

MINUTES: CORBY GLEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Mrs. S. Parker (Parish Clerk).

Open Forum: It was noted that someone has been doing 'doughnuts' on the Horsepool. A red car has been noticed parking regularly in the entrance to the old wood yard field. The Parish Council offered thanks to those who helped with leaf clearing ahead of the Remembrance Service.

1. **Apologies for absence:** received and accepted from Cllr Muir.
2. **District, County Councillor & Police Reports:** none noted.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 9th November 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 – Miracle are still to tighten the springer handles.

55/16 BT 90 Day Consultation – removal of public payphones – Our request to adopt the box has been lodged with SKDC Planning and we should be notified of their decision in early 2017.

26/16 Hedges on A151 St Johns Drive junction & near railway bridge – Highways are in consultation with LCC Highways Development Management Dept. to establish that the residents have been made aware by the Developer that they are responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the hedge alongside the A151 beyond St Johns Drive. Residents confirm, however, that they have not been notified of any such decision. Clerk to ask Highways to trim the hedge back as it will become dangerous in the spring with new foliage. The hedge encroachment near the railway bridge has been noted and identified for works to be cut back. This will be addressed by Highways in due course.

59/16 Station Hill footpath overgrown – Highways have confirmed crews will cut back the sides when crews are in the area.

62/16 Land in Mussons Close – asset of community value available for purchase / potential adoption of land by PC – the latter expressing an interest to bid for the land was submitted which triggered the full 6-month moratorium. April 27th 2017 is the deadline to submit a bid.

63/16 Overgrown grass verge Tanners Lane / Pridmore Road path – after confirmation from Highways that residents either side of the path are responsible for the upkeep of the grassed area, the resident concerned has informed the PC the grass will be tidied in due course.

64/16 A151 road surface outside 25, The Green – Highways will monitor the road and will address the issue in the future.

65/16 Possibility of a village flag – no further news.

6. **Matters to be resolved:**

50/16 To consider and agree the location and cost of installation for the two new benches – Councillors agreed to accept a quote of £638.60 plus VAT to install the two benches on concrete bases. Clerk to liaise with bench supplier and builder and agree installation date. Play area fund to be used to cover the bench costs and costs of installation.

56/16 To consider and agree the Christmas expenditure budget with additional item – councillors agreed a further spend of £20 to thank residents for their service to the village.

7. **Circulated correspondence:** none noted.

8. **Reports from Committees:**

Planning:	S16/2109 Benton-Jones, Irnham Hall, advertising board	no objections
	S16/2296 Walsingham, Church Street, tree works	approved by SKDC
	S16/2315 Coop, illuminated fascia within shop hours	approved by SKDC

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 November	£18,172.63
Income received on bank statement	
SKDC Community Cleaner Grant	£374.40
<u>Invoices cleared on bank statement</u>	
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
Closing Bank Balance 30th November	£17,950.75
<u>Cheques to be authorised/cleared:</u>	
Miracle D&P play equipment final payment	£4,828.19
David Warden grass cutting November	£90.00
CDPC – Community cleaner November	£125.44
S. Parker – Clerk’s wages & expenses November	£278.94
L. Chambers – charge for water usage on new play area	£60.00
S. Kiely – grass cutting around war memorial 2016	£130.00
Christmas Tree Fund Donation	£25.00
Cllr Honeywood – agreed Christmas expenses	£119.00
Grimsthorpe Estate Christmas Tree	£180.00
Estimated remaining NatWest bank balance	£12,114.18
(excluding Defibrillator fund & play equipment fund)	£8,389.18)

<u>Defibrillator Fund</u> (as of November, 30st 2016)	
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</u> (as of November, 30th 2016)	
Total banked to date (inc. VAT refunds):	£41,067.19
Purchases to date (inc. VAT):	<u>£38,077.91</u>
Fund remaining:	£2,989.28

10. Matters to be further discussed at this meeting:

47/16 Replacement trees on the Green – Cllr Honeywood has asked Dennis Murray from the Grimsthorpe Estate to assess our trees and give us his recommendations.

52/16 Replacement disclaimer notice for village green – Clerk circulated suggested wording for a new sign which was agreed by Councillors. Clerk to ask Viking Signs in Grantham to quote for an A4 black on white sign for the Green.

58/16 Precept 2017/18 – clerk circulated figures for discussion. Cllr Fox to establish approximate costs to install new trees on the Green. Precept figure to be agreed at the January meeting.

66/16 Clerk's annual appraisal January 2017 – it was agreed the clerk's appraisal will take place in January, date to be confirmed.

67/16 Future commercial activity in the village – Councillors agreed to adopt the new commercial activity policy circulated prior to the meeting.

16/16 Parking in Barleycroft and Bourne Road bungalows – Clerk has chased SKDC but no feedback yet. Clerk to chase.

68/16 Proposed Tree report February 2017 – it was recommended the next tree inspection should be carried out during February 2017. Clerk to obtain quote from alternative consultant.

69/16 Dyke next to allotments on Tanners Lane – recent flooding towards properties – the dyke recently flooded onto Tanners Lane. The blocked pipe was cleared by Cllr Johnson. Clerk to report flooding to Highways.

70/16 Footpath corb/5/3 past Hill House Tanners Lane, blocked by electric fence – it was reported this fence has now been removed.

48/16 Grantham Hospital A&E Overnight Closure – PC has previously written a letter objecting to the closure.

71/16 Closure of Corby Glen Post Office – the Post Office is scheduled to close on May 19th 2017. It was reported the Regional Manager for the Coop has written to Coop Head Office to ascertain the feasibility of moving the Post Office into the Coop.

11. Next meeting confirmed to take place at 8.00pm at the Willoughby Gallery on Wednesday January 11th 2017.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Mrs. Sara Parker - Parish Clerk