
Held on: Monday 27th January 2020 at 7pm
Place: The Restaurant, Coughton Court

Present: Cllrs Roy Piddington (Chair), Christine Lewington, Len Carter, Lynne Stanton and Oliver Stiley

In attendance: Kerry Finlayson (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Rickhards and District Cllr Forman

Members of the public: 2

01/20 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

There were none to receive.

02/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared in any item of business on the agenda

03/20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 25th November 2019 and the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 6th January 2020 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

Proposed Cllr Stanton Seconded Cllr Lewington All in favour

04/20 OPEN FORUM

A member of the public (MOP) reported that it was now known that the occupants of the Eastern Gateway would be Amazon. Concerns about the extra traffic on the A435 were ongoing.

05/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

This item was postponed until the next meeting as the new Clerk had not had chance to get the accounts updated as yet.

06/20 PLANNING

i. Rickyard Site

Cllr Lewington reported that she and Cllrs Stiley, Stanton and Carter had met with Michelle from the National Trust to hear their initial thoughts about how they were likely to develop the site and it was **noted** that they were happy for these thoughts to be shared:

- 1 x 1.5 bed home with parking
- 1 x 3 bed home with parking
- 1 x Storage near the Nursery
- 1 x Parking space for 2 Birmingham Road
- Widening of the opening, they are starting to clear area now
- A small part of the field may be taken to provide a garden for the 3 bed
- Fire ruins to be knocked down
- Field not to be sold or developed, purely for grazing. Covenant to be put on this.
- Covenant to ensure no further building/extensions without strict approval by NT

ii. 19/03550/FUL - 44 Haydon Way, Coughton

After discussion it was agreed that there would be no representation

Proposed Cllr Stiley Seconded Cllr Stanton All in favour

A further application had been received that was too late to add to the agenda but would need a response before the next meeting if required. Cllrs discussed whether this item needed to be

discussed in an extra meeting and it was agreed that there was no need as there would have been no representation.

07/20

CC RICKHARDS

CC Rickhards reported:

- Would chase up to ensure bollard repairs were completed correctly
- Health & Wellbeing grant information to which Cllr Lewington reported that the PC would be making an application for 2 projects:
 - 1) Walking Football
 - 2) Coughton Choir
- Budget- Currently the corporate board had suggested a 2% tax increase plus a 2% social care levy (was this not CC Forman? I may have misheard)
- 5 year plan to support measures for dementia etc.
- CC Rickhards would be meeting with the new Head of Environmental Services, Scott Tompkins, on 14th February as he was keen to get to know parish level problems and Cllrs were invited to attend. The Clerk would also write to CC Rickhards to formally make a request for a meeting between CPC and Mr Tompkins to discuss the flooding issues that directly affected Coughton:
 - There had been an attempt a few years ago to update the pipework following a detailed survey - there were detailed surveys 4-5 yrs ago
 - Severn Trent were supposed to jet the pipes once a year but hadn't been doing this
 - Flooding on A435 in front of the old post office due to drain issueCC Rickhards would contact Flood Risk Management and would also try to arrange a meeting for the end of February
- Average speed cameras - a bid had been made to the capital fund at WCC to try and secure money for these to be installed from Kings Coughton through to Mappleborough Green

08/20

DC FORMAN

DC Forman reported:

- The Climate Emergency Working Group had been to cabinet but no decisions as to whether to adopt had been made.
 - Residents could email any suggestions to: climate.emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk
- Green bin charges of £40 had been approved at full council.
 - There would be a £5 discount for those that signed up early
 - Scheme would start in May
 - Those that had paid would have their bins labelled
 - Other councils that had introduced the charge had reported no increase in fly-tipping
- Budget - tabled document was read out
- Band D Council Tax could not be increased by more than 2%

09/20

VILLAGE REPORTS

- i. Flood Group & Community Group
Cllrs **received** and **noted** the report from Karen Gazey and Cllr Stanton read the update that was received today
- ii. Ford
 - Some stumps had been removed and would need replacing by the PC as it had now adopted the ford
 - Sign that had been purchased for £350 that said 'Private Property Keep Out' had been stolen
 - There may be a case to apply to WCC for this road **B...** to be made a U route

- Bridge Repair
According to the bridge team this didn't currently present an urgent problem but repairs were in hand
- Seating
Cllr Stiley would replace logs that had washed away once the weather improved
The Clerk would confirm with CTKT that they would continue to mow the ford this year and at what cost
- iii. Transport & Traffic
 - Bollard Repair
This had been replaced but with the wrong style. There were now 2 that needed replacing as one was too short.

N.B CC Rickhards and DC Forman left the meeting at this point

10/20 GENERAL

- i. Buckingham Palace Garden Party Nominations
The Clerk had made a nomination for the former Chair John Gittins.
- ii. Village Champion Award
The Clerk would collate nominations.
- iii. Nursery Shed
 - The shed would be offered to the Nursery
 - The table would be offered to the fete committee
 - Chairs would be offered for free upon collection
- iv. Councillor Responsibilities

Employment/HR	Cllr Piddington	Cllr Lewington
Planning	Cllr Stiley	Cllr Lewington
Trees	Cllr Stiley	
Flooding	Cllr Stanton	<i>Karen Gazey* & Den Hackett*</i>
Ford	Cllr Carter	
Communications	Cllr Stanton	Cllr Lewington
Financial Management	Cllr Carter	
Defibrillator	Cllr Piddington	
Traffic & Road Safety	Cllr Stanton	<i>John Gittins*</i>
Heath & Wellbeing	Cllr Lewington	<i>Alex Kolb*</i>

**Member of the Parish*

- v. Policy Schedule
Cllrs reviewed the schedule and it was **agreed** that Clerk would ensure that all of the Standard Documents were in place for the next meeting and would then continue with the policies that were deemed necessary

11/20 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS and ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Cllrs **received** and **noted** the grant request from Cllr Stanton for Coughton in Bloom. Funding of £611.70 (incl. VAT) was **approved**.
Proposed Cllr Lewington Seconded Cllr Stiley All in favour
- Cllr Stanton reported a complaint that had been made about dog fouling on the E-Road E5999? Cllr Stanton spoke to one of the dog-walking companies that used the area and was assured that it wasn't them and in fact they are a 'green company' cleaning up mess and litter from others

12/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday 23rd March 2020 Ordinary & Parish Assembly
This would take place at Coughton CofE Primary School
- Proposed future meeting dates were **agreed**.

13/20 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC and PRESS

The meeting was closed at 20.37

Proposed Cllr Stanton Seconded Cllr Lewington All in favour

14/20 PERSONNEL and CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Cllrs agreed to use DM Payroll for the Clerk's pay at a cost of £10pcm.

Proposed Cllr Stiley Seconded Cllr Lewington All in favour

SIGNED

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