

MINUTES OF COTTERED AND THROCKING PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN COTTERED VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Bryan Pitman (Chair) Barry Dean
Colin Bayles David Charles
John Bull

Officer attending: Denise Anderson (Clerk) 1 member of the public

APOLOGIES

15.93 Terry McGrath
District Councillor Paul Kenealy
County Councillor Rose Cheswright

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

15.94 None

MINUTES OF MEETING

15.95 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 were before the meeting and signed as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**15.96 Chairman's Report****8th September**

A Parish Council meeting was held on this date by which time a leaflet flyer had been distributed throughout the parish, encouraging everyone in the parish to comment on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

15th September

Councillors John Bull and Barry Dean attended a Parish Conference run by EHDC. One of the subjects covered was the problem of litter and waste and as a result of contacts made at the meeting, rubbish in the Cottered A507 layby has been cleared and a warning sign installed at the vulnerable site. These Councillors are also encouraging HCC Highways to rectify defects to the Peascroft road and the associated drains.

30th October

Completion of the road works on the B1037 has finally resulted in the replacement of the kerbstones on the corner of Warren Lane and also the unblocking of the drains around the junction. In nearby Church Lane the grass bank and road surface has been damaged as a result of the turning back of heavy vehicles. This has been reported to HCC Highways.

There has been a replacement for the broken seat at the top of Potato Lane.

FINANCE**15.97 Finance report and payments authorised**

The finance report was before the meeting and the report is an appendix to the minutes.

15.98 External Audit

The Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2015 was approved and accepted by Councillors

15.99 2016-2017 Budget

The Clerk presented a Budget Proposal for Councils consideration.

15.100 Transparency Fund Application

The Clerk informed Council that a Transparency Fund Application had been made in order to apply for monies to assist Cottered and Throcking Parish Council in becoming compliant with the Smaller Authorities Transparency Code.

PLANNING**15.101 Planning Report**

The updated planning schedule is an appendix to these minutes.

3/15/1569/FUL and 3/15/1570/LBC

The Bull Inn Baldock Road Cottered Buntingford Hertfordshire – **Refused**

3/15/1757/HH Layston Brook End Cottered Buntingford Hertfordshire – **Approved**

Planning Applications since the Parish Council Meeting 8th September 2015

3/15/1813/FUL Cheynes House Cottered Buntingford Hertfordshire – **Refused**

There was no objection by the Parish Council to this application

3/15/1808/FUL Trinity Meadows Throcking Buntingford Hertfordshire – **Refused**

The Parish Council objected to the application.

15.102 Planning Applications

3/15/2011/FUL Hall Farm Broadfield Throcking Buntingford Hertfordshire

The Parish Council objected to the application.

3/15/2148/HH 3 Middle Farm Cottages Cottered Road Throcking Buntingford Hertfordshire

There was no objection by the Parish Council to this application.

3/15/2145/LBC The Bull Inn Baldock Road Cottered Buntingford Hertfordshire

There was no objection by the Parish Council to this application.

3/15/2112/FUL Broadfield Hall Broadfield Throcking Buntingford Hertfordshire

There was no objection by the Parish Council to this application.

15.103 Buntingford Community Area Neighbourhood Plan (BCANP)

The consultation period for the Buntingford Community Area Neighbourhood Plan has now ended. The next stages of the process will be submission of the Final Plan and supporting documents to East Herts District Council followed by a further 6 week consultation by East Herts District Council. There will then be an Independent Review of the Neighbourhood Plan by an Examiner and a Referendum within which the community will be asked to vote if it is agreed the Plan meets the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations.

15.104 Telephone Box

The Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes for the cost of painting and general repairs to the telephone box with a view to getting the work done in the spring when the weather will be more conducive to the work required.

15.105 The Old Barn and Village Green

The Water Company is still being pursued for an easement.

HIGHWAYS**15.106 Overgrown hedges affecting The Crescent Cottered**

The Clerk has contacted Circle Anglia Housing on two occasions to report problems with overgrown hedges. This has now been resolved regarding some properties but an issue remains with 4 The Crescent where growth to the hedge at the front of the property is still obscuring a clear view for drivers when turning onto the A507 Baldock Road from The Crescent and Peascroft. The Clerk has now reported this to the Circle Anglia Neighbourhood Officer and is awaiting a response.

15.107 Winter Self Help

The Clerk has requested a delivery of the Winter Self Help salt from HCC. Councillor David Charles offered to take delivery and distribute as required.

RECREATION GROUND**15.108 Annual Playground Inspection Report**

The Clerk provided two quotes from individuals who specialise in the repair or refurbishment of playgrounds. Councillors considered the quotes which were thought expensive. The Clerk is tasked with contacting Wicksteed Playgrounds to investigate the price of replacement parts.

15.109 Gang Mower

It was reported that the gang mower used to cut the Recreation Ground was in need of sharpening. The Clerk is tasked with obtaining quotes from two local companies who carry out such work and usually offer a reduced rate in the winter period.

CLERK'S REPORT

15.110 The Clerk's report was before the Council and is an appendix to the minutes.

Correspondence for noting or not on the Agenda

1. Letter from Herts Air Ambulance thanking Cottered and Throcking Parish Council for the donation of £50.00 towards the lifesaving work it carries out. The letter offers to organise a visit for members of the Council to see the aircraft first hand.
2. Letter from East Hertfordshire Citizens Advice Service requesting a donation towards the work they do in the locality. Council agreed a donation of £50.00.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

All meetings to start at 7.30 pm in Cottered Village Hall

Tuesday 12th January 2016

Tuesday 8th March 2016

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed _____

Date _____

PUBLIC SESSION

Concern was raised at a Jeep parked at the end of Peascroft, on the grass belonging to the Housing Association in addition to a long wheel base 4 x 4 vehicle overhanging the footpath in Peascroft.

Public session closed at 10.10pm