

**Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting
14th January 2015**

Present: Councillors L Attewell, M Chewings, P Cousins, I Shaw, B Tansley and V Wood.

Apologies Approved: Councillors C Chewings and A Wilkie.

In Attendance : Councillor W Handbury and the Clerk.

The meeting was held in Studio 4 of Cotgrave Leisure Centre and started at 7.00pm.

Declarations of Interest

891 No declarations received.

Public Open Session

892 No members of the public attended.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

893 **Resolved** : "That the minutes of the Cotgrave Town Council Meeting held on 19th November, 2014 be received and confirmed as a true record".

Progress

894 M839 Speeding on Owthorpe Road

Councillor Wood, the Clerk and Harry Burrows, chairman of Speedwatch attended the local police meeting and discussed the challenges of maintaining volunteers for speedwatch and the encouragement to the team, when the police attend on occasions.

The Clerk will write to the police and ask for monthly crime figures to allow the police priorities to be set accordingly.

Councillor Wood is going to write to Paddy Tipping, the Police and Crime Commissioner to ask what data is available to local councils regarding crime information for the relevant area.

895 M847 New Developer

The developer who has purchased a small piece of land on the outskirts of Cotgrave or the two architects have not contacted the Cotgrave Town Council again after the meeting to give the architects an insight into what facilities Cotgrave has to offer.

The Local Strategic Plan designed by Rushcliffe Borough Council has now received government approval and will now be formally adopted by Rushcliffe. This shows the main areas to be considered for future building developments.

896 M887 Car Parking Issues

Councillor Wood and the Clerk discussed with the Police, issues of inconsiderate parking of vehicles on footpaths. The Police said that if any vehicle was parking on pavements and not allowing motor scooters or pushchairs to pass without having to go on the road, to send details and they would approach the owner of the vehicle and ask them to park with consideration for pavement users.

Financial Matters

897 Payments

Resolved: "That the payments made since the previous meeting totalling £17312.68 as recorded on page 20, be approved and the invoices awaiting payment be paid".

Matters Arising

898 No matters arising.

Financial Statements

899 Members considered the November statement as reproduced on the inside cover of the minute book.

900 At the end of November 2014 Council has £417,450.22 in hand.

Grants

901 A grant application has been made by Vale First Responders, to provide additional equipment for First Responders kits.

The First Responders are requested to attend medical emergencies as directed by the ambulance service. The First Responders are now being called to more patients, in particular children, which creates the need for additional equipment.

902 A grant of between £100 and £500 has been requested, depending on size of the Council.

903 Council discussed the grant application and decided to award a grant of £250 for this service.

904 **Resolved** : 'To award a grant of £250 towards the cost of new equipment.'

(Local Government Act 1972, Section 137 – for the benefit of the Community)

2015/16 Budget Proposals

- 905 The budget proposal for 2015/16 has not been finalised due to the lateness of the tax base number being provided from Rushcliffe Borough Council and the need to recalculate some of the figures within the budget.

The calculations and the budget will be available to all councillors before the next full town meeting, to be held on 4th February, where the budget will need to be agreed and set for 2015/16.

Council's Tax Base

- 906 The Council noted the tax base figure for 2015/16, this has increased from 1873 for 2014/15 to 1928.9 for 2015/16.

This is a larger than expected increase on previous year's tax base figures.

Correspondence

- 907 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils

NALC has been informed by the DCLG that the Government has tabled an amendment to the Infrastructure Bill which would enable it to abolish the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) and transfer its lending functions to another body using the process set out in the Public Bodies Act 2011.

- 908 Section 137

The Section 137 expenditure limit for 2015/16 has been supplied by NALC.

The figure is set by the Department for Communities and Local Government has been confirmed that the appropriate sum for parish councils for the purpose of section 137 (a) of the Local Act 1972 ('1972 Act') for 2015/16 is £7.36 per electorate.

- 909 Rushcliffe Borough Council

A letter has been received regarding the Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 1 – Core Strategy: Inspector's Report. The next step is for the members of Rushcliffe Borough Council to consider the report and it's adoption.

- 910 Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council

A letter has been received to inform Cotgrave Town Council and residents that Radcliffe on Trent has begun the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Radcliffe and some parts of Upper Saxondale.

Clerk's Report

911 Councillor Walsh and his wife came to the office late today, to tender his resignation from Cotgrave Town Council due to his ongoing health problems.

The clerk will inform Rushcliffe Borough Council tomorrow morning.

Council agreed for Councillor Wood to write to Councillor Walsh and thank for all his many years of service on Cotgrave Town Council.

912 The Clerk informed that a resident from Risegate had asked Council for information on a planning application through the Freedom of Information request system.

The Clerk has responded to the request and also referred the resident to Rushcliffe Borough Council, who are the planning authority.

Councillors' Reports

913 Councillor Wood informed that Barratts have now produced a gant chart (timeline) of expected milestones for the build project at Hollygate Lane.

914 Councillor Tansley mentioned the area surrounding The Cross and the alleyway from Plumtree Road through to Green Platt were looking untidy with overgrown ivy and bushes and covered in leaves.

The Clerk will ask the ground staff to clean and tidy these areas within the next week.

915 Councillor Shaw enquired if any further progression had been made towards removing the beech tree located at the cemetery.

The Clerk updated Council, the order to remove the tree has been placed and the contractor has met with the road management team and the crane supplier on site, the order for a road closure will then need to be placed with Nottinghamshire County Council and the date will then be decided.

916 Councillor Cousins mentioned that he had noted that there was more caravans moving on to the site near Shepherds Restaurant.

Councillor Butler had informed Councillor Wood that the movement on this site was been monitored by Rushcliffe Borough Council and are in discussions with the landowner.

917 Councillor Handbury noted that the road sweeper had been cleaning the roads of Cotgrave recently, but had been on some residential streets before 9am and had not been able to get near the kerbs in many areas because of parked cars.

The Clerk would ask if the road sweeper could start later and hopefully this allow for more of the roads to be swept.

918 Councillor Attewell stated that rumours were going around Cotgrave that the shopping precinct was going to close including her own shop.

The precinct is not going to close and all shops are open for business as usual.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.40pm.

Chairman..... Signed as a True Record (Date).....