

Minutes of Cotesbach Parish Council Meeting held on February 27th 2017 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr A Adcock (chair), Miss M Wild (clerk), Mr E Hunt,

Members of the Public Present:

Mr G Hart (County Councillor), Mr J Bateman (District Councillor), Mr G Middleton, Mrs W Adcock, Mrs S Newton + 4 colleagues, Mr C Lean, Mrs P Hall.

Apologies:

Mr A Craig, Mr T Haywood, Mr C Long, Mrs J Strong, PC Willson, Mrs R Everton.

Open Forum:

Welcome

Mr Adcock welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declaration of Interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings:

These are to be adopted and signed as being a true record at the next meeting.

Matters Arising:

CIC/Vattenfall fund applications

Mr Adcock explained that recent applications funded by CIC had been for tangible items which benefited the village, such as renovating the pond, the extension to the Church and the Village Hall. He also explained that with the 2017 contribution of £2754.70 the total amount in credit would be approximately £4978. There is no time limit in which the money has to be spent.

CET has applied for funds for a project to celebrate 10yrs since the Quarto centenary of the enclosures uprising. Mrs Newton and her colleagues explained their plans to hold several events in the "Yard". This included performing and filming a play portraying the uprising. As there were only three councillors at the meeting it was decided to hold another meeting on the 4th March to discuss the matter further before making a decision.

Magna Park is Big Enough, progress report

D B Symmetry

Mr Hunt reported that D B Symmetry's request for a judicial review had been turned down. At a meeting with representatives from the village which D B Symmetry had requested, Mr Hunt asked whether they had any consideration for "mitigations" if their development went ahead. They proposed a traffic calming scheme on the A426 by Cotesbach if the Parish Council withdrew its objection to their planning application. The Council decided not to pursue this as it was felt that D B Symmetry did not have the authority to introduce the scheme and it was not clear how effective it would be even if HDC agreed to the application.

I D Gazeley

I D Gazeley made no attempt to enter into discussion regarding the question of any consideration for "mitigations".

Resilience Plan

Mr Haywood was not present at the meeting.

Specific Items:

Tarmac

Since Mr Long has resigned his position as liaison officer and there is no longer a representative from the village to attend the meetings at present.

The New Earth Solutions newsletter was discussed. They have been taken over and will now be used more as a distribution centre rather than for recycling. This will mean a reduction in staff and an increase in traffic as the material will be transported to other larger centres for recycling.

Highway Maintenance

Leicestershire County Council have asked for comments on highway maintenance. Mr Adcock has already informed them of the flooding around the ironworks on along the A426.

Speed checks

Speed checks have been carried out in the area but not along the A426.

Vehicle activation sign

There has been no real change in the statistics.

X44 Bus Route

There have been no updates since the last meeting. The results of the review undertaken in the autumn have not yet been published.

Planning:

Magna Park

Please see MP is BE comments above.

Symmetry Park

Please see MP is BE comments above.

17/00818/TPO – Cotesbach House – felling of trees

No comment.

Motorway Services M6, Jnc 1 x A426

It was felt this was unnecessary and would only increase traffic. Objections should be made to Rugby County Council.

16/01710/OUT - Land between Manor House and The Precinct

Application has been refused.

Finance:

Funds in the account £2,190.21. The cash book was available for 2016/2017 to date.

AOB:

Cotesbach Communicator

Mrs Adcock explained that the Church has initiated a quarterly newsletter and she hoped that people would send her any newsworthy items to be considered for inclusion. The Rector will edit the newsletter the first of which is due before Easter.

Cotesbach Hall – wedding license

Concern was expressed that a license has been approved for weddings to be held at Cotesbach Hall. Mr Adcock pointed out that planning for "change of use" would be required and any objections could be made to HDC then.

Village Pond

The water is up to level at present but should it start to decrease the possibility of redirecting rainwater runoff from the roof at CET was suggested. The delivery of Siltex is due soon.

Next meeting: 8th May 2017.

Dates of Future Meetings:

4 September 2017; 6 November 2017; 5th February 2018; 15th May 2018; all at 7.30pm

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