

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** of Coleshill Town Council held in the Town Hall, High Street, Coleshill on Wednesday 22 November 2017.

PRESENT: Councillor Farrell in the Chair
Councillors: Gibbs, Wallace and Symonds

37 APOLOGIES

These were given by Cllrs. Battle & Farrow.

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

39 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the 11 October meeting were presented by Cllr. Farrell and **AGREED**.

40 REVIEW OF TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO OUTSIDE SERVICES STAFF

Cllr Farrell noted the update and was pleased to hear that Head Groundsman, Allan Taylor, was now able to carry out the yearly PAT certification.

41 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME ON MEMORIAL PARK

Cllr Wallace noted that, historically, hedge cutting took place in June (before the Carnival) and questioned the current practice. The Deputy Town Clerk explained that the hedge cutting had more recently been delayed at the request of the Cricket Club, which had matches well into September.

The report was duly noted.

42 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LOCAL POLICE AND OTHER AGENCIES

Cllr. Farrell outlined the report and added that Coleshill's PC Bell was very keen to work with the Town and Borough Councils to improve Coleshill's safety.

Cllr. Wallace, in noting the four community safety priorities, added that the issue of unsafe parking was prevalent in Coleshill, a matter that affected all High Street users and should therefore be included with these priorities. Cllr. Gibbs agreed, referencing Packington Lane as a problem area.

It was explained that Civil Parking Enforcement would not be looked at by NWBC until at least 2020 and therefore there could be no enforcement officers until that date. Even with Civil Parking Enforcement and the de-criminalisation of parking in place, the police would still be responsible for highway safety and illegal parking.

Cllr. Wallace requested that the **Town Clerk** write to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Sergeant Oakley and PC Bell outlining the Council's concerns and requested that officers were made aware of parking issues with and the problem roads within Coleshill. It was added that the **Town Clerk** should request a meeting with PC Bell at his convenience to discuss issues relating to parking with the Council.

Cllr. Farrell added that under the Public Space Protection Orders, the Town Council could employ a 'Penalty Warden' to issue fines for anti-social behaviour including littering and dog fouling. Members agreed to consider this as an alternative to CCTV (see minute 43 below).

Cllr. Wallace submitted a request from residents that average speed cameras be used in Coleshill. Cllr. Farrell added that once the development of HS2 was underway, there was a possibility that Coleshill might become a 'rat run'. It was AGREED that the **Town Clerk** should write to Borough and County Councils to see if the authorities would support a joint bid. In addition, the **Deputy Town Clerk** was asked to register the Town Council with the 'Rural Watch' campaign group.

43 CCTV OPERATION IN THE MEMORIAL PARK AND THE REST OF THE TOWN

Cllr. Farrell outlined the potential options for CCTV provision: the current Nomad cameras or the Police-preferred Wi-Fi cameras and the NWBC-preferred monitoring system. Cllr. Farrell recommended that the council discard the Nomad cameras option as they had not proved reliable. He supported other options of employing a warden with the power to issue anti-social behaviour fines and purchasing mobile cameras that could be re-located to trouble areas (see item 42 above).

The committee was keen to explore the NWBC monitored provision and requested the **Town Clerk** to organise a meeting with Gary Thomas-McGenity and Robert Begg.

44 FURTHER OPTIONS FOR FACILITIES WITHIN MEMORIAL PARK

A report had been circulated of current options for additional facilities. The Dog Agility area was put in abeyance, pending further research. Members did not wish to further explore the options of shelters or performance areas.

The committee requested that the **Deputy Town Clerk** compile quotes for the playground markings, roundabout and easy access swing.

Cllr. Wallace requested that the path be reinstated along the East border of the junior play area and asked that the **Town Clerk** obtain quotations. She also advised that the Cricket Club should be notified about the planned NWBC 'Big Day Out'.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32 p.m.

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Chairman