

Minutes of the meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council Held on Thursday 26th February 2015 at 8pm at Walcote Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Seph Green (Chair), Cllr Liz Marsh, Cllr James Robertson, Cllr Paul Hobbs, Cllr Lindsey Astle, Cathy Walsh (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations Of Interest from Councillors

None

3. To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 08.01.15

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 08.01.15 were approved as a true record of proceedings.

4. To note any comments of questions from residents

4.1. Speeding traffic and HGVs travelling through Walcote

A resident had contacted the clerk to raise her concerns over speeding traffic on the A4304 Lutterworth Road. She enquired whether it was possible to have a speed camera installed in the village. This option has already been explored by the Parish Council who were informed that the proximity of the speed camera in North Kilworth was too close for Walcote to have one.

The resident also asked about the possibility of prohibiting car transporter vehicles and aggregate trucks from using the A4304. This is not possible on an 'A' road.

Leicestershire Highways have reported that there is no increase in traffic due to the M1, J19 works. However, residents in the village feel that this is not the case.

The clerk received correspondence from another resident who has ongoing communication with Leicestershire County Council regarding the traffic travelling through the village and the danger for school children crossing the road. The Parish Council fully support this.

Action: The Clerk to forward the resident's email to Cllr Graham Hart

Action: The Clerk to contact Leicestershire Highways to request statistics from when the mobile speed camera van was last in the village.

4.2. 16 Brook Street – Asbestos Demolition Survey

A resident attended the meeting and gave the Council a copy of the Asbestos Demolition Survey for 16 Brook Street. The planning application for 16 Brook Street has been delegated to a Planning Committee Meeting to be held on 03.03.15. Anyone wishing to make a personal representation on the matter is advised to contact Harborough District Council.

5. Children's Play Areas

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

An inspection was made on 01.02.15. Points to note;

Mole hills: the situation is in hand.

Carousel: the carousel is still not rotating and is very stiff. This will be checked again when the weather is warmer.

Signage: the signage has now been ordered and is awaiting delivery.

5.2. To schedule dates of future inspections

Future inspection dates were scheduled.

6. To note any planning matters

None

7. Financial Matters

7.1. Financial Statement

Balance Sheet and Bank Reconciliation for year ending 31st March 2015		
£		
Opening Balance	1-Apr-14	£16,940.03
Receipts to	20-Feb-15	£14,949.36
Payments to	20-Feb-15	-£18,586.78
Closing Balance	20-Feb-15	£13,302.61
The balance carried forward is represented £		
by these funds		
Current Account		£300.00
Business Reserve account		£13,471.51
Capital Reserve Account		£0.10
Add income received but not yet banked		£0.00
Less payments made but not yet presented		-£469.00
Bank Reconciliation to	20-Feb-15	£13,302.61

7.2. Accounts for payment

7.2.1. Cathy Walsh – Allowances & expenses | £10.00

7.2.2. MWCT – Health & Safety improvements to village hall | £1000

7.2.3. Unicorn Containers – 2 x Strangford Litter Bins | £459.00

7.2.4. M. Sitford – chocolates & mince pies for children's Christmas Party | £38.00

8. To receive updates on the following:

8.1. Quote for hedge laying at the rear of the village hall (Cllr Green)

The rules for maintaining, removing and protecting hedgerows do not allow any work to lay a hedge (if birds are suspected of nesting) during the main nesting period of 1 March to 31 July. Therefore, the agenda item will be carried forward to June's meeting.

8.2. South Kilworth Road Field (Cllr Astle)

Cllr Astle provided an update to the progress she is making on this. The matter is still in hand and ongoing.

9. To consider CGD Contractors Ltd's quote for broad leaf weed and dandelion spraying

Resolved: To approve the quote from CGD and an additional two grass cuts prior to the herbicide being sprayed.

10. To consider renewing the annual Parish Council Web Support Service

Resolved: To approve the renewal of the Parish Council Web Support Service.

The Council wanted their concerns raised to Leicestershire Rural Partnership about the Leicestershire Villages website. This website is out of date, with broken links and reflects a negative image of Misterton and Walcote. **Action:** Clerk.

11. To consider the proposed quotes for resurfacing works to the Triangle (Cllr Robertson)

Action: to carry forward to the next meeting.

12. To discuss the current Eight Parishes Windfarm Grant Applications

- 12.1. Walcote Wrigglers – Equipment for Parent & Toddler Group
- 12.2. Misterton with Walcote Community Trust – Framing & displaying material
- 12.3. Misterton with Walcote Community Trust – Paving surface improvements
- 12.4. Misterton with Walcote Parish Council – Footpath improvements
- 12.5. St Leonard's Parish Church Council – Quinquennial Inspection Report – Recommended work & repairs

The Council discussed whether a meeting needed to be called for the Parish to be consulted on any of the current applications. They decided that due to the nature of the applications this would not be necessary. Cllr Marsh is in the process of finding out the available balance in the Eight Parishes Community Fund. A decision on the applications will be made at the next meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council.

13. Any Other Business – for notification only**13.1. Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) for the Parish**

Often when a cardiac arrest occurs the person attending the patient is on their own and cannot leave to fetch the defibrillator. The VETS system allows a person to dial a dedicated phone number and immediately contact up to 10 people who are available to offer assistance. The Parish Council liked the idea of such a system and wanted to see if there would be any interest from residents to volunteer.

Action: The Clerk to put a notice in the Five Parishes magazine.

13.2. Parish Elections

Action: The Clerk was asked to contact Harborough District Council to see what forms the Councillors needed to complete.

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting dates were confirmed as:

Thursday 23rd April at 8.00pm.

Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, which will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.28pm.