

MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN EASTON COMMUNITY HALL, EASTON, ON WEDNESDAY 20th JULY 2016, 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs E Danson; D Ball; M Gilson; M Hayden; J Reeves; J Henderson; J Zorab; M Mitchell; J Baker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Eight Members of the Public, Mr Simon Davies (Parish Clerk), Ms Michele Exton (Assistant Parish Clerk) and Cllr Noel.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Cllrs N Adams; V Hill; B Derham; H Carey; R Lyons, M Gaunt and M Lunnon; E Handford.

02. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Two representatives from Horrington Cricket Club informed the Council that the Cricket Club must either purchase or vacate the Club site on 30th September 2016. The Club has secured part funding but asked the Council for financial assistance with the shortfall. Various options were considered and the Club was requested to submit a report to the Council and a meeting would be arranged to try and find a solution.
- The Chairman welcomed Mr Paul Harris of Glencot House.

03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr Danson declared a PERSONAL interest in Item 11.
- Cllr Gilson declared a PERSONAL interest in Item 14.

04. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

No items for exclusion.

05. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Mr Yates requested that a new wider field gate is installed at the Easton Play Area.
- Mr Ford objected to 2 Council representatives being on the Coxley Playing Field Committee as there has always only been one. He believes there is a conflict of interest with one of those representatives being on the Coxley Path Group. The Parish Clerk informed that there is only one representative and a substitute representative and that the Coxley Path Group no longer exists. Mr Ford expressed his concern that the grass was not being cut as frequently as it is supposed to be and the Parish Clerk agreed to look into the matter. Mr Ford made a request to see the accounts for the Queens 90th birthday celebrations which took place on the Coxley Playing Field and the Parish Clerk agreed to send these to him.
- Mr Pruden thanked the Council for considering the grant application for payment of the Coxley Playfield insurance premium. He informed the meeting that Cllr Carey remaining as the Council's representative on the Committee was helpful for continuity but expressed concern that the substitute representative had a conflict of interest as a representative on the Coxley Path Group.
- Mr Harris gave an overview of the background to his proposed purchase of the land at Wookey Hole.

06. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

To receive reports either in person or in writing from:

- Avon & Somerset Police – Apologies.
- Somerset County Councillors – Apologies from Cllr Siggs.
 - Cllr Noel updated the meeting on Somerset County Council matters including broadband, Devolution, the pooling of Local Government Pension Scheme, the effects of BREXIT on the County Plan and the relaunch in September of the Small Improvement Schemes.
- Mendip District Councillors – Apologies from Cllrs Taylor and Pullin.

07. UPDATE ON PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

To discuss and approve the proposed budget for new noticeboards across the Parish.

RESOLVED: To approve the proposed budget of £7,000 for new noticeboards across the Parish.

08. 150TH CELEBRATIONS OF PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman informed the meeting that the St Cuthbert Out Parish Council became a Civil Parish Council in 1866. Various ideas were considered to celebrate this milestone including church services and incorporating some form of recognition into the fingerpost project and new Parish noticeboards.

RESOLVED: To investigate replacing fingerpost caps with commemorative gold caps, the addition of commemorative plaques on Parish noticeboards and holding a celebratory church service in St Cuthbert's Parish Church.

09. FINGERPOST PROJECT UPDATE

The Assistant Clerk gave an update on the fingerpost project.

10. DOG BIN UPDATE

The Assistant Clerk gave an update on the dog bin project.

RESOLVED: To approve quotes to purchase and install dog bins in Haybridge, Dinder and Dulcote.

11. FLAGPOLE FOR WOOKEY HOLE

The possibility of erecting a Parish Council flag pole in Wookey Hole was discussed.

RESOLVED: Not to take the matter further at this time.

12. MINUTES OF ST CUTHBERT OUT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE 2016

RESOLVED: To make minor typing amendments and then confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Council held on Wednesday 8th June 2016.

13. UPDATE FROM THE LANDHOLDING WORKING PARTY

The Parish Clerk gave an update on the proposed purchase of land in Wookey Hole.

RESOLVED: That the Landholding Working Party should meet to discuss progressing this proposal.

14. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure and issuing of payments.

15. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- Cllr Henderson enquired if there had been any response to the letter sent by the Parish Clerk to Somerset County Council in regard of road safety issues in Polsham and The Vineyards. The Parish Clerk reported that there had not been. The Parish Clerk is to invite Highways to inspect the need for warning signage around the dangerous bend on Burcott Lane
- Cllr Gilson informed the meeting of progress being made by the Sustainable Transport Urban Design Team in Dulcote.
- Cllr Reeves informed the meeting of the improvement works to reduce flooding in Burcott Lane.
- Cllr Mitchell updated that there had been no progress with repairs to the stile in Coxley (towards Polsham).
- Cllr Danson informed the meeting of contractor works in Wookey Hole.

16. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 7th September 2016, Wookey Hole Community Hall, Wookey Hole, 7:00pm