

TRESWELL AND COTTAM PARISH COUNCIL
OFFICERS; CHAIRMAN - MR. RAY FOX
TREASURER/SECRETARY - MRS. MARALYN PAPWORTH

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 16th September, 2015, 7.30pm in Treswell Village Hall

1. Councillors present/absent

The Chair welcomed all Councillors to the meeting.

Present: Cllrs. Ray Fox (Chair), Nicola Salter (V.Chair), Helen Cope, Tracey Street, Gill Lazenby, Maralyn Papworth (Clerk)

2 members of the public were present and CClls Teresa Critchley and John Ogle

Apologies for absence: Fred Tomlinson, Eileen Pillar, Lynn Mockridge

2. Declarations of interest: none

3. Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 15th July, 2015 were approved and signed as a true record. P/S Councillors Cope/Mockridge

4. Matters arising from minutes

Kennels-Cottam: Cllr. Salter reported that the mobile home is still present and Planning Enforcement have not yet made contact- will pursue.

Motorbike Fest: Very few attended this event with only 6 campers therefore it seemed to happen with little disturbance to the villagers of Cottam. Loud music continued until 11pm.

Red Lion 'Creative Care Home': Cllr. Street wished to discuss issue relating to this property but was asked by chair to raise issue later in meeting- agreed.

5. Designated time for public to speak

Mrs. Price attended the meeting to convey their distress since the occupation of the Red Lion property by Creative Care who accommodate young adults with Autism/Asperger's Syndrome . She went on to describe the constant, distressing noises; grunting, groaning and whistling, loss of privacy in relation to the use of a trampoline by the residents, and items being thrown over the fence into their garden. Their garden is no longer a place where they can sit in peace and with pleasure.

Mrs. Price told the meeting that her husband's mental health is being significantly affected by the intrusions. Mr. Price suffers from Alzheimer's disorder.

The council acknowledged the heartfelt conflict that arises in relation to providing for the needs of the residents of the Red Lion care home, and the impact on neighbouring properties. However, no consideration had been given to the mental health of those families who live adjacent to the Red Lion, and the impact that the change of use of this property would have, upon existing, and possibly future mental health difficulties, and the everyday family life and activities of those living nearby.

It should be noted that current planning law deems that there has been no 'change of use' upon change of ownership, even though in reality the changes do have significant impact on neighbouring residents. The new owners and BDC Planning Dept. had no obligation to inform adjacent properties or the Parish Council of the changes that were about to take place.

Cllr. Streets has been asked to monitor the parking issues raised regarding the same property. It had been recorded that employees and support staff who work at the Red Lion were parking their cars on the pavement making it almost impossible for pedestrians, wheelchair users and pram users to pass by without walking in the road. Parked vehicles on the highway, particularly between the junctions of Leverton Road and Cockings Lane, prevent the safe flow of traffic and pose a significant danger between these points on Town Street. Creative Care acknowledged the parking issues and confirmed that they were considering how to overcome the matter. However the danger continues. It was observed that parking on Sept. 17th particularly hazardous, photograph taken for evidence.

ACTION: Cllr. Street-continue to monitor/ Clerk to contact PC Bailey to update

For the benefit of all present the Chair went on to explain the situation to date; the involvement of Planning Enforcement, PC Bill Bailey and Environmental Health. He explained that in response to the issues raised Creative Care wish to convene a meeting with residents and the Parish Council to resolve the difficulties. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**

6. **Crime Report**; no recent report published

7. **Financial**

Cheque received from EDF for Parish Council to allocate to a village project- £600
Clerk informed the council that the balances of both deposit and current account would be included at this point at future council meetings.

8. **Neighbourhood Dev. Planning**:

Chair explained that James Green, the Regeneration and Investment Officer for BDC had advised that, since a public meeting had been held in June and that the future development of the village had been discussed and was well supported by those attending, a Neighbourhood Plan Designation Application could be made.

An example provided by Mr. Green was used to create the PC's application document. All members of the council, and those who showed interest in being on a steering group were provided with the draft application document to be considered for approval.

It was unanimously agreed that this application be forwarded to the Notts. Regeneration and Investment Team. P/S Cllr. Street/Cope. **ACTION: Clerk to send application**

9. **Introduction of monthly meetings**: Chair requested that councillors consider the introduction of 10 monthly meetings with perhaps 2 'holidays' during August/December for example. To be on next meeting's agenda for further discussion. **ACTION: next agenda**

10. **Rampton Hospital Forum**: Chair has attended this Forum for many years and thought that members of the council ought to be given the opportunity to become the representative should they wish. He explained some of the successful measures taken by the forum, especially in connection with monitoring the speed of vehicles that pass through the nearby villages en route to the hospital and power stations. It was proposed that Cllr. Fox should continue to represent the council at the Forum. P/S Cllr. Salter/Cope

11. **Correspondence**

The Chair, who had referred to various letters throughout the meeting, presented the correspondence and made it available for councillors to read.

12.A.O.B.

Cllr. Ogle informed the PC about the recent Broadband Installations and that £3000 is available to businesses to assist connection. Further details on BDC website.

Cllr. Critchley reminded the PC of the Goodwin Trust that is available to assist persons to practically, overcome challenging situations.

Cllr. Salter referred to a grass verge in the village of Cottam adjacent to a field, and asked if the owner of the field also owned the grass verge. CClls. Present thought that it was likely that the verge was owned by the council but that if Cllr. Salter sent a photograph to CCllr. Ogle, he would make the necessary enquiries.

Cllr. Street raised the issue of the Give Way sign at the junction of Cockings Lane being obstructed by the growing hedge. CCllr. Ogle recommended sending a photograph to him and he would make the necessary enquiries on our behalf.

Next PC Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18th November**, 2015, 7.30pm

The Chair thanked all for their attendance.

There being no other business meeting was closed at 8.50pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting Wednesday 16th September, 2015, 7.30pm:

Signed: Cllr. Ray Fox

P/S Cllrs: Lazenby/Street