

**COFTON HACKETT PARISH COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b> Councillors	Mr R Deeming Mr K Duncan Mrs J Webb Mrs J Fay Mr J McQuaid Mrs Startin Mr R Westbury
Clerk	Mr R Westbury

**193/15 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Becky Howes, Clerk.

**194/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items. Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.
- To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – written requests to be with the clerk at least 4 clear days prior to a meeting.
- Interests were recorded in the Register
  
- Reports by outside bodies:- Guest Speakers :- Supt Alex Franklin-Smith and Sgt Richard Field, West Mercia Constabulary who updated the Council on local policing matters. They advised that West Mercia Police was seeking a strategic alliance with Warwickshire Police and that the force had been asked to look for a 25 per cent cut in its budget. Rubery and Hagley areas had now been merged into one area, based at Rubery but it is unlikely that the Rubery front desk will be re-opened.
- Robin Smith, Technical Director, St Modwen Homes, advised the Council that his company was about to submit a planning application for the next phase of development on the East Works site which would comprise 41 dwellings on the south side of the Cofton Fields site.
  
- Public Attendance:- no members of the public attended the meeting.

### **195/15 MINUTES**

- 195/15.1 Minutes of the Meeting of Council dated July 20th 2015 were proposed by Cllr McQuaid and seconded by Cllr Duncan and were unanimously approved as a correct record, signed by Chair Cllr Deeming.
- 195/15.2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting dated April 27th 2015 were proposed by Cllr Duncan and seconded by Cllr McQuaid and were unanimously approved as a correct record, signed by Chair Cllr Deeming.

### **196/15 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- 196/15.1 Cllr Startin presented a report.
- 196/15.2 Discuss/agree creating memorial booklet in name of John Dale - this was deferred to the next meeting of the Council
- 196/15.3 Discuss/agree Annual Christmas Party - Cllr Startin said she anticipated that around 60 people would attend the party. Cllr Westbury agreed to ask Robbie Mac, a local resident and Rod Stewart tribute act, if he would be interested in providing entertainment at the party.
- 196/15.4 Discuss/agree combining Christmas Carol Services. The Council noted that Rev Rob Fieldson was keen to hold two separate services and the Council agreed to support both events. Cllr McQuaid confirmed that he could provide power and lighting for the two sites.

### **197/15 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 197/15.1 Cllr Westbury confirmed that the Summer issue of Cofton News had been printed and circulated to all residents. The clerk continues to update the Parish Council website.
- 197/15.2 Cllr McQuaid raised the possibility of publishing an updated version of the Guide to Cofton Hackett particularly in view of the number of new residents who would be moving into the Parish. The Council agreed to set up a sub-group to progress this in the New Year.

### **198/15 HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:**

- 198/15.1 Cllr Fay presented a report.
- 198/15.2 Cllr Fay advised that she is in discussion with National Express regarding recent changes to routing of the no.45/47 bus service.
- 198/15.3 Cllr Fay update from Lengthsman - deferred to next meeting.
- 198/15.4 Discuss footpath report received from Ken Lloyd - deferred to next meeting.
- 198/15.5 Update re Network Rail closure of footpath - the Council noted that a meeting with Network Rail had been organised for October 7th in Barnt Green. Cllrs Duncan and Westbury agreed to attend.
- 198/15.6 Update re missing lamppost and signs in Oakfield/Parsonage Drives - Cllr Fay confirmed that this was in hand.
- 198/15.7 Cllr Duncan discuss/agree quotes for Community Speedwatch Equipment - deferred to next meeting.
- 198/15.8 Cllr Deeming update re bin on The Stocken - deferred to next meeting
- 198/15.9 Cllr Fay update re responsibility of The Stocken deferred to next meeting.

- 198/15.10 Cllr McDonalds responses re Groveley Lane - the Council noted that County Cllr McDonald had advised that replacement signs were in hand.
- 198/15.11 Cllr Deeming update re Traffic Calming- the Council noted that this should now take place in the Spring.
- 198/15.12 Discuss/agree Parish grit bins - deferred to next meeting.
- 198/15.13 Discuss damaged shelter - Cllr Fay agreed to inspect this.

### **199/15 ENVIRONMENT**

- 199/15.1 Cllr McQuaid was asked to defer all topics under this section to the next meeting.

### **200/15 PLANNING**

- 200/15.1 Cllr Duncan presented a report.
- 200/15.2 Planning Applications/Decisions - only one application had been received and Cllr Duncan would discuss this with Cllr Startin
- 200/15.3 Update on New Village Hall - Cllr Westbury advised that to date 68 questionnaires had been returned which were being analysed so that a specification for the new hall could be drawn up for discussion with St Modwen. The overwhelming preference for a name for the new facility is Cofton Hackett Village Hall.
- 200/15.4 Feedback from the Fusion Festival - deferred to next meeting.

### **201/15 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES**

- 201/15.1 It was proposed by Cllr Webb seconded by Cllr Duncan, all agreed to pay the following bills:

21.09.2015	John Sadler	200720	631.99	Mower etc
21.09.2015	Simon Keys	200722	528.00	Lengthsman
21.09.2015	Hoskings	200723	52.80	Island & myhill
21.09.2015	Proper agency	200724	30.00	Website aug
21.09.2015	Simon keys	200725	115.00	Private work
21.09.2015	BDC	200726	93.14	Election costs
21.09.2015	Grant Thorton	200727	120.00	audit
21.09.2015	Cofton Collections	200728	300.00	newsletter
21.09.2015	Cofton spark	200729	161.96	lights
21.09.2015	Hoskings	200730	52.80	Island myhill
21.09.2015	Proper Agency	200731	30.00	Website sept
21.09.2015	R Deeming	200732	129.60	flag
21.09.2015	Mrs Webb	200733	200.70	Phone etc
21.09.2015	Village Hall	200734	83.30	Hire charge
23.09.2015	Ms Howes	200735	64.14	Home office August / September
28.09.2015	Ridgway Caterers	200736	100.00	deposit
28.09.2015	Came Company	200737	1909.37	Parish insurance
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- 201/15.2 Discuss/agree Christmas tree and lights - deferred to next meeting.
- 201/15.3 To agree insurance renewal - the Council agree to pay the insurance renewal premium
- 201/15.4 Update re New Homes Bonus Grants - the Council noted that its request for a grant for new benches, planters and plants had been successful.
- 201/15.5 Agree monument to honour John Dale - deferred to next meeting
- 201/15.6 Agree sign for The Stocken - deferred to next meeting.
- 201/15.7 Update re Mission Hall lease - deferred to next meeting.
- 201/15.8 The Council agreed to accept the External Audit report and noted the recommended changes contained therein.
- 201/15.9 The Council agreed to accept the revised budget for 2015-16.

**202/15 Councillors reports and items for Future agenda's:**

- all outstanding and deferred items to be included on next agenda

**203/15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- Community Emergency Planning Forum invite – October 28<sup>th</sup>

**204/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved to hold the next Parish Council Meeting on  
Monday October 19th 2015 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

..... Chairman