

**MINUTES** of the meeting of **TUPTON PARISH COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 22 November 2016.

### **P R E S E N T**

Councillor C. Goodyer (in the Chair)

Councillors J. Ahern, L. Booth, T. Card, D. Hancock, N. Humphrys, L. Parmley, M.E. Scott and B. Wakefield

County Councillor B. Wright was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S. Peters and M. Wakefield.

### **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident raised concerns regarding the speed of the traffic using the A61 Derby Road, specifically between the two roundabouts at Queen Victoria Road and Nethermoor Road. A request was made that the speed limit is reduced to 40 mph in line with other stretches of the A61 and that consideration be given to the positioning of a speed camera in this location.

A resident from Sunningdale Park enquired as to the detail of the revised proposals for the Community Park. The Clerk provided a detailed diagram for information.

In response to a question by the resident, the Clerk confirmed that the Council would not require planning permission for the development of the Community Park, providing none of the equipment was above 4 metres in height.

Concern was also raised that it appeared the Council had not submitted any comments on the application to extend Sunningdale Park. The Clerk confirmed that the Council had objected to the proposal in July and would enquire as to the reasons why this had not been incorporated into the report presented to the District Council.

The Clerk confirmed that a response to the residents email would be provided in the next few weeks.

Mr. D. Hoult attended the meeting to explain the arrangements that Tupton Ivanhoes were making to hold a football competition on the Northside play area on the weekend on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017. A request was made to fund the marking out of 4 pitches in advance of this weekend.

It was noted that the plans were in accordance with those for a further football festival at the beginning of July and the pitches could be used for both events.

A resident expressed concern at the state of the footpath from Station New Road to Redfern Street. The footpath was overgrown, full of puddles and rubbish. The Chair explained that there was an item on the agenda to consider this issue.

Concerns were raised regarding youths congregating around the Sports Pavilion on Northside and also in the car park. It was agreed that these issues would be raised with the Police.

Councillor Wakefield thanked all the voluntary clubs and organisations in attendance for their hard work in providing activities for the young people of Tupton.

County Councillor B. Wright provided an update on a number of key issues that the County Council were currently involved with, specifically the creation of jobs at Markham Vale which has provided over 900 jobs locally and the Welfare Rights Service that has supported 1024 people in claiming £19m worth of benefits that they were entitled to.

It was noted that the Police were not in attendance and had not supplied any crime statistics for the parish for a number of months. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to the Police to request that they attend future meetings and provide crime data.

**230/16 Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensations – none declared**

**231/16 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:

**Min.No. 212/16** – Add, “Councillor J. Ahern volunteered to be a snow warden”.

**232/16 Urgent Items – Membership of Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC)**

**RESOLVED** that the Council arrange to become members of DALC.

**233/16 Items in Exclusion - none**

**234/16 Delegated Powers**

**RESOLVED** to formally delegate authority to act on behalf of the Council to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman between meetings.

**235/16 Parish Website**

Councillor Hancock reported that he had undertaken an independent assessment of the Council website and whilst it had not failed there was some room for improvement.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the existing website providers to see what enhancements were available to improve the site and provide a timeline for implementation.

**236/16 Parish Social Media Site**

The Chairman requested that the Council explore the introduction of a Social Media site including Twitter and Facebook.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk investigate this alongside improvements to the website and bring back proposals to a future meeting.

### **237/16 Recording of Parish Council meetings**

The Chairman submitted a proposal that all future Parish Council meetings will be audio recorded and published on a suitable social media site or the website.

**RESOLVED** (1) that all public Council meetings are audio recorded and that the recording is shared on a social media or website to be determined in accordance with the review of social media/website above; and

(2) that the Clerk investigate the cost of suitable audio recording devices and that this be shared with the Chair and Vice-chair for approval.

### **238/16 Litter – footpath from Station New Road to Redfern Street**

Following concerns raised in the Public part of the meeting by local residents and concerns received by the Chairman regarding the condition of the footpath, it was agreed that the matter should be referred to the District Council for their consideration and action.

**RESOLVED** (1) that the District Council be advised of the complaints regarding the condition of the footway, including the amount of litter, the drainage and overgrown vegetation;

(2) that the District Council be asked to consider increasing the size of the litter bins at each end of the footpath and also positioning a bin in the dog leg of the footpath;

(3) that the area in the dog leg that is currently overgrown be cleared; and

(4) that the Council's Street Sweeper be asked to pay regular attention to this area.

### **239/16 Sure Start – sponsorship/grant for Village Hall sessions**

**RESOLVED** that the Council agree to meet the cost of room hire for the three groups that will be transferring from the Sure Start building at the beginning of December at a cost of approximately £700.

### **240/16 Tupton Ivanhoe's Tournament**

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to the marking out the 4 (9v9) pitches at an approximate cost of £550

### **241/16 Members Attendance (Standing Item)**

**RESOLVED** to note the level of attendance by individual Elected Members.

### **242/16 Action Plan**

**RESOLVED** to note the actions currently outstanding.

### **243/16 Dates for flying flag**

**RESOLVED** that the flag is flown on the following dates:

3 December 2016 – Christmas Market

24 December – 6 January 2017 – Christmas period.

## 244/16 Review of Policies

The Council considered a review of its various policies, procedures and standing orders. It was agreed that the amendments discussed at the meeting be made and that the revised documents be circulated to the Councillors for a further opportunity to comment prior to them being published on the website.

A recorded vote was taken in relation to the inclusion of the following paragraph in the rules for effective management of recordings at Local Councils and Parish Meetings:

*The recording and reporting on meetings of the council, its committees and sub-committees is subject to the law and it is the responsibility of those doing the recording and reporting to ensure compliance. This will include the Human Rights Act, the Data Protection Act and the laws of libel and defamation. The recording should not be edited in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings or infringement of the council's values or in a way that ridicules or shows a lack of respect for those in the recording. The council would expect any recording in breach of these rules to be removed from public view. The council will have no liability for material published by any other person unless it is itself undertaking the publication through its offices.*

Councillors Booth, Card, Goodyer, Humphrys, Parmley Scott and Wakefield were in favour of the inclusion and Councillors Ahern and Hancock voted against its inclusion.

**RESOLVED** (1) that the Council approve in principle subject to the amendments discussed being made and an opportunity for a further review prior to the documents being included on the website; and

(2) that the Council's Standing Orders, Policies and Procedures be reviewed each year at the AGM and republished.

## 245/16 Request for grit bin – Birkin Avenue

**RESOLVED** to note that Cllr. M. Wakefield was to confirm with a local resident on Birkin Avenue, whether they were prepared to store bags of salt for use on the public highway.

## 246/16 Condition of pavements

The Clerk reported that he had now had a response from the County Council regarding footway schemes that were programmed for the current financial year. It was noted that schemes were planned for Woodland Way and Statham Avenue. According to the County's records there were no further actionable defects waiting repair in the Parish.

The County Council would continue to undertake regular routine inspections and defects that are identified and meet the relevant criteria would be programmed for repair.

**RESOLVED** to not the report

## **247/16 Tupton reduction of speeding proposals**

The Chair reported that she had met with an officer from the County Council to discuss speed reduction measures in the Parish.

A number of proposals were considered including the use of 30mph repeater signs and child cardboard bollards. Unfortunately neither of these two suggestions met with the national or local policy arrangements.

A number of proposals were put forward including improvements to road markings on the carriageway at the Nethermoor Road junction with the A61 Derby Road, advanced bend warning signs on the bend on Nethermoor Road, near Park Road.

The County Council would also provide a village name sign which incorporated the road safety message " Please slow down" at the entrance to the parish from the A61 along Nethermoor Road.

**RESOLVED** to note the actions proposed by the County Council following the site visit to the Parish.

## **248/16 Parking Study**

The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation from the consultants stating that they would be prepared to meet representatives of the Council on site to do an initial assessment for the cost of £100.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk arrange a suitable date for Councillors Goodyer and Hancock to meet the consultant on site to discuss the parking study in more detail.

## **249/16 Public Payphone removal**

**RESOLVED** that the Council object to the proposals to remove the two payphones on Derby Road position at the junction of Queen Victoria Road and Brassington Lane respectively on the basis that they are a valued community asset that are important on a busy A road in cases of emergency.

## **250/16 Finance Committee**

**RESOLVED** (1) that the next Finance Committee be held on 8 December 2016 starting at 7.30pm when consideration would be given to the Estimates for the 2017/18 financial year;

(2) it was agreed that the estimates would be presented on the evening and not circulated prior to the meeting; and

(3) that Councillor D. Hancock be included on the membership of the committee.

## **251/16 Christmas Tree arrangements**

**RESOLVED** to note that this years Christmas tree would be delivered on Monday 28 November at 10am, anyone able to assist with the positioning/decoration of the tree would be welcome.

## 252/16 Northside Recreation Ground

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk ask the Council's Street sweeper/handyman to attend the recreation ground to clear up rubbish that had been littered and to make regular visits to the site.

## 253/16 Shale Gas and Fracking

**RESOLVED** to note the invitation to the INEOS Fracking event to take place on 29 November at 7pm and the background information received from the County Council on Fracking in general.

## 254/16 Planning Applications

**RESOLVED** (1) that the Council object to planning application no 16/01171/FLH - Application to add 1 storey to top of existing garage and change the roof pitch to match the existing dwelling including changing the material to a multi red brick, on the grounds that the material to be used was not in keeping with the local environment; and

(2) that the Council make no comment on the other applications that had been received.

## 255/16 Finance

### (a) Summary of Accounts

**RESOLVED** to note the summary of income and expenditure as at the date of the meeting.

### (b) Accounts for Payments

**RESOLVED** that the following accounts be approved for payment:-

Paid	Reason	Amount
Misc	Salary/Tax/NI/Pension	£3,491.85
Clay Cross ATC	Band for Remembrance Sunday Service	£250.00
D. Parmley	Refreshments for Remembrance Sunday Service	£13.28
East Midlands Chamber	Monitoring Fee, maintenance and communication charge - October	£296.70
North Wingfield & District Royal British Legion	Wreath (£18.25) and donation	£50.00
J. Bedford	Plants and weed killer	£39.00
Ian Trueman	Tree works	£360.00
NEDDC	Dog Waste bins emptying	£961.27
D Massey	Postage and paper	£17.94
Dansies	Printer Cartridge	£49.99
Grant Thornton Uk LLP	External Audit - Re-issue for lost cheque	£480.00
EON	CCTV Electricity	£22.51
BT	One Bill - Broadband/Telephone/Mobile	£87.31

## **256/16 Items for information**

**RESOLVED** to note the following items that had been submitted for information:

- Clerk and Councils Direct Magazines;
- AGM of Tupton Village Hall had appointed Paul Kirkwood as Chairman and Darren Price as Vice-Chairman.

## **257/16 Publicity Items**

**RESOLVED** that an article be included in the Grassroots section of the Derbyshire Times covering the following items discussed at the meeting:-

- Christmas Market
- Young at Heart Christmas Party
- Sure Start Sponsorship
- Objection to removal of public payphone
- Speeding on A61 Derby Road

## **258/16 Exclusion of the Public**

**RESOLVED** that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting during the Council's consideration of the remaining items on the agenda in order to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information contained in the following summary of proceedings.

**Summary of proceedings conducted after the Public and Press had been excluded from the meeting:**

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2016
2. Community Support Officer post (contains information relating to particular individuals)
3. Tupton Youth Centre lease arrangements (contains information relating to on-going legal proceedings)
4. Birkin Avenue Community Park – Update (contains information relating to the financial affairs of particular companies)