

COTTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Action

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 following the Annual Parish Meeting.

PRESENT – Cllrs. Grayson (Chairman), Ashworth, Mrs. Sarayou Thomas-George, Curtis, West-Robinson, Adams, Russell, Mr. Luke Montague (Prospective Councillor), P.T.Taylor (Clerk), Mr. Brian Houston (CBC) and a member of the public.

“Declaration of Acceptance of Office” – Signing by Mr. Luke Montague – Mr. Montague signed the document and the Chairman welcomed him as a Parish Councillor and Mr. Montague took his seat.

1. Apologies for Absence & Acceptance – As Annual Parish Meeting.
2. Declaration of Interest for Items on Agenda – None.
3. To Approve & Sign Minutes of Previous Meeting Dated 6th March 2019 – Cllr. West-Robinson asked for an amendment to the minutes at 4(i) – The councillor asked that the minute read –

‘Cllr. West-Robinson supported the proposal but emphasised the need for the Council to be aware of the risk attached before work commenced.’

Subject to this amendment the minutes were approved.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (Action Plan Review – Cllr. Russell) – The councillor drew attention to the next Road Safety Meeting on Thursday 11th April 2019.

Cllr. Adams informed the meeting that, accompanied by Cllr. West-Robinson, he had met the owner of the Golf Range who was sympathetic to the problem of the damage to the finger posts. Further to the issue, Mr. Morphy suggested ‘vandal-proof’ brackets be used if the Parish Council obtained the signs.

The Chairman reported on the progress of the Rural Bus Service stating that time-tables (wef 1st May) were in circulation, ‘matched funding’ had been offered by the Northamptonshire County Council resulting in the scheme running for a further twelve months.

5. Reports from County and Borough Councillors – No representation.
6. Constabulary Matters – In the absence of the force, Cllr. Russell drew attention to –
 - i) Vehicle theft in Blind Lane
 - ii) Anti-social behaviour in Ripley Road
 - iii) Assault in High Street

Cllr. West-Robinson drew attention to individuals trying door handles in the village.

7. Public Participation –

At this point the Chairman opened the meeting for public participation

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Mr. Houston apologised for his non-attendance at the last Community Walkabout (20th March). A discussion took place based on the Corby Borough Council's decision to remove/reverse council owned garage doors.

Mr. Morphy referred to the recent erection of World War 1 & 2 memorial and to his decision not to charge for his labour. The Council thanked Mr. Morphy for his generous gesture.

At this point the Chairman closed the meeting for public participation

8. Planning –

a) To Ratify Decisions from Planning Committee Meetings – None held.

b) Neighbourhood Plan for Cottingham – The Chairman outlined the discussions of the meeting held on 19th March 2019 with particular reference to –

i) Posters – Cllr. Montague to provide

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ii) Leaflets – need to determine number required and system for distribution

GWR/Clerk

iii) Next Meetings (26th April with Open Day on 11th May) and arrangements for refreshments

iv) Need for the establishment of Advisory Groups

9. Highways, Footpaths, Road Safety & Transport –

a) Community Speed Watch – Cllr. Curtis reported on the recent initiative commenting that, in general, speeds were slower than anticipated.

b) Grit Bins – Survey still outstanding.

Clerk

10. Representational Matters –

a) Feedback from Outside Meetings Attended by Councillors and Clerk – The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Rural Area Forum (21st March) and the circulation of his notes on the meeting.

b) Feedback from Council's Sub-Committees and Meetings – Cllr. West-Robinson circulated minutes of the Finance Sub-group held on 29th March 2019 which focused on the Council's compliance with "Good Councillors Guide to Finance 2017".

The Clerk stated that whilst he welcomed any form of scrutiny he was not in favour of any meetings being held "behind closed doors".

Cllr. West-Robinson asked for an additional column to be added on the Budget Monitoring Statement to show underspend carried forward.

Clerk

It was proposed by Cllr. Ashworth and seconded by Mrs. Sarayou Thomas-George that the report be accepted.

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c) Village Fete - Cllr. Adams informed the Council that a further meeting of the organisers was due to be held on 4th April. The councillor reported that he had now stepped down from the role of Chairman.

d) Training – The Clerk drew attention to the training of councillors through NCALC with Cllrs. Mrs. Sarayou Thomas-George and Adams registered and Cllr. Montague a possibility for the 10th June 2019 training day. **Clerk**

11. The Dale –

a) Fencing Phase 2 – Cllr. Curtis informed the Council that work was due to start the next day.

b) Tree Survey – The Clerk reminded councillors that this was due to start on 24th April 2019.

12. Village Maintenance –

a) Corby Road Land/Wall – Being pursued. **Clerk/MC**

b) Damage by AWA in Pipe Laying – Awaiting further response from contractor. **Clerk**

c) Community Walkabout – Cllr. Russell circulated details of the points raised on the walk.

13. Finance –

a) To Pass a Resolution to Approve Payments to be made as per Schedule Circulated –

<u>No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
100057	Spendlove Contract.	Mowing Pitch (4 cuts)	288.00
100058	Cott/Mid VHMC	Hall Hire (6 th Feb 2019)	12.00
100059	Steve Morphy	Road surface to Royal George PH	460.00
100059	Steve Morphy	Replace Oak post & railings in The Dale	220.00
100059	Steve Morphy	Village Maintenance	245.00

The Parish Council resolved that the above payments be made.

b) Balances were given as –

14 th Feb	Santander	£30,058.02
15 th Mar	HSBC	£26,221.76

Yorkshire Bank Account Closed

c) Income Received/Invoices Raised – The Council reported that income had been received from East Carlton PC (£304.54), NCC (£476.95) and an invoice raised against Mr. Medwell, grazing (2 years) in the sum of £700.00.

d) Request for Financial Support – A letter from the Cottingham C of E Primary School was read out asking for a contribution to the cost of works at the school/Village Hall car park. The Council agreed to pay the sum of £100.00.

14. Recreation Ground –

a) Proposed New Village Hall – No report.

15. Correspondence Received & Circulated –

a) Clerks & Councils Direct (March)

b) CPRE Spring Party (5TH April)

c) Midsummer Music (21st June)

d) “Outlook” (March)

e) Glasdon Local Gateways

f) Focus on Local Councils

16. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 1st May 2019 following Annual Meeting of Parish Council

Signed a true record -

_____ (Chairman)

_____ (Clerk)

_____ (Date)