

# MINUTES: CORBY GLEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at the Willoughby Gallery, Corby Glen.

Present: Cllrs Honeywood (Chair), Grantham, Kiely, Johnson, Lamming, Muir, and Fowler.

In attendance: Cllr M. Hill, Cllr N. Robins and Mrs. S. Parker (Parish Clerk).

**Open Forum : Nothing to note.**

**1. Apologies for absence:** none received.

**2. District and County Councillors' Reports:**

Cllr Hill noted that i. the first Council Tax increase in four years has been recommended at 1.9%. This is the equivalent of an annual increase of £20 for a band E property. Funding for local government continues to be cut, and although £30m of savings have been found, LCC has an extra £30m of costs due to an ageing population. ii. An extra £9m has been granted for highway repairs. New technology and new materials are being investigated to repair potholes. A consultation is underway regarding changes to fire cover. Fire engines cannot turn out if there are less than 5 personnel on the engine, the proposal is to change this to 4, thereby improving response times. iii. There have been recent issues with the Health & Social Care agenda. LCC does not have a major issue with bed blocking, but they are looking for a route to move people out of hospital more quickly.

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 10th December 2014:** These were agreed with no amendments & signed.

**4. Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Honeywood declared an interest in item 06/15.

**5. Matters for report arising from the minutes:**

**37/13 Anglian Water :** Work has been done to clear the drains of silt.

**36/14 Work to swings on the Village Green:** Quotes were received of £1,200 each for the layering of the hedge or cutting it back and lowering its height. Clerk to determine ownership of the hedge. Placing metal spikes across the top of the swings to deter the wild fowl was discussed. Cllr Kiely to get a drawing of proposed spikes which would cost approximately £150. Clerk to contact the insurance company regarding the legalities of putting such spikes in place.

**37/14 & 28/14 Replacement trees for Village Green & Tree Inspection :** SKDC approval is not required for the trees on Tanners Lane, but Clerk is to submit a full application for the work to be done to the trees on Station Road. Cllr Johnson to supply an up to date site plan. It was resolved not to replace the trees felled in 2011 at this time, but this remains an objective when there is no further re-growth evident.

**38/14 Defibrillator for village :** Location of defibrillator still to be determined. Clerk to contact Jeremy Marshall-Roberts and Miranda Bainbridge to discuss the possibility of placing it on the wall outside The Pantry. Clerk to determine if planning permission is needed to place it on the wall of a building within the village Conservation Area. A letter will be sent to those who have pledged money asking for payment, and a donation of £105 was received from the W.I. It was resolved to establish a sub-committee to progress this project in between Parish Council meetings.  
Committee members - Cllrs Honeywood, Fowler, Muir and Lamming.

**51/14 2015/16 Precept :** Councillors resolved to maintain the 2015/16 precept at £11,000. Clerk to submit application.

**52/14 Grass cutting contract :** Councillors to agree the full spec and then put out to tender.

**53/14 Tanners Lane Bollards :** a meeting with Kevin Brumfield established that bollards could be placed in the ground along the edge of Tanners Lane, 600mm from the verge edge. It was suggested that 20 bollards may be needed at a cost of £24.13 each + Vat. The labour to place the bollards in the ground may be costly, so it was agreed to leave the cones in place and Councillors may consider purchasing cones as and when Highways remove theirs, until and unless a budget can be provided for permanent bollards.

**54/14 Market Place / The Pantry road markings :** No further solutions have been proposed.

**56/14 Improve Broadband for the village** : Indications on the Onlincolnshire website are that Corby Glen is listed under phase 5 and phase 6 of Broadband improvements. Phase 5 should be completed January - June this year, and phase 6 (Swinstead Road, Mussons Close, Ferndale Close) will be completed by April - September.

**6. Circulated correspondence:** an email was received from a resident regarding speeding on the A151. The Parish Council's requests regarding additional traffic calming measures through the village, have been rejected, with enforcement reliant on regular police speed checks.  
It was resolved to grant Dormans fun fair permission to position themselves on the Green in May and in October for Sheep Fair as usual.

**7. Reports from Committees: Planning - none**

**8. Payments and Accounts**

<b>Opening Bank balance from December 2014</b>	<b>£ 8,562.49</b>
<b>Income received on bank statement</b>	<b>£ NIL</b>
<b>Invoices cleared on bank statement</b>	
<b>Sara Parker - Wages November</b>	<b>£ 264.21</b>
<b>CDPC - Community Cleaner November</b>	<b>£ 116.10</b>
<b>R. Webster - grass cutting November</b>	<b>£ 140.00</b>
<b>Grimsthorpe Estate Christmas Tree</b>	<b>£ 180.00</b>
<b>E. Walsingham &amp; Son</b>	<b>£ 696.00</b>
<b>S. Honeywood Christmas expenses</b>	<b>£ 125.94</b>
<b>Christmas Tree Fund Donation</b>	<b>£ 25.00</b>
<b>Closing Bank Balance 1.1.15</b>	<b>£ 7,015.24</b>
<b>Cheques to be authorised/cleared:</b>	
<b>Sara Parker - Wages December</b>	<b>£ 356.85</b>
<b>CDPC - Community Cleaner December</b>	<b>£ 116.10</b>
<b>R. Webster - grass cutting December</b>	<b>£ 140.00</b>
<b>S. Honeywood expenses (mending Xmas lights)</b>	<b>£ 25.00</b>
<b>M. Cooper Pridmore cut through electricity bill</b>	<b>£ 100.00</b>
<b>S. Honeywood out of pocket expenses</b>	<b>£ 100.00</b>
<b>Estimated remaining NatWest bank balance</b>	<b>£ 6,177.29</b>

Matters to be further discussed at this meeting:

**01/15 Path Clearing** : (i) Councillors resolved to pay S. Kiely to clear the diagonal path across the Green. (ii) Footpath cleaning in the village is undertaken by SKDC on an ad hoc basis when the Parish Council requests it be done. Cllr Kiely to provide a list of the footpaths that need cleaning in the village, with details of the specific issues at each, which the Clerk will pass on to SKDC and copy in Cllr Robins.

**02/15 Curbing on Tanners Lane** : Highways have advised that, due to budgetary constraints, it will not be possible to provide curbing on Tanners Lane.

**03/15 Pridmore Road nameplate** : Clerk to submit a request to have a new nameplate made for Pridmore Road to include 'leading to Adcocks Close and Mill Close'. Clerk to establish when the new nameplates for The Green will be put up.

**04/15 Grit bins** : A request has been made to top up all grit bins in the village. Clerk to establish what the grit bins are filled with as it is believed one bin only had sand in it, no salt, and this did not clear the ice or snow away.

**05/15 Parking outside The Woodhouse Arms** : Vehicles parking at the front of The Woodhouse Arms are creating a hazard when parking beyond the boundary of the two marked bays. A letter is to be sent to the landlord, Mr I. Clayton, to highlight the problems this is causing for vehicles and pedestrians coming out of Swinstead road.

**06/15 Chairman's out of pocket expenses** : It was proposed by Cllr Fowler and resolved to pay Cllr Honeywood £100 to cover out of pocket expenses incurred, in view of the number of one-off costs incurred between meetings.

**07/15 Running cost of lights (Pridmore cut through / Willoughyb Gallery)** : Clerk to ask David Porter to contact the Grimsthorpe Estate to prepare a bill for the electricity for the lighting at the Gallery. An invoice has been received from M. Cooper for the electricity for the lights in the Pridmore/Barleycroft cut through.

**Mrs. Sara Parker - Parish Clerk**