

**IRONVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2016**  
**MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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.

Also in attendance were ten members of public.

**40/2017      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Derbyshire Constabulary.

**41/2017      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

None received.

**42/2017      MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a correct record on behalf of the Parish Council.

**43/2017      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

- i. It was reported that following complaints received from members of the public regarding the condition of the community room at Victoria Crescent (reference 27/2017(e) the organisation had advised Derbyshire County Councillor Paul Smith that no assistance could be offered. **RESOLVED** that contact with the organisation to be made to attend a meeting with Council representatives. Cllr Smith advised he would pursue the matter further.
- ii. Complaints received from residents regarding problems surrounding tenanted properties in the management of Futures Homescape; Flytipping, anti-social behaviour, eviction concerns, lack of improvement to areas and maintenance issues. Noted an abandoned refrigerator had been left on the highway for approximately six months with no apparent action taken from the authorities. Reference to strict adherence to the signed contract of tenancy agreement noted required by both parties. Damage to motor vehicles also noted. Cllr Smith reported of his attendance to a recent Parish Surgery held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 where he received many similar complaints; seven families had visited with concerns. Cllr Smith advised he had organised a meeting to be called between the authorities and

the housing association. Cllr Smith would also liaise with the Community Safety Team and Derbyshire County Council. The meeting noted street cleansing teams had been engaged in the parish on several occasions. A discussion was held on the work carried out by the Parish Warden. The meeting noted his work was fragmented due to areas being maintained by various local authorities and organisations. Discussion of options for additional hours for a parish Lengthsman to support dealing with difficulties being experienced with litter and tidying of the village. **RESOLVED** the Chairman to discuss with existing staff. The meeting noted parish walkabouts with Futures Homescape no longer a practice. Cllr Paul Smith agreed to speak with Borough Council Officer Mr. S. Gladwin regarding the situation.

- iii. Voluntary team has carried out numerous tasks and tidying duties in the parish to assist with cleanliness and improvement of the area. Organised litter picks had been carried out in Spring 2016. Noted regular fires also being lit in gardens.
- iv. Casson Street play area. The Council was disappointed that when equipment becomes damaged, it will be removed and not replaced by the organisation. The Chairman confirmed he had spoken with the organisation over the matter.
- v. Mr. A. Cadman reported on the next newsletter prepared for distribution in the parish. The Chairman extended the appreciation of the Parish Council for his continued work on the project.

**(b) Police Reports**

Apologies for absence received from the Beat Team. Concern was expressed at the lack of attendance from Officers. Confirmation the Authority would be advised.

- (c) **Parish Lengthsman** No report. **RESOLVED** that the Chairman would arrange meeting with the Lengthsman regarding discussion of work in the parish.

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

<b><u>Borough Councillor J. W. Brown</u></b>	No reports
<b><u>Borough Councillor Paul Smith</u></b>	No reports

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

- Residents were urged to report all incidents regarding anti-social activities to Derbyshire Constabulary
- Update received on improvement works required for the community centre.
- Highway resurfacing and lineage report received.
- Update on application for BOAT Monument Lane and New Road. The Government Inspector had organised a hearing in the parish on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

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

**44/2017      CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported on the restoration of the Church War Memorial. The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, extended appreciation to Cllr John Bates for his dedication towards completion of the initiative. The meeting noted the project had attracted local and national media interest. A Service of Re-dedication was well attended at the Christ Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**45/2017      REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

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| a) <b>Amber Valley Access (Cllr R. Tailby)</b>      | No report.  |
| b) <b>Codnor Park &amp; Ironville Walking Group</b> | No report.  |
| c) <b>Futures Homescape</b>                         | No report.  |
| d) <b>Town &amp; Parish Liaison Group</b>           | Next meeting organised to take place Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016 (Chairman)  |
| e) <b>Unicorns (Cllr P. Clark)</b>                  | No report. Mr. Cadman reported on artwork project with funding received. Have given notice on allotment garden on Meadow Street. Will be consulting with the youth if Ironville to seek their opinions on projects. |

**RESOLVED:-**

That the reports received.

**46/2017      ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- (a) **Allotment Site Meadow Road** Cllr Mrs. P. Cope reported the site looking pristine and well maintained by tenants. Noted additional fencing to the top of the site required. No further update on garden association.
- (b) **Floral Hanging Baskets & Planters** The overall opinion of the Council was the baskets were not as decorative in 2016. Contractor to be advised. Noted neighbouring parishes had floral displays of better quality.
- (c) **Parish Skip** the next skip to be booked for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Meadow Street next to the allotment gardens on base of former garages through Belper Skip Hire from 10 a.m. until 12 noon or until the skip was full. Parish Lengthsman to attend.
- (d) **Volunteers in Codnor Park & Ironville** Cllr Clark reported on re-instatement of motorcycle barrier on canal. Improvement works carried out by the volunteer working party noted including clearance of reeds and area on Cinder Bank being tidied.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the reports received.

**47/2017      DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Copies of circulars distributed to Council:-

- a) Application for funding from Government Transparency fund for Smaller Councils
- b) Circular 12/2016 Training courses; Bus Service Bill; 'Blue light' deal for National Parks; managing performance and older workers.
- c) Circular 13/2016 Understanding Vote Leave for Town & Parish Councils; Automatic Enrolment; Chair skills training course 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Stretton 6 – 8 p.m.
- d) Circular 14/2016 Appointment of Chief Officer DALC; DALC annual Executive Committee Meeting and AGM 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Chatsworth House, Bakewell 10 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the information noted.

**48/2017      PLANNING MATTERS**

The Council considered the following applications:-

- a) AVA/2016/0725 Police House, Monument Lane, Codnor Park oval name/shop sign on fascia
- b) AVA/2016/0618 Parsons Cottage, Casson Street, Ironville Listed building consent for wall repairs

**RESOLVED:-**

No objections raised.

**49/2017      FINANCE REPORT**

- a) **Financial Report September 2016** Gross expenditure to date in the sum of £11,463.74 as per attached sheet.
- b) **Income 2016 – 2017** at £16,756.49.
- c) **External Audit 2015 – 2016** submitted to external auditor.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the payments approved as per schedule cheque numbers 401565 to 401655 as per schedule (noted numbers 401651 to 401655 used from alternative cheque book as the existing cheque book lodged with the auditor during August 2016).

**50/2017      VILLAGE SIGNAGE**

Councillor Paul Smith requested the matter to be an agenda item for the next Council meeting.

**51/2017      EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC ORDER**

**RESOLVED:-**

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.

**52/2017**      **STAFF MATTERS**

The Clerk reported on the application for Assistant to the Clerk for Ironville Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the appointment approved as per report.

**53/2017**      **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Councillor Clark reported on a proposal for documentation of the village by a series of photographs to promote the parish. Discussions underway with camera club. Funding would be required towards printing, paper etc.

Discussion of a photographic competition to show the architecture of the village.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the matter to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

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**55/2017**      **STAFF MATTERS**

**RESOLVED:-**

That an Assistant to the Clerk to be appointed at a rate of 1.5 hours per week.

That the Clerk reduce hours from 3 to 1.5 hours per week from appointment of Assistant.

**56/2017**      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 due to change of date.

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