

**Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting
23rd July 2014**

Present : Councillors C Chewings, P Cousins M Chewings, I Shaw, A Wilkie, V Wood and B Tansley.

Apologies Approved: Councillors Attewell and Walsh.

In Attendance : Councillors Handbury and Wilson and the Clerk.

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

Declarations of Interest

778 None received.

Public Open Session

779 No members of the public attended.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

780 **Resolved** : "That the minutes of the Cotgrave Town Council Meeting held on 11 June 2014 be received and confirmed as a true record".

Progress

781 M752 Cotgrave Community Warden

The Community Warden started on 30th June 2014 and the Council are receiving weekly updates on the amount of dog fouling and litter they are collecting.

Streetwise who are providing the contracted service, have changed the operatives this week.

Financial Matters

782 Payments

Resolved: "That the payments made since the previous meeting totalling £4487.09 as recorded on page 19, be approved and the invoices awaiting payment be paid".

Matters Arising

783 No matters arising.

Financial Statements

784 Members considered the May and June statement as reproduced on the inside cover of the Minute Book.

785 At the end of June 2014 Council has £402,084.52 in hand.

786 The NatWest Fixed Deposit account has matured and NatWest are not offering any saving options which would offer more than 0.05%.

The Clerk will find alternative deposit accounts for reinvesting the money and this will be considered at the Finance Meeting on 3rd September 2014.

Correspondence

787 Cotgrave Futures

A letter has been received, thanking Cotgrave Town Council for the grant given to allow for the replacement of one of their CCTV cameras.

788 Rushcliffe Borough Council

Rushcliffe Borough Council has asked if any groups or local residents, who have voluntarily given their time to the local area and community projects and could be considered for a Rushcliffe Community Award.

Nomination entries close on 26th September.

Council discussed and made some suggestions, one of these suggestions will be entered into the award scheme.

789 Rushcliffe Borough Council

Rushcliffe Borough Council are asking for nominations for local people to recognise sporting achievements of local athletes, coaches or sporting volunteers. Nominations close on 12th September.

790 The Clerk Magazine

The July edition of The Clerk magazine had been received.

Clerk's Report

791 The Clerk informed that the 40th National SLCC Conference being held in Bristol from 9th -11th October is available for booking. The cost of the conference is £395.00.

This was a very positive experience for the Clerk and she would like Council to consider allowing her to attend again.

The SLCC are offering a course on Health, Safety and Wellbeing at Castle Donnington on 24th September which be of benefit to the Clerk. Price not available.

792 The Cotgrave Town Council Firework Display has been booked for Friday 7th November and this has agreed with Cotgrave Welfare.

793 An update was given on the Cotgrave Community website, which now has over 700 members and is steadily increasing.

Councillors' Reports

794 Councillor Shaw reported an overgrowing bush on Mill Lane, which is now partial covering the pavement.

The Clerk will send a note to the resident.

795 Councillor Shaw gave an update on the WWI events taking place from 2-4th August.

A book of commemoration and comments will be available for the public to sign or place their memories in.

A model plane and a German food kitchen will be available to view at the Welfare on the Saturday.

Additional volunteers are required to help with the Saturday event.

The Army Cadet band will be leading the parade on the Sunday morning before the church service held to remember the residents from Cotgrave who served in WWI.

796 Councillor Shaw mentioned that a residents had concerns about drug dealing taking place the on the MUGA.

This has been reported to the police.

797 Councillor C Chewings raised a residents' concerns over the speed of vehicles travelling on Owthorpe Road especially near Ash Lea School.

The Clerk will ask the police if the Speedwatch position on Owthorpe Road could be moved closer to White Furrows.

798 Councillor Wood reported that he and the Clerk had attended the strategic board meeting this week and the information given was the same as the information given to the Council at their meeting held on 9th July 2014.

799 Councillor Wilson commented on the vandalism happening on Cotgrave Country Park. The recent arson attack on the wooden pagoda.

The Clerk informed that the police have asked if the arson attack could be put on the Cotgrave Community website asking the residents for information.

800 Councillor Wilson noted the motorbikes that are travelling at speed around Cotgrave and the noise of some of these bikes.

801 Councillor M Chewings reported a low branch on a tree on the footpath at the rear doctors' surgery.

This has already been reported and the branch will be removed.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.04pm.

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