

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 25th September 2018, at Oldcotes Village Hall, commencing at 19.15hrs.

Present :- Liam Browne (Chairman) with Councillors, David Bland, Peter R Browne, , George Earle, A. Morton, David Smith, Paul Weldon and John Woffinden.

Apologies for Absence Cllr Martyn Reynolds, District Councillor Barry Bowles. And PCSO Parker.

01.25.09.2018 POLICE REPORT

A written report for the period 1st July to 31st August 2018 was provided in writing by PCSO Parker showing 2 crimes down in Oldcotes in July, but 3 up in August with “ down in Styrrup for July but 2 up in August.

Cathy was thanked for her report in her absence and it was hoped that she would be able to attend the next meeting have now missed several meetings through shift assignments and holidays.

02.25.09.2018 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

03.25.09.2018 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 24th July 2018 previously circulated were agreed and approved.

04.25.09.2018 MATTERS ARISING NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

1. A notification had been received from Bassetlaw District Council indicating that a Community Infrastructure Levy of £31,000 was due to the Parish Account following substation building (industrial) in the Parish. It was agreed that the amount be claimed for spending BUT the District Council would be asked to reserve that for the time being given the District Auditor’s concern over the level of current balances held.

2. BDC Council Tax Support Scheme. It was agreed to object to the District Council's proposals to require all residents to pay at least 15% of their Council Tax whether in need or not, on the grounds that ability to pay was a relevant factor and would increase hardship and debt upon those in the worst position already. The ability to claw back over previous years was also malaligned and unjustifiable.

5.25.09.2018 NCC PLANNING APPLICATION ES/3860 APP 1/18/00920/CDM and Restoration of Harworth Colliery No2 Spoil Tip. (2 local residents were permitted to speak during a recess)It

A report back from the meeting with the Harworth Group the previous evening was given by several members and the Clerk who attended, after which a general discussion took place. It had been confirmed that there had been no fire in the tip BUT it was waterlogged and the run off was contaminated.

The new proposal was to cap off about a third of the heap with 30 mtrs of inert infill sourced locally (within one hour journey time. This would take 15years and would involve 440 lorry movements per day (220 each way) Access from opposite Harworth Avenue. Liam Brown had suggested an access from Simmetry Park new estate which the Group seemed to think was a good idea.

Harworth Group was opposed to the incinerator plant as it was already affecting house sales. A suggestion was made to them that they purchase the proposed incinerator site, covenant it then re-sell with a covenant. This was met with interest h=by the Group representatives.

Reps from Blyth and Harworth Parish Council also attended the briefing with differing viewpoints.

A planning application and formal community consultation were awaited.

6.25.09.2018 CORRESPONDENCE

New supply contracts had been agreed with B Gas and Npower on fixed terms

The NCC had offered grit salt supplies again this year which were turned down.

7.25.09.2018 STREET MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Invoicing to 31 August had been completed and information was awaited with regard to the position post 1st October 2018 when A1 housing was to collapse into the main Bassetlaw District Council. All Councillors agreed to check wayside benches in there area for signs of damage and repair.

8.25.09.2018 PLANNING MATTERS

1. Neighbourhood Planning

A further debate on whether to set a process in train to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan. A copy of the Everton Plan was circulated to each member, providing 110 pages of information.

The Clerk had established that 16 local parishes in Bassetlaw had already adopted a plan. Information on the other 27 was unknown at this stage.

The pro's and con's were debated once again and it was established that those with a plan could receive 25% of the Community Infrastructure levy. Certain land currently unprotected would be in some part protected by a plan.

The District Council could over rule a plan if it could not meet housing need. There must be a positive position statement as to future development, which as a no growth Parish would be difficult.

It was generally felt that if this Parish were to proceed it would need outside consultancy help and a substantial budget.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the 27 PC's not yet declared to establish their current position in considering a Neighbourhood Plan.

2. A review of the revised planning application on land adjacent Fairview Cottage Main Street, took place and the previous objections confirmed. These had been submitted to the District Council. The difference in the height of the plot, the design not in keeping with the street scene and the potential damage to the TPO protected tree were all items of concern.

9.25.09.2018 NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLATION AT OLDCOTES CROSS ROAD, IMPACT ON MAIN STREET

Feedback was generally favourable in relation to the new light arrangements, rat-running along Main Street had reduced but was still seen as an issue at "rush hour".

The new pedestrian arrangements at the cross roads were seen as a bonus.

Horror stories of motorists ducking and diving at the lights and short cutting across the café forecourt were provided.

The 30mph sign on the approach from Blyth was now working correctly.

It was understood that a traffic survey was to take place in October.

The support for closure of Main Street, Oldcotes was undetermined at this stage.

It was agreed to await the outcome for the traffic survey before considering the next move.

10.25.09.2018 VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGN REPLACEMENT

It was agreed to replace the stolen 2xL shaped gates like for like with wooden gates as before. The Clerk had signage in hand. The NCC would be asked if road markings to effectively shrink the carriageway could be installed even at the PC's expense.

11.25.09.2018 AUDIT REPORT

The feed back from the Annual External Audit had been received and publicised on the BDC website. The Auditor had drawn attention to the fact that the procedure and compliance statement had not been made after the 31st March as required by the Accounting Requirements. The approval was made at the meeting on the 27th March 2018 to avoid the previous years' comments that the account and the statement were made at the same meeting. The Auditor had changed and a new approach adopted. There are no consequences save that the issue will be checked for compliance at the next Audit. The fee has been paid.

12.25.07.2018 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The Honours Board item was deferred. Another resident representative had been recruited being Mrs Sue Gell, Oliver Harding's grandparent. A water leak from the roof to the extension had occurred, Jo Walker had been tasked with contacting a local builder (Dexter Pollard had been suggested.)

There was a concern that outside lights were not operative. The position would be checked. The PRS and PPL music licences had been renewed for another year.

13.25.09.2018 MEMBERS ITEMS

GNE – suggested that the CIL monies be applied to installing more interactive speed signs, the replacement of all concrete wood wayside seats with new recycled plastic benches as the one on Byth Road amongst other initiatives.

PRB – raised the issue of HGV's still using Main Street, Styrrup now the Harworth Road closure had been removed. Offenders were Butlers and Needhams amongst others. More details would be forwarded to the Clerk for reminder action to be taken on Section 106 enforcement.

14.25.09.2018 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY 27th November 2018 at the Village Hall, Styrrup commencing at 7.15pm. (This will be the Christmas meeting when the Chairman will provide the refreshments)

Chairman 27th November 2018