



Coughton Parish Council

Minutes of the Coughton Parish Council Meeting held in Coughton Primary School, Coughton on Monday the 16th of November 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor John Gittins (in the Chair)
Councillors Sophie Bayliss, Len Carter and Maureen McTavish

Three members of the public were present

Apologies: Cllr Roy Piddington and Karen Parnell Clerk

Public participation (10 minutes)

The footpath and a possible cycle lane running adjacent to A345 were discussed. Concern was raised regarding the deteriorating condition of the footpath and safety to all users of the footpath, as well as cyclists.

Providing a bus shelter with monies from the fete is a consideration on the west side (adj to Coughton Court)

1 Apologies for acceptance

Cllr Roy Piddington and Karen Parnell, Clerk

- 2 Disclosure of Interests** Councillors are asked to declare personal interests in any items on the agenda. Councillors are reminded that the code of conduct that took effect from September 2012 provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion, they should withdraw from the room and not seek to influence a decision about the matter.

There were no disclosures of interests.

- 3 Minutes** of the Council Meeting held in September 2015.

The minutes of the September meeting were agreed to be a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman as such.

- 4 Matters arising** from those minutes:

Flooding:

WCC have now completed the cyclical gully emptying along the length of the A435 within Warwickshire. Unfortunately there are a number of gullies where it was not possible to open the gully covers and so these have not been emptied. A number of these are between Coughton crossroads and the Throckmorton Arms. WCC need to either excavate the gully frame and covers to release the lids or replace altogether.

WCC are putting out an order for the Contactor to do this and it will require extensive traffic management and traffic lights. The work will be programmed as soon as possible.

Footpaths:

Richard Barnard has not confirmed the outcomes agreed at the site meeting held in October on the footpath between the A435 and Sambourne Lane. Since then neighbours have supported his proposals for weed control, but we require details

of future responsibility of footpaths and the upkeep of new steps and handrail at Sambourne Lane end.

Dog Fouling:

This is an ongoing matter and the PC will continue to liaise with the school to find a solution. JG will also contact Dog Warden.

Rickyard Site Development:

Good turnout at resident consultation. Parish Council submitted a comprehensive response that reflected the consensus of the village. Essentially, the PC objects to the application as submitted. Main concerns were serious flooding matters and the scale of development in respect of its location within the village and the conservation area.

5 District and County Councillor's reports

Cllr Gittus SDC: Unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr Rickhards WCC: Unable to attend the meeting.

6 School Report

Adam Walsh reported:

Pupils are achieving excellent results way above the national average. A new teacher has started and the deputies are now class-based. Total number of pupils is now 142 with an additional four starting in the next few weeks. No plans to go above 150 at in the next two years. Standard formula predicts that every 100 houses generates a further 6 places. Alcester is planning to develop a further 750 houses. Adam has advised WCC that he will never get to 100 pupils without a car park. Councillors stated that car parking is at an all-time high with cars parked along narrow stretches of Sambourne Lane. Agreed to pursue further with Nigel Minns.

7 Planning

Application(s) reference: 15/03490/FUL

Proposed: Conversion and extension of agricultural building to provide a 5 bedroom dwelling together with alterations to associated outbuildings including increasing the ridge height of the stables by an additional 1.1m.

At: The Stackyard, Sambourne Lane, Coughton,

For: Mr James Sharp

Parish Council Response: Object

Application(s) reference: 15/03788/FUL

Proposed: Proposed two and single storey side extension

At: 38 Coughton Lane, Coughton, Warwickshire, B49 5HN

For: Mr Philip Davies

Parish Council response: Object

8 Action Plan Updates

Village Group reports:

Friends of the ford

No report

Community group

Cemetery clean-up has taken place.
Neighbourhood Watch remain vigilant.

Transport and traffic group

Car parking covered earlier in this agenda.

Possibility of future funding through the Road Traffic Group to introduce 20 mph speed restriction in Coughton Lane. Adam is dealing with this and Cllr Mike Gittus is also aware.

9 Finance

To set the precept for 2016/17

The proposed budget was issued to councillors in advance of this meeting. Taking into account reduced budgets for SDC and WCC and the need to maintain reserves the precept was agreed unanimously at £ 4500.00 (i.e. no increase)

Proposed: Cllr McTavish Seconded: Cllr Bayliss

10 Accounts for payment

Cheque No 299 Clerks Salary/Expenses £ 285.00

Signed: Cllr Gittins and Cllr McTavish

Receipt: SDC 50% Precept £ 2250.00

11 Correspondence

County grants available for local parishes to support the development of new local businesses.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Date of next meeting: 11th January 2016

.....Chairman

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