

COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2017 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST.
MARY’S ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD COMMENCING AT 7:30PM.**

PRESENT (For all or part of the meeting): Cllr Billingsley (Chair); Cllr Birt; Cllr Cooper; Cllr Dunn; Cllr Featonby and Cllr Gibson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Lennon (Parish Clerk)

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE: Mr Powell; Mr Hill-Baldwin and Mr Richards

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No members of the public were present.

MINUTES

1/17EL **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Cowlshaw, Cllr Lyall (Dispensation) and Mr Johnson; Mr Hobbs and Mr Broome from the Allotments Association.

2/17EL There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

3/17EL There were no **WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.**

4/17EL **THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2016.**

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED Cllr Billingsley **SECONDED** Cllr Cooper.

5/17EL **THE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION ISSUES.**

Mr Hill-Baldwin gave a verbal report of the work of the Association since the November 2016 meeting:

- Winter work has been carried out by plot holder.
- Committee members have worked on the wild gardens.
- They are grateful for the top soil and chippings provided by villagers.
- The trees bordering the allotments are overgrown and need attention.
- The drainage system is nearing completion. The main drainage work has been completed. The cost of all works is £250 and the Committee would request that the Council agree to the transfer of these monies from the Contingency Fund.
- The main account contains a number of bonds returnable if the plot holder leaves the site in good condition when they surrender their plot.
- The main accounts should be ready by mid-April.
- Rents are being collected.
- There are 4 people on the waiting list for a plot with a further 5 on the supplementary list (people who would like a plot but were not ready to take one on when they reached the top of the waiting list).
- There are 7 plots vacant at present.
- The AGM is at 8pm on Thursday 27th April at the Sports and Social Club. Councillors are invited to attend.

Signed as a true and accurate record.....

Date.....

The Chairman thanked the Allotments Association representatives for their reports.

Mr Powell, Mr Hill-Baldwin and Mr Richards thanked the committee and left the meeting.

6/17EL A NEW BURIAL SITE/GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE PARISH.

The Clerk provided a verbal update.

7/17EL THE REQUEST FROM INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THEIR LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THE PROPOSED ROUTE OF HS2 THROUGH OUR RESPECTIVE PARISHES.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should investigate what powers, if any, may be used to investigate the “saltmarsh” at Ingestre.

PROPOSED Cllr Billingsley **SECONDED** Cllr Cooper.

8/17EL THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR STAFFORDSHIRE’S QUESTIONNAIRE TO INFORM THEIR REPORT TO DEFRA ON “ISSUES AFFECTING RURAL RESIDENTS IN STAFFORDSHIRE”.

The Committee worked through the questionnaire.

RESOLVED that the Clerk forwards the completed questionnaire to the Community Council for Staffordshire.

9/17EL DATE OF NEXT MEETING to be confirmed following the Annual Meeting on 4th May.

Meeting closed at 8:58pm

Signed as a true and accurate record.....

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