

Minutes of the meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council Held on Thursday 25th June 2015 at 8pm at Walcote Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr James Robertson (Chair), Cllr Liz Marsh, Cllr Seph Green, Cllr Paul Hobbs, Cllr Lindsey Astle, Cathy Walsh (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations Of Interest from Councillors

Cllr Astle declared a personal interest in agenda item 4.2.

3. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 21.05.15

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 21.05.15 were approved as a true record of proceedings.

4. To note any comments or questions from residents

4.1. Overgrown grass around the village

The Clerk had received a phone call from a resident who was unhappy with the way the grass had been cut by Leicestershire County Council (LCC). This is a common concern amongst both residents and the Parish Council. The Parish Council are exploring the possibility of taking responsibility of the grass cutting for the 2016 season.

Action: The Clerk was asked to confirm who would be responsible for cutting the grass beyond the village (i.e. up to the M1 roundabout) if the Parish Council took responsibility for cutting the grass within the village.

Action: The Clerk to progress enquiries with LCC regarding the grass cutting contract for 2016.

Action: The Clerk to report that due to overgrown hedges the 30 Speed Limit sign as you approach Walcote from North Kilworth and the Weight Limit sign at the bottom of South Kilworth Road are visibly obscured.

Action: To carry forward to the next meeting.

4.2. To note correspondence about traffic volume issues on South Kilworth Road

A resident had notified the Parish Council with their concerns over the volume and speed of traffic using South Kilworth Road. This has become more problematic since the M1/A14 junction improvement works began. Vehicles frequently exceed the 60mph speed limit. LCC do not seem to be prepared to take steps to address the problem unless an accident(s) occur on the road. The Parish Council would like LCC to assess the volume and speed of the traffic before making a decision. Ideally the traffic should be monitored between the hours of 7-9am and 4-6pm.

Action: The Clerk to contact LCC to request an assessment of the traffic using the road.

Action: The Clerk to request signage from LCC informing drivers of 'No Access to the A14'.

4.3. To note correspondence about school children crossing danger on Lutterworth Road

This has been an ongoing issue for many years and the situation is getting worse. A

resident reported their concerns and observations to Graham Hart at LCC. He has witnessed a number of children involved in near-misses with vehicles. Graham Hart had assessed the traffic approximately 3 years ago and found that there were gaps in the traffic to allow pedestrians to cross of 9 seconds. Recent observations by the resident has found that there are now rarely gaps of more than 4 seconds.

Action: The Clerk to contact Mr Hart in support of the resident's concerns/observations.

Action: The Clerk to contact the resident to inform him of what the Parish Council have discussed and to inform him of the Community Speedwatch campaign.

4.4. (Agenda item 8 was moved to item 4.4.) **To Consider the idea of a Community Speedwatch Scheme**

The opportunity of a Community Speedwatch scheme was discussed and it was decided that it might be an idea that the resident in item 4.3. would be interested in.

4.5. **Parking problems on Chapel Lane by visitors to the park**

A resident had raised her concerns to Cllr Marsh about visitors to Chapel Lane play area parking in front of resident's driveways and in the turning bay. The resident will be asked to put her concerns in writing if she would like the issue addressed formally.

5. **Children's Play Areas**

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

Inspections were held on 02.06.15 and 21.06.15. Points to note;

- Grass near the zip wire is bare due to mole hills.
- The football goal net is damaged.

It was decided to await the recommendations from the forthcoming RoSPA inspection report.

5.2. **To schedule dates of future inspections**

Future inspection dates were scheduled.

6. **Financial Matters**

6.1. **Financial Statement**

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

			£	
Opening Balance	1-Apr-15		£11,368.98	
Receipts to	18-Jun-15		£11,643.74	
Payments to	18-Jun-15		-£5,554.08	
Closing Balance	18-Jun-15		£17,458.64	
The balance carried forward is represented by these funds				£
				£300.00
				£17,956.54
				£0.10
				£0.00
				-£798.00
Bank Reconciliation to	18-Jun-15			£17,458.64

6.2. Accounts for payment

- 6.2.1. Cathy Walsh – Clerk’s allowances and expenses
- 6.2.2. CGD Contractors Ltd – Grass cutting contract May 2015 | £348.00
- 6.2.3. MWCT – Meeting Room hire | £40.00
- 6.2.4. Leicestershire County Council – Parishes Web Support 2015-16 | £390.00

The Parish Council were not happy with the service from CGD Contractors Ltd for June’s mowing contract. Therefore the Council wanted to see a copy of the invoice prior to payment of this invoice.

Action: The Clerk to send a copy of the invoice to the Councillors.

Action: The Clerk to request that CGD Contractors Ltd send details of the grass cutting schedule.

7. To consider the proposed quote to install the play area signage

Resolved: To approve the quote from G Crisp to install the signage

8. To consider the idea of a Community Speedwatch Scheme – Item moved to 4.4.

9. Tree Warden Scheme – to consider appointing a Tree Warden

A resident that had previously undertaken the role of Tree Warden was nominated and correspondence about the role would be passed to him for his consideration.

10. To consider organising an event upon completion of the Footpath Improvement Project

The suggested date is Sunday 30th August 2015. It is proposed that guided walks will take place, followed by BBQ, bar and ice creams at the village hall. If the new facilities are completed at St Leonard’s Church they will serve afternoon tea there. Cllr Marsh and Cllr Astle will take the lead organising the event.

11. To receive updates on the following:

11.1. South Kilworth Road Field (Cllr Astle)

Cllr Astle provided an update.

11.2. Triangle Renovations (Cllr Robertson) & to consider quotes for resurfacing works.

The Parish Council were undecided on the two quotes already received. Cllr Robertson will try and source another quote to bring to the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Robertson

Action: The Clerk was asked to find out who is responsible for maintaining the triangle.

Action: The Clerk was asked to contact Leicestershire Highways to complain that the bollard has still not been installed.

12. Any Other Business – for notification only

None.

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting date was confirmed as:
Thursday 27th August at 8pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.34pm.