



## Coughton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Coughton Parish Council Meeting held in  
Coughton Primary School, Coughton on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2017  
commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

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

Clerk: Karen Parnell

In attendance:

District Councillor Mike Gittus

Plus five members of the public

Apologies: WCC Cllr Clive Rickhards

Planning agent for the Heart of England Forest, who own Coughton Fields Farm to outline plans:

Andy Murphy of Heart of England Forest Charity outlined potential plans for seven residential dwellings in Coughton with parking, garages and gardens. Some of the farm buildings would be demolished.

Commercial use of the buildings has been ruled out because of logistics.

Historic buildings will be preserved. Plans for the farm house are unknown at this stage. Designs would be sympathetic and create more green spaces.

Many trees will be planted in the forest area and the school and charity are to liaise regarding access.

### **Public participation (10 minutes)**

None

#### **1) Apologies for acceptance**

WCC Cllr Clive Rickhards

- 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.

Cllr Bayliss with regard to the planning application concerning her property.

- 3) **Minutes** of the Council Meeting held in November 2016.

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

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

## Flooding

Properties on the A435 damaged by spray resulted in a site meeting in November. Lack of drain covers is an issue. Two open access points will be facilitated by WCC. Mark Banning WCC has taken over this area and is assisting with drain clearance. Drains on National Trust property will be investigated.

## 5) **County Councillor's report**

Cllr Rickhards was not present

### **District Councillor's report**

Cllr Gittus reported for both SDC and WCC:

SDC are looking into budgets and are on target for their 2015-2020 forecasts.

Costs have been reduced by 53% mostly due to staff savings.

Council tax may need to be increased by 2%.

WCC can increase council tax by up to 1.99% without the need for a referendum.

A possible additional 2% increase is also possible but it is hoped this will not be required.

Streets in Alcester are being improved.

Chris Wright is retiring as Clerk to Alcester Town Council to be replaced by Vanessa Lowe.

Alcester green river corridor is being improved as a nature reserve and this will create more open spaces.

## 6) **School Report**

Adam Walsh said a school open evening was well attended. Pupils have raised money for children in need. A Christmas nativity resulted in children making a CD. The school is working with year 10 pupils from Alcester Academy.

The Food for Life project continues.

News is awaited regarding the car park and should be known by 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

The financial position regarding this project needs clarification.

## 7) **Planning**

Applications:

### ***Application(s) reference: 16/03693/COUQ***

Proposed: Prior approval notification of change of use and conversion of 2 no. agricultural buildings into 2 no. dwellings (Use Class C3), including associated operational development, under Part 3 Class Q (a) and (b)

At: Windmill Hill Barns, Coughton,

For: Tyler Parkes

### ***Application(s) reference: 16/03811/FUL***

Proposed: Proposed agricultural grain storage building including associated yard area, improvements to existing farm track, demolition of existing farm buildings and reinstatement of previous yard area.

At: Coughton Lodge Farm, Sambourne Lane, Coughton, B49 5HT

For: Mr O Stiley

### ***Application(s) reference: 16/03812/FUL***

Proposed: Proposed agricultural building for bale and machinery storage

At: Coughton Lodge Farm, Sambourne Lane, Coughton, B49 5HT

For: Mr O Stiley

**Application(s) reference: 16/03813/FUL**

Proposed: Proposed agricultural building for general purpose storage  
At: Coughton Lodge Farm, Sambourne Lane, Coughton, B49 5HT  
For: Mr O Stiley

**Application(s) reference: 16/03821/FUL**

Proposed: 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension.  
At: 26 Coughton Lane, Coughton, B49 5HN,  
For: Mr & Mrs Bayliss

**8) Village Group Reports**

Friends of the ford

A grant for £ 1400 has been received and monies have been allocated.  
A meeting with a contractor has taken place and improvements will be made to  
The area including clearing a path and providing seating.

Flood group

Covered earlier.

Community group

A mulled wine and mince pies event at Coughton Court was well attended.  
A hog roast is a possibility later in the year.  
The Festive Feet event was well supported and was followed by soup and  
sandwiches at the Throckmorton Arms.  
A skittles event may be facilitated between Coughton and Sambourne.  
Cemetery tree works have taken place but lime trees still need pollarding.  
Police are looking into inconsiderate parking around schools generally.

Transport and traffic group

Yellow lines outside the school have been improved and extended.  
Knocked bollards are a cause for concern and options will be investigated.

**9) Finance**

**Accounts for payment**

Cheque No 316 Clerks Salary/Expenses £ 300.00  
Cheque No 317 Coughton with Sambourne PCC (Cemetery) £ 230.00  
Cheque No 318 Coughton with Sambourne PCC (Link) £ 100.00

Signed Cllr McTavish – Cllr Gittins

**10) Correspondence**

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Date of next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 6.30pm: Parish Assembly – Straight after: PC meeting

.....Chairman 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017