

**MINUTES OF LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24.2.16 THE VILLAGE HALL, VICARGE LANE, LITTLE EATON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors A Summerfield (Chair), J Dallison, S Fogerty, D Hall , P Mulvey, J Nicholson, F Williamson, Parish Clerk

**16/026 APOLOGIES**

Councillors Adams, Easter, Machell, Councillor A Stevenson (EBC)

**16/027 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS, IF ANY, FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

None

**16/028 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**16/029 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

- A member of LEIB gave an update on the groups plans. This year LEIB are going for gold in East Midlands in Bloom. Proposals are for Millennium Way clearing, improvements to the wild flower meadow. Clearing and planting at Morley Lane. The group are working with the infant school and play group and looking for sponsorship of hanging baskets. LEIB asked for a site meeting at Croft corner to discuss ideas. Councillors agreed to attend a meeting and await a date.
- Parishioners raised concerns regarding non-attendance at meetings.

**16/030 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

**16/031 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27.1.16**

**RESOLVE** That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27.1.16 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**16/032 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**16/033 REPAIR AND PAINTING OF LIBRARY AND ART BOX**

It was agreed to get the telephone box door repaired at a cost of up to £1000 and approved the quote for £360 to paint both telephone boxes.

**16/034 NOTICEBOARDS**

Councillor Fogerty offered to measure and price up the noticeboards for a different type of backing.

**16/035 IDEAS FROM LEIB REGARDING FLOWER BED AT CROFT CORNER**

Proposals for LEIB 2016 projects had been reviewed and response sent as follows:-

- We suggest a stone bench would be a good addition to the wildlife meadow, and would be glad to meet the Park committee to discuss the idea.  
*The programme for repairing and replacing benches on the Park is virtually complete and we will not be installing any further benches on the Park including the Wild Life Area.*
- We would like to tidy and clear the area between the canal eye and Duffield Road which is overgrown with nettles and brambles to encourage more diverse plant life  
*This land belongs to DCC and any proposals must be discussed with them prior to any work being undertaken, also please be aware that any resultant costs incurred must be funded by DCC or LEIB, the PC has no responsibility for this area.*
- We wonder if the remaining canal would become a better habitat for wildlife if it were cleared and the tree canopy raised to admit light to allow insect colonisation and encourage bird life.  
*Again, this land belongs to DCC and any proposals must be discussed with them prior to any work being undertaken, also please be aware that any resultant costs incurred must be funded by DCC or LEIB, the PC has no responsibility for this area.*
- Owl boxes have been proposed to encourage tawny owls - advice would be needed on siting  
*If the proposed siting is on DCC land then they must be approached for permission, if the proposed siting is on PC land then please present the proposed sitings to the PC for approval*
- The Bloom litter pick last week found increased littering along Millennium Way related to Starbucks and Subway - would additional bins be useful?  
*The PC has already approached Starbucks/Subway requesting funding for additional bins along Millennium Way, we are awaiting a response and will keep you informed*
- We'd like to improve Croft Corner further and would be glad to meet any PC member to discuss the area.  
*Councillor Fogerty is responsible for the Better Kept Village Working Group and any ideas can be discussed with him, who will then bring any ideas to the PC for discussion/approval.*
- Planting small shrubs in the triangular area outside the village hall kitchen.  
*There is no objection to the planting of shrubs in this area, it is presumed that LEIB will maintain the shrubs*

It was agreed that Councillors would meet with LEIB at Croft Corner to discuss potential proposals. One of the planters outside the village hall appears to have broken and the Better Kept Villages working group agreed to follow this up.

#### **16/036 PLAY EQUIPMENT PROPOSALS**

It was agreed to place an order with Nova Sport Ltd for the soft surfacing work at £6147.00 and Online Playgrounds for the swing seats at £473.00.

#### **16/037 FOOTPATHS REPORT**

Councillor Nicholson is putting together a footpaths file. It was agreed to apply for the 2016/2017 Minor Maintenance Scheme.

#### **16/038 PRINTING OF NEWSLETTERS**

It was agreed to use Mercia Image Ltd for the next edition of the newsletter. It was agreed to add sponsorship of the newsletter in the next edition of the newsletter. It was agreed to ensure all contributors send in articles in the same format.

#### **16/039 CLERKS REPORT**

Nothing to report

#### **16/040 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

- Highways Asset Infrastructure Management Strategy - Survey for Parish and Town Councils. Comments made.

#### **16/041 PLANNING**

##### Applications

The car parking spaces appear to be used by a lot of commercial vehicles rather than private cars:-

- ERE/0116/0048 Starbucks, Ford Lane, Breadsall Retrospective planning application for the retention of a single storey extension to building and extension to car park

There were no objections to the following applications:-

- ERE/0116/0040 179 Alfreton Road change of use of former post office and adjacent dwelling to one single dwelling including additional windows, rear extension with balcony deck, rear dormer window and detached garage with drive
- ERE/0116/0027 Outrams Wharf, Alfreton Road Erection of 4 new light industrial (b1) buildings including the formation of associated car parking

#### **16/042 FINANCE**

**RESOLVE:** That the Accounts listed below be accepted for payment.

	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank payment	Mrs L Storey	Salary/Expenses	504.57
Bank payment	HMRC	PAYE	37.20
Bank payment	P Mulvey	Petty Cash	50.00
Bank payment	Community Heartbeat	Defib pads	48.60
Bank payment	P Morey	Park keeper	180.00
Bank payment	Community Heartbeat	Rescue safety kit	21.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>841.97</b>

##### Receipts

Tennis Club Rent           £360.00  
A38 newsletter           £ 30.00

#### **16/043 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Children's Play Area – EBC Rural Community Grant**

The PC has been successful in the grant application for repairing soft tarmac areas and new swing seats. Quotations being obtained for the painting of railings and play equipment, including the 'Pay Back Scheme'

##### **Millennium Way Roadside Verges (concern from Councillor Williamson)**

Contacting DCC via Parish Clerk to ascertain if they will be spraying roadside verges to reduce overhanging grass which is making mowing difficult and potentially dangerous. Waiting for response from DCC

### **Bench in churchyard**

The PC have received an enquiry from a former Parishioner regarding the possibility of installing a memorial bench in the churchyard. There are no objections from the Church Obtaining quotation for the bench and installation

### **Trip Hazard – Pavilion Stairs**

The slabs at the bottom of the Pavilion Stairs which were a potential trip hazard have been repaired

### **CCTV**

Obtaining a free assessment of the system from a professional CCTV company with a view to improving the picture image

### **Litter Issue Millennium Way**

A Councillor had attempted to get hold of the Area Manager of Starbucks and Subway for the Little Eaton outlets (the same person) via e-mail 3 times since the last PC meeting.

Copies of the two letters sent in the post have also been hand delivered. A Councillor has spoken to the Starbucks outlet supervisor who gave them the Store Manager`s mobile number. They have been rung twice and will endeavour to make contact with the Area Manager and set up a meeting as soon as possible.

It was agreed to change the two outside lights at the church end side of the Village Hall as they are not bright enough to light up the steps down to the park.

The fault that keeps tripping out the fuse for the carpark has now been isolated and the lights are working.

The play area lights and the light on the path through the park have been temporarily disabled as this is what is causing the problem. The electrician will be investigating further.

### **16/044                    CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

- DALC Circular 3/2016
- A38 Derby Junctions Report on Consultations
- BBC town/parish council tax rise story
- EBC Rural Grant Award - Confirmation Letter £6620
- Minutes for Planning Committee, Wednesday, 10th February, 2016, 5.30 pm
- DCC. The Highway Inspectorate for the area has reported he has visited Barley Close and Alfreton Road on several occasions and did not locate any highway safety issues with regard to the verges.
- The footpath grant scheme for parish councils is going to continue until 2017 when changes will be made, so the grants can be applied for this year,
- DCC. I write regarding a request for a hard standing area at the bus stop opposite 271, Alfreton Road, Little Eaton. I have carried out a site inspection of this particular stop and I am concerned as to its close proximity to the sharp bend in the road. When attempting to identify a new location for this stop, away from the bend, I am aware that this would result in it being a very short distance to the neighbouring stops. I will carry out a review of the existing stops in this area with a view to improve them both in terms of passenger facilities and road safety. I will contact you again once this has been completed.
- Agenda for Planning Committee, Wednesday, 10th February, 2016, 5.30 pm
- Minutes for Council, Thursday, 21st January, 2016, 7.30 pm
- Minutes for Extraordinary Council, Thursday, 21st January, 2016, 7.00 pm
- Replacement churchyard bench – No objections from the Church
- Timetable of Meetings 2016/17 and Council meetings 2017/18
- A38 Derby Junctions Little Eaton Appendices
- RoSPA Playground Inspection Course
- Minutes for Planning Committee, Wednesday, 13th January, 2016, 5.30 pm
- DALC Smaller Authorities Audit Arrangements
- A38 Reference group meeting on 3.3.16, Councillor Hall to attend

### **16/045                    DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

23.3.16 Little Eaton Village Hall, Vicarage Road 7.30 pm

### **16/046                    PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

None