

**Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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

Apologies Approved: Councillors C Chewings and V Wood.

In Attendance : Councillor W Handbury, Y Wilson and the Clerk.

Absent : Councillor Wilkie.

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

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**Declarations of Interest**

919 Councillor Attewell declared an interest in the grant application from the Cotgrave Young Peoples Centre and took no part in the discussions and decision made.

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**Public Open Session**

920 Tony Buckingham of Cotgrave Funeral Services gave an update on the shortage of burial space left in Cotgrave cemetery. There is only a few burial spaces left and it may require to consider reusing old graves in the future.

A planning application has been submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council to consider a green woodland burial site on Hollygate Lane for the internment of ashes and some natural burial spaces. If the application is successful the site will be offered for ashes and burial from the Cotgrave Funeral Directors located on Cotgrave precinct.

The site would not allow for headstones, only small plaques provided by the funeral director. The site would be available for the whole of the Belvoir area.

921 A resident, Harry Burrows, gave an update on his disappointment of the decision made by Council not to continue to support and to close the Cotgrave Community Website. Mr Burrows informed of the amount of time given by himself and some others trying to build a community website and was surprised that Council had made that decision after not raising any previous concerns regarding the future of the web site.

Mr Burrows asked how Council would consider engaging the new residents who would be moving into Cotgrave with the building of the new houses.

Mr Burrows asked Council to consider the 'value' of the community website and costs of other events that the Council support. He feels that Cotgrave Town Council should consider the wording of their logo, 'Closer to the Community'.

Mr Burrows stated he would send all councillors a copy of his letter of disappointment.

922 Councillor M Chewings asked how many residents had actually shown their disappointed and had contacted the council office.

923 The Clerk has not received any official complaints at the Council Office.

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**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

924 **Resolved** : "That the minutes of the Cotgrave Town Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 be received and confirmed as a true record".

**Progress**

925 M914 The Cross and Plumtree Road

Councillor Tansley thanked the Council groundsmen on the tidy appearance around The Cross and Plumtree Road area.

926 M918 Shopping Precinct

Councillor Attewell informed that all businesses had received letters. The letter to the shops from Lou's Household Discount Shop through to the Co-op states that nothing will happen with the shops in the near future.

The letter sent to the business owners from the Bakery to the Opticians is a different letter and Councillor Attewell has not seen their letter.

927 The town centre redevelopment project has been awarded some funding to help get the project moving earlier but this funding will not be available until 2016/17.

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**Financial Matters**

928 Payments

**Resolved:** "That the payments made since the previous meeting totalling £22042.71 as recorded on page 17, be approved and the invoices awaiting payment be paid".

**Matters Arising**

929 No matters arising.

**Financial Statements**

930 Members considered the December and January statement as reproduced on the inside cover of the minute book.

931 At the end of January 2014 Council has £389,098.68 in hand.

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**Grants**

932 A grant application has been made by Burhill Allotment Association to help with the cost of purchasing a new rotavator for use by the Burhill Allotment Holders.

The cost of a rotavator would be £600.

Council deferred making a decision and have requested further information, including if this is a piece of equipment could be purchased and used by our ground staff and offered to the allotments for use when required.

This will considered again at the next meeting.

933 A grant application has been made by Cotgrave Young Peoples Centre (Notts CC Youth Services) to help with the costs of creating a new entrance and small outside space for the youth centre.

The cost of the project is approximately £2200 in total and The Young Peoples Centre has already raised £1000 towards the cost of the project, the grant request is for £1000.

934 **Resolved** : 'To award a grant of £1000 towards the cost of creating a new entrance'  
(Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Section 19)

935 A grant application has been made by All Saints Church Bell Ringers to help with the costs of purchasing four new bell ropes.

The bell ringers ring the bells for most Sunday services and at some of the local weddings. The ropes needed replacing.

936 **Resolved** : 'To award a grant of £385 towards of the cost of purchasing four bell ropes'.  
(Local Government Act 1972, Section 137 – for the benefit of the Community)

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**CCLA Investments**

937 Council had been given the information at the previous meeting and wished to have time to consider the information on the investments offered.

938 **Resolved** : 'Not to invest any Council funds with the CCLA.'  
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**Correspondence**

939 The Beat

A copy of the Police and Crime Commissioner's newsletter has been received.

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**Clerk's Report**

940 The community defibrillator training has now been organised. St John Ambulance have kindly offered to run a community defibrillator training session on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7pm in Candleby Lane School.

The clerk asked if any councillors would be able to attend the training session.

Councillors Wood, M Chewings and Attewell hoped they would be able to attend.

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**Councillors' Reports**

941 Councillor Shaw asked if any further information was available regarding the road closures expected for Plumtree Road.

Councillor Butler has updated the road closure information on the Cotgrave Community Web Site.

942 Councillor Shaw noted that council's reserves were good and suggested that council should consider the council wish list and reconsider some of the projects on the list.

Council are waiting for information regarding a bid placed for funding of some new play equipment, which is a match fund bid.

943 Councillor Shaw asked if Council would consider creating a 'Welcome Pack' for all new residents moving into Cotgrave. This could be created with the local businesses and churches, clubs and societies. The packs could be given out by the local estate agents.

944 Councillor Tansley informed that he will not be standing for Council at the General Election. Councillor Tansley is emigrating to Australia in July 2015. He wished all Councillors a farewell and noted that as he was finishing his time with council, that Council's finances were in a good place.

All Councillors wished Councillor Tansley and his wife their best wishes in their move and thanked Councillor Tansley for all his work on Council, Borough Council, Church and other areas he has been involved in.

945 Councillor M Chewings noted the Beech Tree had been removed from the cemetery and how much tidier the area now looked.

The beech tree was removed because it had become diseased.

946 Councillor Cousins noted his disappointment that no flowers or a wreath had been sent on behalf of Cotgrave Town Council for the funeral of Victor Allison.

The Clerk informed that only cards of condolence are sent to the family and Council does not have a fund for flowers or wreathes.

947 Councillor Wilson stated that the next Cotgrave Festival meeting is taking place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Cotgrave Welfare.

948 Residents have raised their concerns with her regarding the high volume of dog fouling in the Edgington Close and Eastmoor areas, also shooting of the street lights in Thurlbeck.

The residents have been informed to contact the police with their concerns.

949 Councillor Wilson noted the disabled parking bays located near the chemist were regularly been used by non-disabled residents. Could some new signage be placed in the area to remind residents who should not park in these areas to park more considerately?

The Clerk will contact Rushcliffe Borough Council.

950 A resident had contacted Councillor Attewell to ask if the cameras located around the precinct area covered the car park near the chemist. Her car had been parked in the car park and sustained some damage.

Councillor Attewell suggested the resident should inform the police and the CCTV footage is also located in the police station.

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There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.35pm.

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