

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cottered Parish Council held on
Tuesday 23rd March, 2010
7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall**

Present: Bryan Pitman (Chair)
David Charles
Lesley Greensmith
Terry McGrath
Derek Newman

The Clerk and 1 members of the public

Action

1 **Apologies** were received from Brian Murchie

2 The **minutes** of the meeting held on 9th March 2010, having been circulated, were approved as a correct record.

3 **Maintenance**

(i) **Playing field grass cutting:** It was agreed that the grass cutters demonstrated on Saturday 20th March be purchased and insured. One insurance quote for both the tractor and the cutters had been obtained by Brian Murchie through the NFU at £120 for the year. The Clerk was asked to obtain alternative quotes and proceed to insure the new acquisitions as soon as possible, the tractor for £2,000 and the cutters for £3,000 replacement value. Brian Murchie will sell the old cutters and the proceeds will be paid to the Parish Council.

Clerk

BM

(ii) **Cricket Club car park access road:** following a site visit it is anticipated spending approximately £200 to £300 on road plainings in conjunction with Brian Murchie using his own digger to level the road. It was agreed that the money should be spent.

BM & others

(iii) **Tree outside Norton Cottage,** Malcolm Amey, EHDC telephoned to say he had inspected the tree and confirmed that it should be cut down as soon as possible. A letter of confirmation from Mr. Amey will follow.

4 **Finances**

(i) **Budget 2009/10:** It was agreed to vire £300 from Contingencies to Projects in order to pay for the gang mower.

(ii) **Telephone banking:** A form has been requested from Lloyds TSB to enable the Clerk to move money between the Parish Council accounts. It was agreed that this form should be signed.

(iii) The following cheques were approved and signed

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| 566 | C C Warner | £168.00 | Painting telephone kiosk |
| 567 | Village Hall | £7.50 | hall hire March 23 rd 2010 |
| 568 | N.A Thomson | £1,800.00 | Set of Lloyds Leda gang mowers |

5 **Village of the Year:**

(i) The **chain fence** to the front of the **Village Hall car park** needs some of the concrete posts replaced/straightened. It was agreed that the Chairman should take a look and purchase sufficient concrete posts to do the work and then convene a working party.

Chairman & others

(iv) The Trustees at a recent meeting decided that flower beds on Village Greens were likely to cause problems with mowing long term and Terry McGrath was asked to relay this decision at the next meeting of the Village of the Year committee

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6 **Filing space in the Village Hall:** the Clerk explained how invaluable the space was and suggested the Parish Council consider contributing towards Village Hall funds in order to retain this facility for the future. Terry McGrath will raise this at the next meeting of the Village Hall committee.

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The meeting closed at 8:30pm.