



## Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Wilton Room, North End Community Centre, Holmcroft Road, Stafford, ST16 1JG.

### Public open forum:

The meeting was attended by 66 members of the public all representing Creswell Grove area of the Parish.

They had attended to raise a variety of issues as below:

- Disappointment at lack of communication with the residents including newsletter and noticeboards
- Want change on the Parish Council to potentially improve representation for residents
- A petition had been raised by residents and was presented to the Parish Council – this petition represented a lack of confidence in the Parish Council and was signed for by the Chairman.

Further issues discussed included:

- Strawson's Development – this has been ongoing since the early 1980's and most recently Strawson's had gained a decision in the High Court resulting in approval of the latest development.
- Primepoint 14 and lorry issues were discussed including how to enforce against foreign lorry drivers.
- A community Facebook page for Creswell Grove had been set up and this will feature information about Creswell Grove where residents can be involved.
- Speeding was raised – the Parish Council have approved a speed device like the one in Great Bridgeford – as long as the Parish Councillors remain in place this will be installed late January 2020.
- Pedestrian Crossings and crossing both Creswell Grove and the Motorway accesses and egresses were also discussed.

Chairman Maria Redfern announced that James Cantrill had resigned from Creswell Parish Council.

### **1. Attendees**

Chairman Cllr Mrs M Redfern

Cllr B Cross MBE

Cllr L Douglas

Cllr P Bowen

Clerk Mrs L Horritt

Meeting was Quorate

4 members of the public present

Borough Councillors M Winnington, County Councillor J Pert

### **Apologies**

Borough Councillor Ray Sutherland

**2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda**

Cllr B Cross ref item 7 planning

**3. Signing and approving the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 2nd December 2019**

The minutes were proposed, seconded and accepted as a true record of the meeting held.

**4. To receive a report from the Clerk outlining actions taken since the last meeting**

Sign Cleaning had been carried out by a member of the public. Thanks had been sent and was noted.

The new website has been instructed. This will allow the Parish to comply with the Accessibility Regulations.

Issues with Horse chestnut on Redhill Island – clerk to follow up.

**5. To receive Clerk's Report and Financial Statement**

To approve financial payments, receipts and transfers

**To be paid:**

<b>Paid To</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amt</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total to pay</b>
L Horritt	Office Expenses - including toner	61.20		61.20
Total:				£61.20

This was approved by all present

- To approve the financial statement and bank reconciliation  
These will be presented at the next meeting.
- To discuss and approve the budget for 2020-21 and set the precept for 2020-21  
the budget had been circulated and agreed and the precept was set at £14,150 including government grant. This represents a zero band D increase.
- To approve amenity visits for 2020  
It was agreed to request 2 visits in April and October 2020.

**6. To discuss grass cutting in Creswell Grove and approve a contractor for Creswell Grove**

The residents in attendance did not want the Parish Council to appoint a contractor to have the grass cut monthly between March and October. They suggested that they would like the opportunity to carry this work out as residents. As such the Parish Council agreed to defer this decision until 2021 to allow the residents the opportunity to mow their own verges.

**7. Responses to planning applications received:**

19/31602/COU – Land off A34 Stafford.

No objections to this application.

**8. Highways matters that need action and to review any previously reported**

Speedsign update – this is due to be installed during January 2020 as long as there are enough bank signatories remaining on the Parish Council in order to facilitate payment.

Western Power have left mud on the highway in Creswell Grove.

## **9. Councillors Reports**

**Cllr M Redfern** – Western Power have left mud on the highway in Creswell Grove. A litterpick is required by McDonalds.

**Cllr P Bowen** – Nothing further to report.

**Cllr B Cross** – Raised that the A34 Link Road requires a litter pick.

**Cllr L Douglas** – Nothing further to report

## **10. To consider items for the next agenda**

To be forwarded to the Clerk 10 days before the meeting.

## **11. Dates of future meetings**

2020 dates 03/02, 02/03, 06/04, 04/05, 01/06, 06/07, 07/09, 05/10, 02/11, 07/12.

## **12. Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 10.36pm

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