

## **SELSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday, 26 June 2017** at 7.00pm at the Old Council Offices, Selston.

### Present:

Cllr S Alvey  
Cllr M Ashmore  
Cllr J Banks  
Cllr B Briggs  
Cllr J Butler  
Cllr S Fletcher  
Cllr S Hey  
Cllr D Hodgman  
Cllr B Jackson  
Cllr S Jackson

Cllr D Justice (Vice Chair)  
Cllr D Martin (also NCC)  
Cllr J O'Byrne  
Cllr R Parkinson  
Cllr P Pilgrim  
Cllr C Quinn-Wilcox (also ADC)  
Cllr D Wilson  
Cllr S Wilson (Chair) (also ADC)  
Cllr R Young

### Apologies:

Cllr C Chapman (also ADC)(holiday)  
Cllr A Gascoyne (work commitments)

Also present: Lisa Simpson (Clerk), Tracey Kirkland-Walker (Assistant Clerk) Police Sergeant Whitehouse and approximately 17 members of the public.

### 1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received as above

### 2. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors

Cllr D Hodgman – items 14, 15 and 16 non pecuniary  
Cllr D Justice – item 17 non pecuniary  
Cllr D Martin – items 9, 12, 13 and 17 non pecuniary  
Cllr R Parkinson – item 15 pecuniary

### 3. Members of the public are invited to address the Council

Residents from Lea Lane expressed their concerns about the anti social behaviour on Green Wells Recreation Ground and the inconsiderate parking of cars whilst visiting the Recreation Ground. Cllr S Wilson explained that the Parish Council has no jurisdiction on the highways it is a matter for Notts County Council, but the Parish Council will pass residents comments on. He also urged residents to report asb to the police. Residents informed that they are having difficulty getting through to the police on 101. To summarise the residents would like double yellow lines or residents permit parking on Lea Lane and requested that a parking survey is done. They also complained about the condition of the road.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will write to Notts County Council informing of the residents requests.

4. Policing

Sergeant Whitehouse stated that he had made notes on the Lea Lane issues raised and will look into them. He gave an overview of the crime figures for the past 30 days. In total there have been 295 reports.

It was noted that the room for the Police at the Parish Hall is now ready.

There is a temporary traffic regulation order at Junction 27 and a lot of injunction notices have been issued so there should be fewer problems there.

Cllr D Martin informed Sgt Whitehouse that a police presence is required on Friday nights in Underwood.

5. To approve the minutes of the full council meeting held on Wednesday, 17 May 2017

Cllr Jackson proposed and Cllr Hodgman 2<sup>nd</sup> all were in favour.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on 17 May 2017 as a true record.

6. The Great Get Together

Cllr C Quinn-Wilcox informed that plants had been donated by Ashfield District Council and she and other Parish Councillors had planted them in a memorial garden at the Tin Hat Centre and the 2 planters on Park Lane in memory of the late Jo Cox.

7. Consideration of a Parish newsletter

Cllr D Justice asked council members if they were in favour of a quarterly Parish Newsletter to give residents some idea of what the Council does. Cllr S Alvey suggested a page in the well established Community News. Cllr S Wilson proposed that Cllr D Justice speaks to the committee of the Community News which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr B Jackson

**RESOLVED:** Cllr D Justice will speak to the Community News with a view to having a Parish Council News page.

8. Bike Tour of Britain

Cllr S Hey spoke about ideas for the OVO Energy Tour of Britain (Bike Ride) as it passes through Selston and Underwood on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. All local schools have been invited to take part in an event on Woodnook Recreation Ground. All local businesses have been contacted. It is the intention to decorate Woodnook & Freizeland Recreation Grounds with union jack bunting and decorated bikes. The Parish Council will provide bottled water and fresh fruit but people will be encouraged to bring a picnic to create a 'Big Lunch Event'. Funding will be required as we also need to purchase bunting, flags, flyers and a large banner with the wording 'Selston Parish Council, supporting you'. The banner and bunting can also be used at future events. We are awaiting flyers from Ashfield District Council which will be displayed around the Community and delivered to houses along the route to encourage residents to decorate their homes or just to take part in the event. It was agreed to set a maximum spend of £500.

**RESOLVED:** To set a maximum budget of £500 for the OVO Energy Tour of Britain Community Event.

9. Correspondence received

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Selston Football Club – Parish Council acknowledged the letter of thanks and agreed the support was well deserved in acknowledgement of the hard work and well deserved success of the football club.

NALC – Allotments management event – Cllrs were unable to attend so it was agreed a member of staff should attend.

Nottinghamshire ALC – Trade Union Pay Claim Local Government unions have submitted a 5% increase on all NJC pay points. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council budgets for a 1% increase.

Cllr D Martin – It was agreed to simplify the licensing information received from ADC and amend the terms & conditions of hire.

Resident – Complaint re cricket ball hitting a neighbouring property – had been dealt with by the Chairman of the Cricket Club

Burchell Edwards – Quotation for works at 35 Mansfield Rd – Cllr D Justice read the prices for the works required £190 to resit and reseal the bath, replace extractor fan £180 and reseal and repaint the ceiling £145. It was agreed to approve the works.

Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service – Workshops – it was agreed to request training for all staff and to offer to Community Groups.

Cllr R Sears-Piccavey – Invitation to Underwood Christmas Tree lighting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 – Cllr D Hodgman has booked Selston's for the same date so Cllr S Wilson suggested that Carol Hallam (Community well-being team leader ADC) should be contacted.

10. Finance – At the request of Cllr D Martin the meeting was informed that the Eco Furniture payment was for the new benches on the Bowling green, which is funded by the Co-op Community Fund. There were no other questions on the Income & Expenditure for April & May.

Review of Committees – Clerk informed that at the last Council meeting Cllr Ray Young was placed on the Finance Committee as a rep for Jacksdale but he represents Selston so it was agreed that Cllr Sue Jackson is the rep for Jacksdale on the Finance Committee. The Clerk will circulate the list of Committee members.

It was noted that the notification of the period for the exercise of public rights is displayed on the notice boards and website along with copies of the Annual Return.

11. Recreation Grounds update

Cllr S Wilson has received a request from a group of residents to do some small planting at the Town Green memorial. They will liaise with ADC to ensure it does not increase the maintenance. Cllr S Wilson proposed the Council gives permission. All were in favour.

**RESOLVED:** To allow a group of residents to do some small planting at the Town Green memorial.

12. County Council update

Cllr D Martin informed that on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 the Communities Committee had given the go ahead for Selston Library to move into the Tin Hat Centre. It will be open more hours than the current building and Selston High School are happy to have the space back. It will happen in the next 8 months to a year.

13. Parking on Lea Lane

Cllr D Martin discussed the plan for proposed parking on Greenwells which had been emailed to the Clerk and discussed with & sent to residents of Lea Lane. Motorists are



currently parking staggered on both sides of Lea Lane making it difficult for residents to get out. With double yellow lines from the junction of Nottingham rd and 7 parking bays to reverse into on Greenwells it should create safer parking. Cllr S Wilson informed that the original plans for the refurbishment of Greenwells included car parking but it was discovered that there is a covenant on the land and permission for any development would be costly. Cllr D Martin stated that the parking spaces would be on grass green tiles and it is for the people to use the facilities on the recreation ground. The Lea Lane residents stated that they did not want a car park on Greenwells as it would encourage even more anti social behaviour.

It was clarified that the residents would like a car parking survey done over a couple of weeks and either double yellow lines or residents parking permit.

As stated earlier in the meeting residents concerns will be passed on to Notts County Council.

#### 14. Planning Applications

**RESOLVED:** No comments to be submitted on any of the planning applications

#### 15. Allotments

The Clerk informed that plot holders have raised concerns over the state of 4 plots on Mansfield Rd. They have requested that they are cleared and sprayed. There is money available from site deposits to pay for this. Letters have been issued to the tenants of the untended plots and vacant plots have been advertised. Cllr R Parkinson informed of the Health & Safety requirements for using weed killer. Cllr S Wilson proposed that the plots are cleared and sprayed and the vote was carried.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will arrange for the untended plots to be cleared and sprayed.

The Clerk asked if the Allotment Committee could do monthly inspections of the Allotments and Cllr R Parkinson stated that as he now had a plot on Mansfield Rd he would do regular checks on that site.

#### 16. Community Centre update

Storage at Parish Hall – The Chairman of the Cricket club was present and the Clerk read out a letter from Selston Town Cricket Club requesting an additional storage container as their kit and equipment is currently stored in the score box. The practice nets are stored on the car park 9 months of the year and getting damaged. They have now purchased a bowling machine at a cost of £3000 which needs to be stored safely. Cllr S Wilson has had a site meeting with Steve Basdell and members of the football club to establish where a container could go but planning permission may be required.

Cllr B Jackson proposed that the parish council supports the cricket club and all were in favour.

**RESOLVED:** To support Selston Cricket Club to obtain a storage container and check if planning permission is required.

Update on telephone mast at Selston Parish Hall – Cllr D Justice handed out and read a public consultation letter for the Cllrs input and approval. Copies of the letter will be sent to Selston High School for distribution to all parents. The letter will also be sent to all neighbouring properties.





Cllr D Martin stated that the Council is welcome to hand out the letters at the Underwood and Selston Festivals.

Cllr D Hodgman suggested the opportunity could also be used to let people know what the Parish Council does. The idea was approved and Cllr D Justice asked for volunteers to help Cllr D Hodgman at the Festivals

**RESOLVED:** To email Cllr D Hodgman if able to help with the stand, to hand out the public consultation letters, on the telephone mast at the Parish Hall and also to promote the Parish Council.

Update on Floodlights – The Football Stadia Improvement Fund has approved the grant for the floodlights at Selston Parish Hall. They will pay 69% of the total cost. Just need to sign on the dotted line. All were in favour of proceeding.

**RESOLVED:** To sign the grant acceptance and order the floodlights.

Co-op Community Fund - £3500 was received just under £1500 was spent on new benches for the bowling green and the remainder will be spent on seating for the football stand

Underwood Community Centre – The Clerk informed that she had been called out to the Centre at 12.15am on Tuesday morning as the door was wide open and all the lights were on. On another occasion the same week the car park gate had been opened. It was agreed that the locks are changed and only the Caretaker should have a key. A request for £50 compensation has been received from a regular user of Underwood Community Centre. They were unable to gain access to the centre and 10 customers were waiting. It was agreed to offer a free session at the centre.

#### 17. Update on Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr D Justice informed that the JUST Neighbourhood Plan is now ready to be examined by an independent examiner. As the qualifying body the Parish Council can appoint the examiner. Copies of the emailed list of 4 examiners were handed out. The content of the email was discussed and 2 examiners were discussed in more detail. It was agreed to select the most local, so Cllr S Wilson proposed Chris Collison Planning & Management Ltd 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr D Hodgman and all were in favour.

**RESOLVED:** to advise Ashfield District Council that Selston Parish Council would like to appoint Chris Collison Planning & Management Ltd to examine the JUST Neighbourhood Plan.

Letter from John Booth – Cllr D Justice explained the contents of the letter and that John Booth had attended a Council meeting in March 2016 with a similar proposal. We did not support that proposal. The area he is proposing for development is Green belt and is not a designated site in Ashfield District Councils Local Plan. In his letters to Ashfield District Council he has implied that he has the support of Selston Parish Council and District and County Councillors.

We have already objected to Brinsley Parish Council developing a site on Cordy Lane as it coalesces the villages of Underwood & Brinsley and this site on Winter Closes imposes



the same problem. Cllr D Justice proposed that the site on Winter Closes is not developed and the vote was carried. Cllr S Wilson abstained from the vote.

18. Date of next meeting – Monday, 31 July 2017 at 7.00pm at Underwood Community Centre

#### Confidential Items

A letter requesting the councils support with regards to plans for a future development was discussed.

Cllr S Jackson proposed that the Parish Council supports the development.

Cllr S Wilson and ~~Cllr D Justice~~ abstained from the vote but the remainder of the Council was in favour.

The Clerk requested the presence of councillors for a meeting with The CEO and monitoring officer of ADC on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 5.30pm. There was 14 definite so the meeting will be arranged and recorded for those who are unable to attend.

only cllr S. Wilson abstained from the vote

*S. Wilson*