

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** of
Coleshill Town Council held in the Town Hall, High Street, Coleshill on Wednesday 12
October 2016.

PRESENT: Councillor Wallace in the Chair
Councillors: Battle and Jones

28 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Farrell and Farrow.

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

30 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD

It was proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllrs. Battle to accept the minutes of the 27 July Meeting and 14 August Emergency Meeting as true records and both were **ACCEPTED** unanimously.

31 OPERATION OF THE YOUTH CLUB

Cllr. Jones said that he felt that the Youth Workers had failed to fulfil their duties. He also asked for it to be minuted that he and other members should have been informed earlier of problems with the Youth Club.

All members felt that the Youth Workers should operate to a set of rules that were drawn up and agreed with the Town Council. These should include banning individuals found to be causing problems during a session. Other measures **AGREED** unanimously were to:

- Re-open with 3 paid WCAVA youth leaders
- Operate and a limit of 24 young people, i.e. keep to the 8:1 ratio.
- Operate a 'no leaving the building' arrangement during the two-hour session.
- Look to provide DVD and music entertainment and electronic games but not a computer (so there was something for the young people to enjoy while indoors).
- Obtain a firm commitment to a rota from the 4 DBS certified volunteers, supplemented by any parents with DBS certificates who were offering to help as well.

WCAVA was in the process of recruiting for more Youth Workers. In view of the successful Big Lottery Grant application, it was felt important to get to 3 paid youth leaders as soon as possible, even if this meant offering other agencies the chance to support WCAVA with workers (e.g. WAYC or another agency). The **Town Clerk** would follow up the timescales and keep members advised.

32 FOOTBALL PITCH REPAIR

The Town Clerk referred to some expert companies which had visited and advised that it was unlikely that there was a dropped or broken drain on the upper field as this would have manifested as surface water or darker grass. Furthermore, they reported that aerating and top seeding might be enough to get the grounds playable. However, members felt it was particularly valuable to have the drainage surveying (involving Ground Penetration Radar) to determine any under surface issues, once and for all. Two quotes of around £1,000 had been obtained for the GPR work.

Cllr. Jones proposed a budget (£2,500 limited) be allocated to a company to GPR survey the whole of the Memorial Park grassed area (bar the cricket side). Further quotations were necessary via the **Deputy Town Clerk** for this wider coverage area. In addition, Cllr. Jones proposed the appointment of Greensleeves Lawncare of Coleshill to go ahead with the aeration, feeds, repairs and seeding (£1,655 quoted in total). These two proposals were seconded by Cllr. Battle and **AGREED** unanimously.

33 COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT PROJECT

An active member of the congregation at Coleshill Parish Church was looking to start a community allotment project for parishioners and the wider community on one of the standard Stonebridge allotments plots.

Members discussed whether it was appropriate to consider the Parish Church taking on the existing Community Shed Project as well and felt this would have given the Shed Project the opportunity to be closer managed. They unanimously **APPROVED** that the **Records Clerk** should discuss with the Parish Church representative the prospect of taking on the Community Shed Project. This would be free of charge for the first year.

34 ADDITIONAL CEMETERY PROVISION

Fisher German was the agent for the Wingfield-Digby Trust, which was the owner of land to the rear of Coleshill House (old library) and running alongside Back Lane towards the current cemetery site. A representative had indicated that the Trust would be open to discussing the sale to the Town Council of part, but not all, of this land area.

Members established that if the **Town Clerk** was to get a mapping outline produced, Cllr. Battle had a contact who could, free of charge, assess the land acreage in relation to the current cemetery site. Cllr. Wallace had some ideas of how a smaller land purchase might be drawn up for presentation to Fisher German for its view on costs and feasibility.

35 LAUNCH EVENT FOR MEMORIAL PARK – PHASE I

It had previously been suggested that the Improvements to Memorial Park project be celebrated with a launch event. Members expressed concerns regarding the fact that the park equipment was already open /available, the potential for work for the staff,

the risk of bad weather in November and the lack of attendance that might be experienced. As regards any budget for a launch event, members uttered the view that a good deal of money had already been committed to the Memorial Park project.

Cllr. Battle suggested that a Press Day would be easier to organise than inviting a large number of residents to demonstrations and competitions. Cllr. Wallace seconded this idea. This was **CARRIED** nem. con., with Cllr. Jones abstaining from voting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

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Chairman