notes (vii) NALC opposes Council Tax referendum principles for local Councils.

18/2016 (i) Internal audit check list and auditors (ii) Employment Future for Parish & Town Councils (iii) Stoney Middleton survey.

19/2016 (i) Proposal for a Public Service Ombudsman (ii) External audit changes (iii) the Big Conservation Conversation (iv) Neighbourhood Planning (v) Places and Spaces (vi) Council Spotlight Award (vii) Funding opportunity (viii) Training.

RESOLVED:-

That the information noted.

80/2017 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following application:-

RESOLVED:-

No objections raised.

81/2017 HIGHWAY SIGNAGE IN THE PARISH

Cllr P. Smith reported on the initiative for the parish, with village signs proposed incorporating historical and heritage information regarding the area. Signs from a nearby town had been costed at £1,100 nett. In addition, Mr. Cadman distributed information with suggested designs. Three signs were discussed with different features on each sign (mining wheels, Codnor Castle, Lottery award, developing elements and features, Codnor Park Reservoir, Jessop Monument, Forge Site) and the Chairman agreed to donate wheel for the centre of the village.

RESOLVED:-

- a) That quotations for signage to be sought from contractors
- b) That a bid to be submitted to Heritage Lottery towards the project through Mrs. J. Smalley on a no win no fee basis.

82/2017 FINANCE REPORT AND ANNUAL PRECEPT/BUDGET 2017 - 2018

- a) **Financial Report to 31st January 2016** schedule as attached. Income to date £16,746.59. Expenditure to date 31st December 2016 gross £14,512.49 cheque numbers 401565 to 401676.
- b) **Budget 2017 – 2018** information received and considered.

RESOLVED:-

That the payments approved as per schedule from 1st April 2016 to 31st December 2016 as attached.
That a precept requirement in the sum of £15,000 to be submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council for the year 2017 – 2018 based on the budget predictions for the same period.

83/2017 **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

RESOLVED:-

That a request for attention to the damaged concrete bollards outside the Post Office area on Cinder Bank to be reported to Futures Homescape.

Speeding concerns with traffic along Queen Street and Market Street. Cllr J. Bates had reported the matter to Police.

84/2017 **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meeting to take place on Monday 20th March 2017 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Room, Victoria Crescent, Ironville.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.