

**Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014**

Present: Councillors L. Attewell, C Chewings, A Wilkie, V Wood, B Tansley.

Apologies Approved: Councillors Shaw, M Chewings, Cousins and Walsh.

In Attendance : Councillors Handbury and the Clerk.

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

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**Declarations of Interest**

802 Councillor Wood declared an interest in item 7, planning application at Kilgraney Farm and asked not to take part in the discussions.

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**Public Open Session**

803 No members of the public attended.

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**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

804 **Resolved** : "That the minutes of the Cotgrave Town Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 be received and confirmed as a true record".

**Progress**

805 M797 Speeding on Owthorpe Road

Councillor C Chewings asked if the police responded to allowing a new or moving of the speedwatch position on Owthorpe Road closer to the junction with White Furrows.

The police have not responded yet.

806 M800 Motorbikes

Councillor Handbury noted that motorbikes and quad bikes are still riding around Cotgrave and are causing a nuisance especially with the noise they make.

The Clerk had received a complaint today from a resident over noisy quad and motorbikes riding around at night. This has been passed on to the police.

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### Financial Matters

807 Payments

**Resolved:** "That the payments made since the previous meeting totalling £17046.53 as recorded on page 25 be approved and the invoices awaiting payment be paid".

### Matters Arising

808 No matters arising.

### Financial Statements

809 Members considered the July statement as reproduced on the inside cover of the minute book.

810 At the end of July 2014 Council has £376323.12 in hand.

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### NatWest Fixed Rate Deposit Account

811 The fixed rate deposit held by NatWest is finishing on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 but the bank is not offering any new fixed term deposit accounts for consideration to allow for reinvestment. The bank will move the deposit into a Business Reserve account on completion which will pay an interest rate of 0.05%.

The Clerk has been looking for alternative accounts in other banks but has not been successful in finding any better interest rates yet.

Council asked the Clerk to contact other councils to find out where they place investments but still need to protect Council money by considering the Financial Compensation Scheme, which covers up to £85K in any one bank.

Details of any fixed term deposit accounts will be discussed at the next Finance and General Purposes meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

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### Staff Training

812 The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) National conference is taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in Bristol at a cost of £395 and offers training and guidance for the Clerk.

Council discussed the attendance of the Clerk to the National Conference.

813 **Resolved** : 'To allow the Clerk to attend the SLCC National Conference'

814 The Nottingham Association of Local Councils is offering a seminar on the 'Basics of Employment' and this would help the administration staff in their day to day working roles. The seminar is being held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 10am until 1pm at Epperstone Village Hall.

Council discussed the attendance of the administration staff to this training seminar and noted the cost of £15 per person.

815 **Resolved** : 'To allow the administration staff to attend the Seminar'

816 The personnel committee agreed to allow the administration staff to attend a course being held on 24<sup>th</sup> September at Castle Donnington for 'Health, Safety and Wellbeing' especially when using volunteers with events ran by Cotgrave Town Council.

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### **Purchase of Land by Resident on Glenbrook**

817 A resident (12 Glenbrook) has requested to Rushcliffe Borough Council to purchase an unused footpath adjacent to the property.

The footpath was used previously as a third entrance into Grassmere Play Park but this footpath was closed due to anti-social behaviour prior to 2006. The footpath is included in the lease Cotgrave Town Council has for Grassmere play area from Rushcliffe Borough Council.

This is the second request from the resident to purchase this area to increase the garden space. The first request didn't progress through to purchase for unknown reasons.

Cotgrave Town Council will not re-open this entrance into the park and are therefore happy to allow the sale to take place between the householder and Rushcliffe Borough Council.

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### **Correspondence**

818 Letter from a Resident

A letter has been received from a resident raising her concerns about the heavy goods lorries passing through Cotgrave filled with building materials for the new development.

The Chairman of Cotgrave Town Council, Councillor Wood contacted the resident and explained that Cotgrave does have a 7.5T weight limit imposed at all times and the lorries which will deliver building materials to the development site will use the Stragglethorpe Road via the A52 or A46 and not come through Cotgrave.

Councillor Butler has also responded to this letter on behalf of Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

819 Letter from a Resident

A resident who is a retired nurse, has noticed that Cotgrave now has two external defibrillators, located at Cotgrave Futures and The Rose and Crown Public House and has asked Council if they would consider running a few short training sessions for the residents on how to use and understand the defibrillator.

The resident has offered to be involved in this, if Council decided to run the training sessions.

Council will thank the resident for her suggestions and offer of help and contact her with any ideas on running training sessions.

Council will also contact the First Responder, Barry Martin and ask if he would be willing to help.

A suggestion was made to consider if a training session could be ran when the Cotgrave Neighbourhood Watch team hold their event.

The Clerk to contact the First Responder and Cotgrave Neighbourhood Watch.

820 Flying High Trust

A press release has been received from The Flying High Trust based in Cotgrave Candleby Lane School informing of their application to create secondary school provision in Cotgrave by September 2016.

821 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils (NALC)

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils are holding their 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 10.30am. It is being held at Woodborough Village Hall in Woodborough. All local councils are invited to attend and two members of any council can vote in the AGM.

822 NALC have sent information on Technical Consultation on Planning from the Department for Communities and Local Government on several new proposals to make practical improvements on planning reforms.

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**Clerk's Report**

823 The Clerk informed that the Groundsman had today, started a second period of sick leave due his need for another operation.

He is not expected to return to work until mid-December.

824 The reports produced by the Community Warden have been analysed and after two months, the warden has removed over 250 dog fouling incidents and 150 bags of litter from Cotgrave streets.

The Clerk has been asked to write an article for the Rushcliffe News to inform how Cotgrave Town Council are trying to improve dog fouling and litter incidents within Cotgrave. This will be discussed at the next local town and parish meeting due in October.

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**Councillors' Reports**

825 Councillor Attewell has been asked if a foot/cycle path could be considered from Cotgrave to Tollerton and up to Plumtree traffic lights.

The Clerk will pass this on the Councillor Butler for discussion at Nottinghamshire County Council.

826 Councillor Attewell had been asked by a resident what, if any volunteer transport services were available in Cotgrave.

Council suggested that the resident could contact the RVCS who offer voluntary help for people with special needs or a private taxi company, Sprays, who offer transport for people with a higher level of additional needs.

827 Councillor Attewell stated bookings were good for the last safari sale for 2014.

828 Councillor Wood reported the start on site photograph for the new development is to take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September and he and the Clerk and several Councillors would be attending.

This would be followed by the September strategic board meeting and this is to be held in Cotgrave Futures.

829 Councillor Wood informed the personnel committee have met to discuss several staffing matters and these will be discussed at the next full town council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

830 Councillor Wood has been asked by a company to discuss a plan a local developer is considering for a small development before any final decisions and a planning application is made.

Councillor Wood has agreed to meet the company representative but will only listen and give information will out regarding Cotgrave but will not approve or discourage the projected plan.

831 Councillor Tansley reported a tree on The Cross requires pruning.

The Clerk will ask the Groundsman to prune the tree.

832 Councillor Wilkie informed of the Cotgrave Heritage Site on Facebook had been started by Andy Jones, originally from Wales. The site now has 300 members and they have raised money to buy equipment needed for the doctors' surgery and the additional money raised, is to be given to Positive Futures and Rev and Go clubs.

833 Councillor Wilkie mentioned that the tattoo festival held at Cotgrave Welfare had been a successful event and had raised £500 for McMillian charity. This was a very positive event for Cotgrave.

834 Councillor C Chewings reported the covers over wires at the telephone box at the Cross had been removed. He has informed Rushcliffe Borough Council, Police and British Telecoms. The cover is still missing.

835 Councillor Handbury mentioned it is Flintham Show on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

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

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