

MINUTES: CORBY GLEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2016 at the Willoughby Memorial Gallery, Corby Glen.

Present: Cllrs Honeywood (Chair), Lamming (Vice Chair), Grantham, Johnson, Muir, Fowler & Fox.

In attendance: Cllr N. Robins, CPSO Bowden, Mrs Amy Roberts (Christmas Tree Fund) & Mrs. S. Parker (Parish Clerk).

Open Forum: The Methodist Chapel is earmarked to close in November. A request was made as to whether the Charles Read Academy sports facilities could be made available free of charge to village children. The issue of child safety when disembarking the Delaine Bourne school bus near the Woodhouse Arms on Swinstead Road was raised. When disembarking some of the children are walking into and across the road with no concern for their own safety or that of drivers.

1. **Apologies for absence:** none received.
2. **District, County Councillor & Police Reports:** PCSO Bowden reported that the theft of lead from church roofs is on the increase, and thefts of and from Land Rover Defenders continues. There is an increase in poaching and hare coursing in the area. Village teenagers continue to cause minor disturbances including door knocking, and most recently were found trespassing on Charles Read Academy premises. PCSO Bowden has received many comments regarding the success of the new play area on the Green.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 13th July & 22nd August 2016:** These were approved & signed as an accurate record.
4. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None.
5. **Clerk's & Chairman's reports on matters outstanding:**

24/16 Play Area expansion – all grants have now been received and paid to Miracle, with one VAT claim outstanding which will form our final payment to Miracle. Funds remaining for this project are approximately £650 held by the Parish Council and £2,500 held by the Christmas Tree Fund. A decision regarding the purchase of further benches will be made after Dormans have visited the site in October. It was resolved to reposition the old play area bin next to the bench at the top of Laxton Lane. It was resolved to write and thank the Chambers and the Fire Station for their help with watering the new turf. Miracle are still to return to site to rectify the following: scratches on swings, see saw seat height, loose handles on springer, and bent stepping post steps. Clerk to contact Came & Co. to determine how often the play equipment should be checked. An enquiry was made about the possibility of providing a goal post near the new play area, this will be discussed at the October meeting.

6. **Matters to be resolved:**
7. **Circulated correspondence:**
8. **Reports from Committees:**

Planning:

S16/1089 L. Brown, 7 St Johns Drive – Councillors resolved 4:3 to object to the retaining wall in its current format. Councillors suggested the wall should be timber clad to match adjacent decking supports.

S16/1717 B. Smith, Mussons Close – this application will be discussed at the SKDC Development Committee on September 20th. Councillor Lamming agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

Greens Committee:

None noted.

9. **Payments and Accounts**

(i) Bank balances - monthly update approved as set out below

(ii) Invoices for payment - Councillors resolved to approve payments as set out in schedule below.

Payments and Accounts

Opening Bank balance from 1st July	£15,789.66
Income received on bank statement	
WREN play equipment grant	£21,639.00
SKDC balance of community fund grant	£2,500.00
<u>Invoices cleared on bank statement</u>	
CDPC – Community cleaner May	£125.44
Fieldpaths Association	£5.00
Physio Control defibrillator battery / electrodes	£89.28
Miracle D&P play equipment	£1,500.00
CDPC – Community cleaner June	£125.44
D. Warden Grass Cutting June	£250.00
S. Parker – Clerk’s wages & expenses June	£287.48
CDPC – Community cleaner July	£125.44
D. Warden Grass Cutting July	£235.00
S. Parker – Clerk’s wages & expenses July	£280.24
Playsafety Rospa annual inspection	£105.00
Closing Bank Balance 31 st August 2016	£36,800.34
<u>Cheques to be authorised/cleared:</u>	
Miracle D&P play equipment	£24,140.97
CDPC – Community cleaner August	£125.44
D. Warden Grass Cutting August	£235.00
S. Parker – Clerk’s wages & expenses August	£284.00
S. Honeywood – website expenses	£33.07
Grant Thornton External Audit	£120.00
Estimated remaining NatWest bank balance (including Defibrillator fund & play equipment fund)	£11,861.86

<u>Defibrillator Fund</u> (as of August 31st 2016)	
Total banked to date (inc. VAT refunds):	£2,383.80
Purchases to date (inc. VAT):	<u>£1,648.08</u>
Fund remaining: (VAT refund £14.88 due Sep)	£735.72

<u>Play Equipment Fund</u> (as of August 31st 2016)	
Total banked to date (inc. VAT refunds):	£33,839.00
Purchases to date (inc. VAT):	<u>£33,189.72</u>
Fund remaining: (VAT refund £4,828.19 due Sep)	£649.28

10. Matters to be further discussed at this meeting:

21/16 20mph zone on Station Road – Cllr Fox has written to the emergency services and other bodies looking for support for a 20mph zone in the heart of the village. He has received several positive replies and is waiting for further responses to put together a case to present to Highways.

09/16 Neighbourhood Planning – establishing a neighbourhood plan is a lengthy and potentially expensive process. Adverts will be placed in the Link and on the noticeboard to see if anyone local might be willing to lead the project. The response to the ad will be reviewed in January.

43/16 Autumn Garden Waste Skip – Councillors resolved to provide a skip for garden waste and this will be booked for Saturday 15th October.

44/16 Broken lock on Parish Council noticeboard – quotes will be obtained for two new noticeboards to replace the old one next to Pauline's, and to potentially provide a new one on the Green near the play area.

45/16 Green outside 19, Station Road – Cllr Honeywood had received confirmation from the new owners that the skip and all building materials would be removed from the Green in time for Sheep Fair, and any damage done to the Green rectified. After discussion, however, it was resolved to write to the owner asking that all vehicles, skips and materials be removed from the Green immediately.

46/16 Christmas Tree for the Market Place – it was resolved Councillors would visit the Grimsthorpe Estate to choose the village Christmas Tree.

47/16 (47/17 on agenda) Replacement Trees on the Green – this subject was deferred to the October meeting.

48/16 (48/19 on agenda) Grantham Hospital A&E overnight closure – it was resolved the Parish Council would write to object to the closure.

49/16 (49/19 on agenda) Correspondence – NALC guidelines regarding the use of "Correspondence" in an agenda – guidance from NALC was outlined concerning decisions being made under the title 'correspondence'. It was resolved not to remove 'correspondence' as an agenda point, but unless under extreme time constraints or other extenuating circumstances, no decisions should be made under this heading unless the correspondence concerned has been circulated prior to or at the same time as the publication of the agenda.

11. Next meeting confirmed to take place at 8.00pm at the Willoughby Gallery on Wednesday October 12th 2016.

Meeting closed at 9.48pm

Mrs. Sara Parker - Parish Clerk