

Minutes of the meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council Held on Thursday 24th September 2015 at 8pm at Walcote Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr James Robertson, Cllr Elizabeth Marsh (Chair), Cllr Seph Green, Cllr Paul Hobbs, Cllr Lindsey Astle, Cathy Walsh (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for late arrivals were accepted from Cllr Green who arrived at the meeting at 8.10pm and Cllr Robertson who arrived at the meeting at 8.30pm.

Cllr Robertson thanked Cllr Marsh for chairing the meeting in his absence.

2. Declarations Of Interest from Councillors

None

3. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 27.08.15

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 27.08.15 were approved as a true record of proceedings. An amendment was made to correct the number of public in attendance from one to three.

4. To note any comments or questions from residents

4.1. Watercourse inspection to check the brook for any blockages

A resident was concerned about gravel blocking the culvert running under the A4304. Four councillors inspected the brook on 23.09.15. They also noted that excessive vegetation behind the Black Horse could potentially cause a blockage in the brook. The annual Critical Ordinary Watercourse Condition Survey is due to be completed by Harborough District Council in October 2015.

Action: The clerk to contact Harborough District Council so that the above issues can be addressed during their survey. If this is not possible the matter will be carried forward to the next meeting for the Parish Council to discuss.

4.2. Further correspondence about school children crossing danger on Lutterworth Road

The resident who had raised his concerns over the dangers children are facing crossing the Lutterworth Road is still awaiting a response from District Councillor Graham Hart. He has now escalated his concerns to John Sinnott, Chief Executive at Leicestershire County Council.

The Parish Council discussed commissioning a survey to analyse speed and traffic volumes and types of vehicles using the A4304.

North Kilworth Parish Council are considering plans to raise funding for their own pedestrian crossing. Misterton with Walcote Parish Council would like more information to see if this is something that they could undertake for Walcote.

Action: The clerk was asked to contact North Kilworth Parish Council for any information

and advice they could offer.

Action: To include on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. To note any planning matters

None

6. Children's Play Areas

6.1. To note the Routine Inspection of Children's Play Areas

Inspections were held on 07.09.15 and 20.09.15. Points to note;

A number of mole hills and some dog waste at Chapel Lane.

6.1.1. Rotten fence posts at Chapel Lane Play Area

Cllr Green will inspect.

6.1.2. Check the zip wire chain links under the chain cover

Cllr Green will inspect.

6.1.3. Matting around the carousel not flush, causing a trip hazard

The Parish Council will inspect

Action: For discussion at the next meeting.

6.2. To schedule dates of future inspections

Future dates were scheduled for routine play area inspections.

7. Financial Statement

7.1. Financial Statement

Balance Sheet and Bank Reconciliation for year ending 31st March 2016

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Opening Balance	1-Apr-15	£11,368.98
Receipts to	20-Sep-15	£20,303.55
Payments to	20-Sep-15	-£14,380.82
Closing Balance	20-Sep-15	£17,291.71
The balance carried forward is represented by these funds		£
Current Account		£300.00
Business Reserve account		£17,584.53
Capital Reserve Account		£0.10
Add income received but not yet banked		£0.00
Less payments made but not yet presented		-£592.92
Bank Reconciliation to	20-Sep-15	£17,291.71

7.2. Accounts for payment

7.2.1. Cathy Walsh – Clerk's allowances and expenses

7.2.2. CGD Contractors Ltd – Grass cutting contract August 2015 | £348.00

7.2.3. LRALC – Accounts & Financial Regulations Training Course | £60.00

7.2.4. Harborough District Council – RoSPA Annual Playground Inspections | £143.00

8. To discuss further footpath improvements

Cllr Astle discussed proposed plans for further improvements to the footpaths running from

Walcote and Misterton to Lutterworth. These include replacing the styles nearest the village with kissing gates. Cllr Astle received approval from the Parish Council to talk to land owners and to receive quotes to complete the work. Funding for the improvements may possibly be sourced from the Windfarm Community Fund.

9. To consider the installation of the two new litter bins on Brook Street

The bins were delivered in April 2015 and are awaiting installation by Harborough District Council. The Parish Council discussed whether they would install the bins themselves as the District Council are not forthcoming with their promise to install the bins.

Action: The Parish Council would look at the bins and decide whether it would be possible for them to install. To be carried forward to the next meeting.

10. To receive updates on the following:

10.1. South Kilworth Road Field (Cllr Astle)

Cllr Astle provided an update. Things are looking positive and moving in the right direction.

Action: To carry forward to the next meeting.

10.2. Triangle Renovations and to consider quotes for resurfacing works

The Parish Council measured the area and confirmed that it measured 65sqm. They decided that tarmac would be the best option and would source another quote. They would also like an information board with village information installed on the triangle if funds are available.

Action: To obtain another quote for tarmac surfacing.

Action: To carry forward to the next meeting.

10.3. Grass cutting contract quotes for 2016

The Clerk had asked DTM Gardens and Landscapes Ltd for a quote. However, the company are not presently in a position to take on any further maintenance contracts.

Action: Cllr Roberts agreed to obtain a further quote.

Action: To carry forward to the next meeting.

10.4. Black Horse

The Black Horse is due to be sold at auction in October. As The Black Horse is listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) there are certain restrictions and conditions that the seller has to adhere to. There were concerns that these conditions and restrictions may not be followed properly. There were also concerns over complications with the Land Registry titles. The Parish Council drafted an email to David Riddle, Legal Officer at Harborough District Council. This will also be sent to District Councillor John Everett and local MP Alberto Costa.

Action: To carry forward to the next meeting.

11. Any Other Business – for notification only

None.

12. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting dates are confirmed as:

05th November 2015 at 8pm – Parish Council Meeting.

03rd December 2015 at 8pm – Finance Working Party Meeting (not open to the public).

10th December 2015 at 8pm – Parish Council Meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.58pm.