

MINUTES: CORBY GLEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at the Willoughby Memorial Gallery, Corby Glen.

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

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

Open Forum: Cllr Fox reported that no training is needed for using herbicides to kill weeds around the village. Weed management to be discussed at the next meeting.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** received and accepted from Cllr Honeywood.
- 2. District, County Councillor & Police Reports:** Cllr Robins reported the Stamford Georgian Festival will take place from September 21st-24th. SKDCs switchboard is moving to a more user-friendly phone system. Rebranding of SKDC will take place over the coming months. The Buckminster Estate has submitted plans for a Designer Outlet Village. The new cinema should be running early 2019. A new Venues and Town Centre Management Team is in place. The business rates scheme is to be opened up further.
Cllr Hill reported that a grass verge cut is due soon and that verge cutting would start earlier next year with the first cut being in June. Grantham Hospital issue continues and new consultants are being recruited. The Fair Funding Campaign is to launch which would benefit Lincolnshire by £116m per year. Parish Councils will receive letters asking for their support.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on July 12th & 20th and September 4th 2017:** These were approved & signed as an accurate record.
- 4. Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** none noted.
- 5. Clerk's & Chairman's reports on matters outstanding:**

09/16 Neighbourhood Planning – The next Neighbourhood Planning public meeting will be held on Wednesday September 13th at the Willoughby Gallery at 8pm.

69/16 Dyke next to allotments on Tanners Lane – no quote has been received yet.

43/17 follow-up tree report – all work has been carried out by David Warden apart from raising the crown of Lime 8802.

- 6. Matters to be resolved:**
- 7. Circulated correspondence:** none noted.
- 8. Reports from Committees:**

Planning:

S17/0728	J.Laxton Conversion of former church	approved conditionally by SKDC
S17/1416	Harwood, 1 Bourne Road, tree works	allowed by SKDC
S17/1397	C. Musson & Sons, Grange Farm, dutch barn extension	no objections
S17/1583	CG Primary School, tree works	no objections

Greens Committee:

- 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.

The Grant Thornton audit bill was £240 due to the increased expenditure last year on the play area. It was agreed the cost would be divided equally between the Parish Council and the play equipment fund.

Payments and Accounts

Opening Bank balance from 1st July 2017	£16,274.03
Income received on bank statement	
<u>Invoices cleared on bank statement</u>	
D. Warden grass cutting June	£160.00
CDPC – Community cleaner June	£129.44
S. Parker – Clerk’s wages & expenses June	£288.59
LALC annual LALC News subscription	£5.00
D. Warden grass cutting July	£160.00
CDPC – Community cleaner July	£129.44
S. Parker – Clerk’s wages & expenses July	£294.09
Closing Bank Balance 31 st August	£15,107.47
<u>Cheques to be authorised/cleared:</u>	
D. Warden grass cutting August	£375.00
CDPC – Community cleaner August	£129.44
S. Parker – Clerk’s wages & expenses August	£287.09
Mr. S. Honeywood – website expenses	£34.56
Playsafety – RoSPA play area inspection	£105.00
Estimated remaining NatWest bank balance	£14,176.38
(excluding Defibrillator fund & play equipment fund)	£12,310.73)

<u>Defibrillator Fund (as of August 31st 2017)</u>	
Total banked to date (inc. VAT refunds):	£2,383.80
Purchases to date (inc. VAT):	<u>£1,648.08</u>
Fund remaining:	£735.72

<u>Play Equipment Fund (as of August 31st 2017)</u>	
Total banked to date (inc. VAT refunds):	£41,237.36
Purchases to date (inc. VAT):	<u>£40,107.43</u>
Fund remaining: (VAT refund of £168.08 due October)	£1,129.93

10. Matters to be further discussed at this meeting:

45/17 Green and General Waste Skips for October – it was agreed neither a green skip nor general waste skip would be booked for October.

46/17 Condition of and future use of the BT kiosk – it was agreed Cllr Fox would refurbish and replace the glass in the kiosk at a cost of £250. It was agreed the defibrillator would remain where it is until we are required to move it.

47/17 Hedges, trees and holes in the Horsepool – tree work has been carried out and the holes in the Horsepool have been filled.

48/17 Sustainability & Transformation Plan presentation – it was agreed not to have a presentation at this time.

49/17 Annual play area inspection – the report highlighted some strimmer damage to the new balance trail and historic damage to the toddler tower. It was agreed to ask Paul Harwood to quote to replace the timber struts on the toddler tower. The Greens Committee confirmed the play equipment is inspected on a monthly basis.

50/17 Parish Councillor Vacancies – it was agreed the Clerk would write to Bryan Grantham and Brian Johnson to convey the Parish Council's thanks for their hard work over their many years of service to the Parish Council. SKDC have been notified of the vacancies, and if an election is not called, the Parish Council will be able to co-opt two new Councillors after September 20th.

51/17 Village Litter Pick – Lincolnshire CVS have been in contact with Jon Wakerley at the Church Street Rooms offering volunteer help for litter picking or weeding. It was agreed the Clerk would make contact to see if volunteers are available for a village litter pick to be held potentially on Saturday October 14th.

52/17 Horse Chestnut 8810 near War Memorial – evening observations have indicated that although bats are foraging around 8810, there is no evidence they are nesting in the tree. Clerk to contact SKDC Planning to check progress of the application to fell 8810.

53/17 Donation of a tree for the Green by the Smith family – The Smith family would like to donate a tree for the village green in memory of their son Sam. The family will supply and plant the tree on the triangle at the bottom of Tanners Lane. Clerk to write to the Smiths to agree and to thank them.

54/17 Replacement glass, noticeboard near Co-op – it was agreed Alan Greetham will replace the broken glass.

55/17 Making good the grass verge on Tanners Lane – it was agreed the Parish Council will consider installing the previously purchased verge markers at the bottom of Tanners Lane after Sheep Fair. Highways are aware the condition of Tanners Lane is a longstanding issue. Cllr Hill will write to Rowan Smith, Area Highways Manager, regarding Tanners Lane. The costs of filling the potholes and packing them down ourselves would be approximately £400.

56/17 Damaged handrail next to flagpole – it was agreed Paul Harwood would repair the handrail at a cost of £173 + VAT.

11. Next meeting confirmed to take place **at 7.30pm at the Willoughby Gallery on Wednesday October 11th 2017.**

Meeting closed at 8.03pm.

Mrs. Sara Parker - Parish Clerk