



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

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 Strawsons Development – this has been ongoing since the early 1980's and most recently Strawsons 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.

1. Attendees

Chairman Cllr Mrs M Redfern

Cllr B Cross MBE

Cllr J Cantrill

Cllr L Douglas

Cllr P Bowen

Clerk Mrs L Horritt

Meeting was Quorate

1 members of the public was present

Apologies

Borough Councillor R Sutherland, County Councillor J Pert

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

Cllr B Cross ref item 10 planning

3. Signing and approving the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 30th September 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

The verges at Creswell Grove/Wilkes Wood Service Road have been cut.

5. To receive Clerk's Report and Financial Statement

To approve financial payments, receipts and transfers

To be paid:

| Paid To | Details | Amt | VAT | Total to pay |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| SLCC | Subscriptions 50% | 108.00 | | 108.00 |
| Information Commissioner | DD - annual fee | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| L Horritt | Office Expenses - Nov | 35.48 | 1.33 | 36.81 |
| Salaries | Q3 - DD | 1,188.00 | | 1,188.00 |
| L Horritt | Office Expenses - Oct | 28.43 | | 28.43 |

Total: £1,401.24

This was approved by all present

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- To approve the financial statement and bank reconciliation
These were approved and the bank reconciliation was signed by the Chairman.
 - To discuss budget projects for 2020-21
Please see agenda items below, several of which will form part of 2020-21 budgets.
- 6. To discuss grass cutting in Creswell Grove and consider potential costs for this being carried out by/on behalf of the Parish Council**
An indicative quote of cost for a contractor to carry out the work had been received. An offer had been made by a resident to cut the grass but the requirement to purchase equipment, potential training costs (competent persons), insurance, risk assessments, PPE etc, serving and ongoing repair costs were felt to great to realistically consider this option.
It was therefore resolved to obtain 3 quotations for contractors to carry out the work and agree the contractor either in January or February 2020.
- 7. To discuss sign cleaning in the Parish including Parish signs on A34 and Creswell Grove**
The Clerk had obtained a costing for the cleaning of signs at £0.95 per sign. There are 14 signs in Creswell Grove and the Welcome to Creswell Sign on A34. The total would be £14.25.
The council were happy to approve this, however the member of the public attending offered to carry out this work on 9th December for no cost and the Parish Council thanked him and accepted his kind offer.
- 8. To discuss Parish Website upgrade required as part of the Website Accessibility Regulations**
The Clerk has distributed the costings and it was agreed to upgrade to a Vision ICT transparency website. The previous website is over 15 years old and the current providers have advised that it would cost more to update this than take out a new package. Clerk to action.
- 9. To discuss Speed Indicator Device in Creswell Grove and actions required**
The Clerk had circulated a report into these devices and it was agreed to fit 2 poles where the existing sites for the mobile SIDS are and purchase 2 solar panels and 1 speed device. It is recommended that the device is moved to prevent drivers becoming used to it and it being ignored. The device will record statistics for both directions.
County Councillor Jeremy Pert has agreed to provide some funding towards this as he has assisted with other Parish projects of this nature.
The total cost including installation is £3,300.
- 10. Responses to planning applications received:**
None received.
- 11. Highways matters that need action and to review any previously reported**
It was agreed to re-report the ruts around the internal Primepoint 14 island as they are becoming

quite deep.

It was agreed to contact Highways England about replanting the bulbs around the Motorway Island. It was noted the diseased trees around the motorway island have been cut down.

12. Councillors Reports

Cllr M Redfern – Provided an update about works to Dairy Farm being complete and in very good condition.

Noted that several Councillors had attended the Mayors Parlour and presented the Perrin Freedom Certificate and Medal which is now displayed outside the Craddock Room for safekeeping.

Cllr J Cantrill – Noted the Horsechestnut on Redhill Island is now showing signs of fungi. Clerk had contacted the tree officer with no response. Cllr Cross suggested contacting Mick Bailey at Streetscene.

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Cllr P Bowen – Had nothing further to raise.

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

Cllr L Douglas – Raised issues with the temporary lights around Marston Grange. It was noted issues are arising because these were not supposed to be a long-term solution.

- Raised that she is liaising with residents from Marston Grange. It was further agreed to pass details to the Vicar on Marston Grange and further liaise via them to find out residents' issues.

13. To consider items for the next agenda

To be forwarded to the Clerk 10 days before the meeting. To include Welcome to Creswell Signage on Beaconside

14. Dates of future meetings

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

15. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

