

Meeting of Treswell with Cottam Parish Council

Minutes of **Treswell with Cottam Parish Council Meeting** held on the 20th Sep 2023 at Treswell Village Hall, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.



Council Members & Officer Present:
 Cllr Nicola Salter
 Cllr Helen Cope
 Cllr Matt Bendall
 Cllr Rob Hardie
 Ed Knox
 Ant Coultate

Chairman
 Vice-Chair
 Cllr Fred Tomlinson

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
 District Councillor

Also, Present

➤ Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

None.

42/23 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Salter **Proposed**, Cllr Cope **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr K. Hardie.

43/23 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

After discussion, Cllr Bendall **Proposed**, Cllr Cope **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

44/23 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None.

45/23 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports

County Cllr Ogle:

- Did not attend.

Dist Cllr Coultate: provided an update to the Council, which included:

- Advised concern with the lack of policing resources in Bassetlaw. Dist Cllr Coultate is proposing a motion at full council asking the PCC to review resources and questioning why our nearest custody suite is so far away.
- 4th November 2023, 10am, Cottam EDF Forum, please put this in your diaries as a lot of work has gone into this to ensure the event is a success. It is going to be an interactive session looking at what the community wants the site to be.

46/23 To receive an update on Highways Matters Raised with Notts County Council/Bassetlaw District Council and to escalate a list of outstanding items with Notts County Council via the County Cllr where necessary

In the 1st instance, cllrs and members of the public should report all new highways matters (street lights, overgrown hedges/trees, pavement/road problems/drainage etc) on the on-line Notts County Council website or MyNotts App, themselves, then, should no action have been taken NCC, bring it to the Parish Council meeting for escalation. The following outstanding Notts County Council items have been chased by the Clerk in between meetings, and Cllr Ogle copied in to escalate issues where necessary:

County Council Item	Issue/Detail	Potential Solution	Progress Made
Treswell Wood - Treswell Wood Icy Road	7 car pile-up on black ice near Treswell Wood	Speed Limit lowered; road added to gritting route & ice awareness signs	27.03.2023 Reply from Highways Manager – <i>“The Ice warning signs shouldn’t be a problem. I’ve contacted the winter maintenance team and requested that this location be assessed for gritting. There has been zero reported accidents since 2019 along this road. (It can take up to 6 months for new additions such as the pile up to come through to us). Therefore, we wouldn’t look to reduce the speed limit at this location.”</i> 03.04.2023 Reply from Highways Manager – <i>‘I’ve spoken to the relevant manager regarding adding to the gritting route and unfortunately, he has stated it does not meet the criteria to be included in the gritting routes.</i> <i>‘I have added the Ice Warning signs to my list of schemes for the 24/25 period and will ensure they</i>

			are done in Q1 (Apr-Jun) to be ready for the winter next year.'16/05/2023 Chase sent to the Highways Manager regards the sign installation. 21/06/2023 update received "the ice warning signs, I have put these in the programme and they will be installed in the 2024/25 financial year all being well."
Ref CSC516892273 & CSC516908295 - blocked gullies and the state of Rectory Road in Treswell			28.07.2023 – Cllr Cope to County Cllr Ogle – “there is grass growing along the length of the road, from start to finish and there are too many potholes to photograph. The water is collecting in the same place that was flooded in May when I reported so it’s only a matter of time before it floods and becomes in accessible and/or dangerous to road users. Incidentally it is a 60mph road.”  28.07.23 Cllr Ogle update – “I am told that there are blocked gulleys on Rectory Road Treswell. Here we have the pictures of rectory road. The road is so bad Aidan, that I am going to include this as a “Councillor Request” (priority) for the coming year, but as always the drainage would be best sorted and be working efficiently as a first step.”

New Items to escalate:

- None.

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Finance:

Monthly Income & Expenditure

After discussion of the Financial Information circulated by email before the meeting, the council unanimously **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record. Cllr Salter signed the bank statement and bank reconciliation.

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
J Foster	Lengthsman Expenses – Bench Repair	£44.00
Total Payments		<u>£44.00</u>

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None		
Total Receipts		<u>£0</u>

Bank Balance

The Current Account Balance	<u>£12,606.01</u>
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Direct Debits, and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE, already **approved** unanimously.

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To discuss any new planning applications received and to note any responses via the scheme of delegation

Since the previous meeting the parish council responded via the scheme of delegation as follows and also discussed the following at today’s meeting:

- **22/00259/ENF -Development Land at Cockling Lane Planning application submitted 14.07.2022 still awaiting determination – removal of hedge.** The Parish Council has been advised that the Planning Enforcement Team are carrying out an investigation, a new enforcement officer has been assigned, however, there are no other publicly known details until the investigation is concluded. Case is to be determined by outcome of planning application 22/00995/HDG.
- **18/00100/ENF Lazy Acre, Town Street - unauthorised change of use of a residential property for the operation of a dog breeding/selling Business -** The Parish Council has been advised that the Planning

Enforcement Team carried out an investigation. **Case Closed** – After investigation, there is no evidence for any planning breach and no further action due to the resident and dogs having now moved away.

49/23 To note any updates on the registration of land at Cottam with HM Land Registry

Minutes of the Parish Council from several years ago state “Cllr. Gamble informed meeting: In 1947, Cyril Fletcher, of Grange Farm gave the land to Cottam Village. The VH was built but it was damaged by a flood. A VH building from Welham was dismantled and re-erected at Cottam. There has been no event at the VH since they carried out a survey and found the building to be unsafe; since then, it has been in disuse.” The former hall was subsequently demolished apart from the brick entrance and the land disused. The Clerk advised that if the land the hall was built on had been donated to Cottam Parish in 1947 this would mean that when Cottam Parish and Treswell Parish merged in 1974 to form the current Parish Council, the land would belong to the parish council.

Cottam V Hall minutes for the year 2000 minutes, mention that 2 committee members at the time held copies of the Deeds to the land, and in 2002 the originals being held at Richardson’s Solicitors in Retford (Richardson’s was bought out by Atteys in 2007 who were then closed down in 2013 and all files sized by the Govt Solicitors Regulation Authority SRA) were removed by the same committee members.

The Clerk has contacted the SRA who have confirmed the Deeds were not present when Attey’s closed in 2007, therefore it is believed that the deeds were removed by the former committee members in 2002 and have since been lost.

Actions: 1) - Jones & Co Solicitors have advised that without the Deeds we need to obtain signed letters from as many long-standing Cottam residents as possible to declare that they know the history of the land, how it was owned by the parish etc.

Cllr Salter has a draft letter which she will arrange for copies to be signed by several local residents and dropped off with the Clerk in due course.

2) - With Regards to the EDF/Saville’s lease of the EDF playing field land, Cllr Salter is to visit the former committee member of the V hall to obtain a signed letter giving permission for Saville’s to amend the lease across to the name of the Parish Council (who have undertaken the grounds maintenance for several years).

3) – The former V hall bank account has £318.10 held in it and needs to be transferred to the Parish Council to pay some of the solicitor’s fees. It is not known if any of the former signatories are still alive or living local. A letter will be drafted which Cllr Salter will get signed by various Cottam residents who used to be on the former committee to try to instruct the bank to transfer the funds to the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:05pm.