

IRONVILLE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2016
MONDAY 14th MARCH 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 (Borough, County & Parish representative), R. Tailby & Mrs. K. Whitehouse.

Also present at the meeting: 5 members of the public, Borough Councillor Roy Walker.

72/2016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Derbyshire Constabulary P.C.S.O. M. Miller.

73/2016 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS

RESOLVED:-

None received.

74/2016 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11th January 2016 approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a correct record on behalf of the Parish Council.

75/2016 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING MINUTES

- 60/2016 (b) Futures Homescapes new doors underway; Futures Homescape looking at funding opportunities to provide gas supply to properties.
- 60/2016 (e) (ii) County Council working through pothole reports; the weather conditions had caused many problems.

76/2016 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Members of the public raised the following concerns:-

- i. Flytipping concerns within the parish around the canal area in particular. Contact had been made with Amber Valley Borough Council. It was noted prosecutions would be forthcoming.
- ii. Horse riders reported as using the greenway area around the Codnor Park Reservoir. Cllr Smith reported on the restrictions in place; it was noted the metal bridges spanning the waters could not be used by horseriders. Cllr Smith reported on funding secured through Derbyshire County Council to improve the greenway.
- iii. Damaged signage on Coach Road required replacement; this had been reported to the authority.
- iv. HGV goods vehicles using the Coach Road noted. Residents encouraged to take registration numbers and reported to Trading Standards. However, it was also noted that access by goods vehicles to addresses on the Coach Road was legal as the road represented means of access.
- v. Mr. Andy Cadman was thanked for his production of the newsletter, which was well received and very informative. Minutes of Council meetings and newsletters were online. The Clerk agreed to send a report for the newsletter on Parish Council work within the community.

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

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

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

Cllr Walker offered no report regarding Borough Council matters. Cllr Walker advised the school crossing patrol staff continued to provide the service (County matter).

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

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

(i) **Borough Council** Information received on the devolution process; the Borough Council had no further part in the process; a decision was awaited as it was considered some benefits could be brought to the community if the decision was favourable.

(ii) **County Council**

- Report on the Greenway with funding of £30,000 allocated. Links with Golden Valley to Swanwick under consideration to knit routes together.
- Surestart closure consideration removed and the centre now safe for the community but Somercotes had been included on the list for potential closure of the facility, which was disappointing. A consultation process would take place until April 2016. The lack of transport facilities and community needs were factors in retaining the Ironville centre.
- Resurfacing works along Bullock Hill, Victoria Street to Jacksdale funding approved. Top dressing of highways noted.
- 12 months funding towards community newsletter approved.

- Monument Hill the Planning Inspector will consider the application for BOAT access with an inquiry to be held locally. Cllr Smith agreed to provide the particulars of the dates when available. It was important local residents expressed their views regarding the application. Noted UK Coal had installed a stile to allow pedestrian access on completion of the opencasting.
- Report on some closures/relocations of Post Offices in country locations with consideration to be given to linking with existing businesses in both rural and urban areas.
- Update on bus service to be funded for the community until 2017 – 18 financial year, shared between Somercotes and Ironville.
- Report on the access to Codnor Castle and its opening to the public at agreed times with the Castle organisation.
- Cllr Smith received a report of road markings which required replacement outside the primary school on Cinder Bank and Casson Street.
- Report on discussions underway to establish a Doctor for the area allocation one day per week.

RESOLVED:-

That the reports received.

77/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported on the following matters:-

The Chairman expressed appreciation to Cllr Peter Clark for his participation in bulb planting and volunteers for the litter pick which recently took place in the community. A letter to be sent to Mrs. S. Bullock for her contribution towards improvement of the parish with floral displays and voluntary maintenance.

Cllr Mrs. P. Cope reported on the work of the Parish Lengthsman on clearing a footway near to Elizabeth Park following a request. Appreciation extended.

Mr. A. Cadman reported on butane canisters found during the litterpick.

RESOLVED:-

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

78/2016 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Codnor Park & Ironville Walking Group** Cllr P. Clark reported street sign too low but an adequate explanation had been received from Highways. Request for sign cleaning in the parish.
- Futures Homescape** Coffee mornings no longer taking place due to lack of funding.
- Town & Parish Liaison Group** No meeting date arranged.
- Amber Valley Access** No report.

RESOLVED:-

That the reports received.

79/16 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- (a) **Allotment Site Meadow Road** Update on fencing to be installed in the near future. Tenants had expressed concern with regard to the style of the approved design. However, it was noted the visibility of the site through the weldmesh was expected to deter burglars.
- (b) **Floral Hanging Baskets & Planters** Quotation received from Premier 1 (UK) in the sum of £1417.00 nett approved in the third year of a three year approved contract.
- (c) **Parish Skip** A skip to be organised for September 2016.
- (d) **Voluntary Project** Cllr Clark reported on the condition of the culvert off the Market Place with flytipping down the embankment, sofas, old sinks etc. Future Homescapes had been approached but reported the banking was too steep for a clearance project to be executed safely. Keep Britain Tidy had been approached. Cllr Smith had liaised with Amber Valley Borough Council who did not consider the site its responsibility, but would check on the land ownership. Cllr Walker advised the gulley was within the ownership of the National Rivers Trust. Vermin were present in the gulley. Noted the area had been bricked to prevent water access. It was confirmed the Pinxton Bridge was a registered as a listed building.

RESOLVED:-

- i. That the reports received.
- ii. Land ownership to be confirmed for the gulley for report of concerns and vermin.

80/16 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

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

RESOLVED:-

That the information noted.

81/16 PLANNING MATTERS

- AVA/2015/1250 8 Railway Row Proposed pair of three bedroomed semi-detached houses. Noted application withdrawn.
- AVA/2016/0070 Kennels Farm, Forge Row, Codnor Park. Agricultural application for polytunnel.

RESOLVED:-

No objections raised and that the information noted.

82/2016 PARISH CENOTAPH

Cllr Bates reported on the condition of the cenotaph within the parish. A grant had been submitted towards the repair of the commemorative installation. The meeting noted the cost of the repairs was expected in the region of £2000.00.

Cllr Smith reported an award of £1350 had been granted from the War Memorial Trust, with a contribution to be made by Cllr Smith from his Community Leadership Fund.

RESOLVED:-

That under Section 137 Local Government Act 1972, an award in the sum of £250.00 approved towards the improvement of the parish cenotaph, in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and the award will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

83/16 FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET FOR 2016 - 2017

- a) A statement of expenditure for the period 2015 – 2016 to date received in the sum of £15,951.53 gross.
- b) A late submission of invoice received from Amber Valley Borough Council for election expenses for the election which took place in May 2015. The invoice total was in the sum of £2014.02.

RESOLVED:-

- I. That the documents approved.
- II. That payments for cheques approved as (a) above numbers 401445 to 401562.

84/16 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a) **Village Celebration** No report
- b) **Turning Circle at Victoria Street** required attention from Futures Homescape. Cllr Smith reported he had met with Futures Homescape regarding lack of parking on Queen Street and Casson Street. Noted the organisation did not own many of the properties situated on the above roads. Noted it was not the responsibility of the organisation to provide parking spaces.

85/16 ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING AGENDA

The next meeting of the Parish Council scheduled to take place on Monday 16th May 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.