

MINUTES: CORBY GLEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at the Willoughby Memorial Gallery, Corby Glen.

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

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

Open Forum: A resident commented on the Cadbury advertisement filming in the Market Place on November 9th. Market Place residents were not notified by the company of the activity and were given neither sufficient notice nor details regarding the disruption it would cause. Land in Mussons close was also discussed, full notes under agenda item 62/16.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** received and accepted from Cllr Grantham.
- 2. District, County Councillor & Police Reports:** Cllr Robins noted the District Council had voted against devolution. Cllr Hill noted the County Council had voted against devolution. Also noted: 1. Street lights will all be converted to LED and will be switched off at midnight in residential roads, other than those with traffic calming measures or sheltered housing situated on them. This will save LCC £1.7m per year. This scheme will be implemented soon in Corby Glen.
2. The overnight closure of Grantham Hospital A&E department has been extended by 3 months, but the hopes are that it will re-open potentially in February.
- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 12th October 2016:** These were approved & signed as an accurate record.
- 4. Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** none noted.
- 5. Clerk's & Chairman's reports on matters outstanding:**

24/16 Play Area expansion – Councillors agreed to withhold the final payment to Miracle until the final snagging item has been rectified. The Christmas Tree Fund has paid the play area fund raising balance of £2,400 to the Parish Council, to be spent on the play area in the future.

51/16 Remembrance Sunday (expenses / leaf clearing) – the grass will be cut on Thursday November 10th in the hope that this will clear many of the leaves. Leaf clearing will take place on the Green on Saturday November 12th at 10am. The street cleaner has been requested to clear the parade route from the church.

55/16 BT 90 Day Consultation – removal of public payphones – BT has been inundated with requests to adopt kiosks they are planning to decommission and will reply to our request as soon as possible.

- 6. Matters to be resolved:**
 - 56/16 To consider and agree the Christmas expenditure budget** – councillors agreed a budget of £325, to include £180 for the Christmas tree.
 - 57/16 To consider and agree the calendar of meeting dates for 2017** – councillors agreed the proposed meeting dates, to be held on the second Wednesday of every month in 2017 except August when no meeting is held.
 - 50/16 New benches for the Green – to consider and agree the location and cost of installation for the two new benches** – Councillors agreed the location of the benches, clerk still waiting for installation costs. Final decision to be made at December meeting.
- 7. Circulated correspondence:** none noted.
- 8. Reports from Committees:**
 - Planning:**
 - S16/2176 – K. Raby, Station Road no objections subject to approved access by Highways
 - S16/2315 – Co-op, High Street no objections subject to low wattage illumination, and illumination limited to store opening hours only
 - Greens Committee:**
 - Trevor Kiely has mended the toddler tower, clerk to write a letter of thanks.
- 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. Councillors agreed to make a payment of £10 to the Methodist Church for its use during defibrillator training.

Payments and Accounts

Opening Bank balance from 1st October	£16,720.39
Income received on bank statement	
Play area funding from Christmas Tree Fund	£2,400.00
<u>Invoices cleared on bank statement</u>	
David Warden grass cutting September	£330.00
CDPC – Community cleaner September	£125.44
Bourne Skip Hire	£204.00
S. Parker – Clerk’s wages & expenses September	£288.32
Closing Bank Balance 30 th September	£18,172.63
<u>Cheques to be authorised/cleared:</u>	
Miracle D&P play equipment final payment	£4,828.19
David Warden grass cutting October	£160.00
CDPC – Community cleaner October	£125.44
S. Parker – Clerk’s wages & expenses October	£283.34
Poppy Appeal Wreath	£17.50
Corby Glen Methodist Church	£10.00
Estimated remaining NatWest bank balance	£12,748.16
(excluding Defibrillator fund & play equipment fund)	£8,963.15)

<u>Defibrillator Fund (as of October 31st 2016)</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 October 31st 2016)</u>	
Total banked to date (inc. VAT refunds):	£41,067.19
Purchases to date (inc. VAT):	<u>£38,017.91</u>
Fund remaining:	£3049.28

10. Matters to be further discussed at this meeting:

21/16 20mph zone on Station Road – LCC set the speed limits and either advisory or compulsory limits are available. Current policy does not allow for compulsory 20mph zones, only advisory. LCC policy would need to be changed to allow compulsory 20mph zones within the village.

47/16 Replacement trees on the Green – Cllr Honeywood is meeting with Dennis Murray from the Grimsthorpe Estate to choose the Christmas tree and will ask if he can meet councillors on the village green afterwards for his guidance regarding replacement trees.

52/16 Replacement disclaimer notice for village green – neither Rospa nor the insurance company advised on any specific wording, other than the requirement to show the name of Corby Glen Parish Council on the notice. Clerk to draft wording for circulation and approval, and to gain costs for a new sign.

26/16 Hedges on A151 St Johns Drive junction & near railway bridge – overgrown hedges at these two spots remain an issue for drivers. Highways are in the process of determining that the hedges have been conveyed to the properties in Walsingham Drive by the developer. Clerk to contact residents to request they cut the hedges back.

58/16 Precept 2017/18 – clerk will circulate figures to enable councillors to agree the 2017/18 precept at the December meeting.

59/16 Station Hill footpath overgrown – Highways will inspect the footpath this week and report back their findings.

60/16 Potential purchase of goalpost for the Green – Councillors resolved not to progress this idea.

61/16 Potential purchase of a noticeboard for the Green - Councillors resolved not to progress this idea.

62/16 Land in Mussons Close – asset of community value available for purchase / potential adoption of land by PC – the history of the site was outlined including the recent planning application refusal. Mussons Close Group are raising funds to purchase the land, and will appoint a land agent to broker the deal. A request was made for the Parish Council, as the body who applied for the ACV, to register an interest with SKDC that the Mussons Close Group would like to bid to purchase the land. If successful, the Mussons Close Group would be the registered owners. An alternative approach would be for the PC to register an interest to bid, funded by the Mussons Close Group.

It was resolved the clerk will register an interest to bid for the land with SKDC, funded by MCG.

Letter to be submitted before December 5th.

63/16 Overgrown grass verge Tanners Lane / Pridmore Road path – this path now has overgrown verges with small trees taking root and growing. Clerk to contact adjoining property to request they clear the area.

64/16 A151 road surface outside 25, The Green – the road surface is deteriorating and there is concern a pothole will develop during the winter. Clerk to contact Highways to ask for a survey.

65/16 Possibility of a village flag – a request was made to see if we could have a village flag to raise in times of joy and sorrow. Approximate cost of £49 plus a set up cost of £26 was discussed. Councillors were open to the idea in principle and Cllr Honeywood will contact the Charles Read Academy to see if they were interested in running a competition to design the flag.

11. Next meeting confirmed to take place at 8.00pm at the Willoughby Gallery on Wednesday December 14th 2016.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Mrs. Sara Parker - Parish Clerk