

# Minutes July 2020 – Virtual Meeting

## COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on-line on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

### Present

Councillors Mrs K Bradford [Chairman], Mrs C Bradford, J Heaven and M Kinson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Mason and A Leese, District Councillors A Brady and Mrs A Wheelton and County Councillor P Murray.

Mr PG Davies, the Parish Clerk, was also present.

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

#### **RESOLVED**

That Councillor Mrs K Bradford be re-appointed Chairman for the remainder of this municipal

year.

### 2. MINUTES

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020, be approved and signed as a correct record.

### 3. **PAYMENTS**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the payments included on the Agenda, together with the following additional payment, be authorised:-

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Item</b>
Trelawn Services	Ø Village Maintenance – May and June [VAT £160.06]

### 4. **NOTICE BOARDS**

The Parish Council noted that two new notice boards were on order to replace the existing features. It was proposed that the notice board currently on the Village Green would be re-sited on the triangle at the bottom of The Green.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the proposals outlined above and the action taken in ordering two new notice boards be approve and confirmed.

### 5. **RECREATION GROUND**

District Councillor Mrs A Wheelton had kindly contacted the District Council to ascertain progress. The response she received is set out below:-

"...as you reference COVID 19 has hampered progress but I have managed a site visit towards the end of July with my colleague and we also plan to arrange an inspection through the FA sponsored Pitch Improvement Programme which should identify remedial options ...."

## **RESOLVED**

That the update be duly noted.

### **6. PLAQUES – MEMORIAL TREES – VILLAGE GREEN**

Councillor M Kinson reported on discussions with a local stonemason to produce plaques to be set next to the memorial trees on the Village Green. The plaques would be on slate with the mounts in stainless reclaimed metals. The plaques would be provided free of charge but in recognition of this gesture, the manufacturer's name/logo would be placed on the bottom of each plaque and the Parish Council would express its thanks both on social media, the website and notice boards.

Councillor Kinson was continuing to liaise with the supplier and would update the Parish Council further at the next meeting.

### **7. FLOODING – UPDATE**

The Chairman updated the Parish Council on a discussion held with Andrew Hill. The farmer had kindly undertaken to carry out remedial works to help alleviate flooding problems in the village.

A quotation in the sum of £530.00 from MICMEC Engineering to install security grills in Pessal Brook had been accepted.

## **RESOLVED**

That the action taken be approved and confirmed.

#### **8. GRASS CUTTING**

The Chairman reported that she had spoken to District Councillor Mrs A Wheelton regarding grass cuttings blowing onto the highway. Councillor Mrs Wheelton was pursuing the matter with the District Council.

The Clerk would also mention this problem to Trelawn Services.

#### **9. DALC MEMBERSHIP**

Following consultation with the Chairman, arrangements had been made for the Parish Council to take up membership of DALC for an initial period of 12 months.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the action taken be approved and confirmed.

#### **10. DERBYSHIRE RED CROSS**

Members considered a letter from this charity inviting the Parish Council to consider making a donation towards their work in Derbyshire.

#### **RESOLVED**

That a donation of £50.00 be authorised.

#### **11. ANIMAL WELFARE LICENSING POLICY**

Members were reminded that if they wished to comment on this draft policy, they should submit their views to the Clerk prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 deadline.

**12. AUDIT 2019/2020**

The Clerk had circulated the documents relating to the Audit for the 2019/2020 financial year. These documents had been approved.

**RESOLVED**

That the action taken be confirmed.

**13. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no reports to this meeting.

**14. PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present on line for this meeting.

**15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications for submission to this meeting.

**16. CHURCH STREET**

Following discussions with the Chairman, a highway matter relating to a property in Church Street had been referred to Councillor Pat Murray for action.

The Parish Council noted that Councillor Murray had referred the matter onto highway officers to be dealt with. He had undertaken to keep the Parish Council informed of developments.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Clerk update the local resident with the response from Councillor Murray.

### **17. VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS**

The Chairman paid tribute to the efforts of local volunteers during the Covid 19 outbreak. The volunteers had shown excellent community spirit in helping those in greatest need.

These sentiments were echoed by all Members present at the meeting.

### **18. COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Chairman reported that the Community Centre Management Committee were currently reviewing the feasibility of re-opening the building. Any proposal to open the doors would be done on a very cautious and careful basis and would not be rushed.

### **19. CYRIL KINSON**

The Parish Council placed on record its sadness at the death of long-time village resident Cyril Kinson. The funeral cortege would circle the village and residents had been invited to display yellow ribbons as a mark of respect to Cyril.

### **20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020, at 7.00 pm.