



**Minutes of the Council Meeting held** Coughton Parish Council **Coughton Parish**  
**in**  
**Coughton Primary School, Coughton on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2017**  
**commencing immediately after the Parish Assembly**

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

Clerk: Karen Parnell

In attendance:

District Councillor Mike Gittus and County Councillor Clive Rickhards

Plus four members of the public

Apologies: None

**Public participation (10 minutes)**

It was noted a traffic accident occurred on the A435 with a pedestrian being badly injured. This was outside of school hours and did not involve a local resident.

A resident has spoken with a representative of Thomas White Charity regarding traffic and parking issues in Coughton and citing the need for the school car park. The PC and WCC will liaise with the school and trustees of the charity.

**1) Apologies for acceptance**

None

- 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.

None

**3) Minutes of the Council Meeting held in January 2017**

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

**4) Matters arising from those minutes:**

Flooding

A435 drains were cleared by WCC in February.

WCC is looking into clearing ditches on farm land and a site visit will be enabled.

Remedial works in Coughton have taken place including clearing of kerb side drains in Sambourne Lane.

Coughton Court has instigated some flood defence works that may have caused the discolouration of surface water when entering the River.

A Flood Forum will take place in Stratford on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, to which any councillors or interested parties are welcome to attend. Den Hackett has full details

**5) County Councillor's report (Cllr Rickhards)**

WCC are still at an impasse with Thomas White Charity regarding the school car park. The length of the lease is a cause of dispute. An option to purchase the land remains an option for WCC. There is no agreement as yet.

This matter remains ongoing since 2014.

The PC Chairman and school head will liaise to progress with trustees and WCC.

£ 1400 has been granted to the PC to improve the ford area.

Road improvements are likely to take place in Studley as is a reduction of speed limits.

WCC budget has been considered and it is necessary they make £67 Million in savings over the next three years. This puts a strain on expenditure but is resultant of pressure from central government.

**District Councillor's report (Cllr Gittus):**

SDC has set their budget with a 2% increase to council tax.

The council is in a good financial position with good service provision.

Housing numbers are monitored closely in the district.

Great Alne identified a housing need for 17 homes: The application submitted for that number was supported by SDC and the PC.

Planning matters in Alcester were discussed.

**6) School Report**

Adam Walsh was not present: No report

**7) Planning**

SDC Planning Enforcement will be asked for an update regarding 38 Coughton Lane.

**8) Action Plan Updates**

Friends of the ford

Programme and work details to be discussed with contractor before start on site.

Start date may be delayed due to equipment-related problems

A fallen tree by the ford has been removed by farmer

Ownership of a strip of land was questioned, but this should not present a problem.

Mud is an issue in the area.

Flood group

Covered earlier within this agenda

Community group

Sambourne versus Coughton skittles will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May in Studley.

Cemetery jobs will be allocated and a tidy up will take place in April.

Neighbourhood Watch: A PCSO has been walking the Coughton area.

The need to report non-emergency incidents to police on 101 was reinforced.

Transport and traffic group

Cllr Carter reported a missing 30mph sign at the Coughton Cross junction. Cllr Rickhards will contact WCC.

Policing of 4 x4s in the ford area was discussed.

9) **Finance**

**Accounts for payment**

Cheque No 319 Clerks Salary/Expenses £ 320.00

Cheque No 320 Maureen McTavish (Printing) £ 8.00

Signed: Cllr Gittins – Cllr McTavish

10) **Correspondence**

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

.....Chairman - 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017