

TRESWELL WITH COTTAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 13th September, 2021, 8.00pm
Clerk: Sara Stilliard 01427 881582 TreswithCott@outlook.com

Present: N Salter (in the Chair); H Cope; R Fox; A Gamble; F Tomlinson; J Rose; L Mockridge; A Mockridge;

Also present: Clerk - S Stilliard

Parish Residents: several present

Guests: CCllr John Ogle; DCllr Ant Coultate and Maralyn Papworth

Before the meeting started the Chair offered a vote of thanks to Maralyn Papworth for all her hard work as Clerk to the PC. Maralyn was presented with a card and bouquet of flowers

PUBLIC FORUM:

Several members of the public wished to speak about the volume and speed of traffic driving into and through Treswell particularly via Cocking Lane, where traffic turns off the main road to come into the village and through to Leverton and Gainsborough – often directed this way by Sat Navs. Tractors and HGVs have been recorded at 50 MPH and on this narrow road it would be impossible for 2 such vehicles to pass without one mounting the pavement. There is no speed deterrent on the road (30 MPH limit) since the interactive flashing sign is at the Cottam end of the village.

The police say that they do not have the resources to enforce traffic control in the village. Highways did apply a speed test wire over the road at Cocking Lane in 2018 but refused to release the findings. A Speedwatch team for the village has been suggested but number plates of speeding vehicles recorded are not followed up by the Police and Speedwatch teams are often subject to abuse.

The uneven highway outside No 9 Orchard Rise / Cocking Lane was caused by the sunken manhole cover which causes HGVs to bounce, causing vibration. It was repaired with Tarmac spread over it but is now picked out again

Residents are clearly angry and worried about potential accidents waiting to happen and wanted to know what the Parish Council could do to assist

John Ogle responded to residents by saying that it is the Police's job to undertake speeding enforcement and the PC could request that a police speed monitoring van be sited occasionally in the village **Action Clerk to make this request of PC Gareth Mitchell**

Another resident made the point that the bar operating a one way system for HGVs going in and out of Sundown Adventure Land during the building phase (part of the planning criteria) had broken and both entrances and exits were now being used. Also flood lighting at Sundown was supposed to be switched off after 9 pm to protect residents and this is being left on all night at the overspill car park – again this was part of the planning criteria. The Chair asked the Clerk to refer both matters to Planning to be enforced **Action Clerk**

PLANNING MEETING:

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Dean Bowdens which were accepted by Council

Declarations of Interest – Cllr Cope declared an interest relating to Coates Planning applications

New Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council -

Change of Use Class(C3) Dwelling to Class (C2) Children's Care Home for a Maximum of 3 Children, where Care is Provided Chestnut House Town Street Cottam Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0EZ Ref. No: 21/01056/COU | Received: Fri 02 Jul 2021 | Validated: Wed 21 Jul 2021 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Council expressed concern that there are no facilities in Cottam for 10-18 year old children – no shop / play area / bus services – such that they would be stranded in the village.

5 Councillors voted to object to the application and 3 abstained

Action Clerk to pass the objection and comments to Bassetlaw Planners

Applications – awaiting decision by Bassetlaw DC / Notts CC / Planning Inspectorate –

Convert and Extend Existing Barns into 2 Dwellings, Demolish Modern Barns and Erect One Dwelling. Erect 2 Car Port Buildings Barns At Manor Farm Town Street Treswell Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 21/01030/FUL | Received: Mon 28 Jun 2021 | Validated: Mon 05 Jul 2021 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Change of Use of Two Redundant Agricultural Buildings to Workshop and Paint Shop Corner Farm Coates Road Cottam Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0HA Ref. No: 21/01100/COU | Received: Thu 08 Jul 2021 | Validated: Tue 13 Jul 2021 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Discharge Condition 4 on P.A 19/01014/VOC -Variation of Condition 2 and 4 on P/A 17/01239/RSB to Allow Reduced No in Units from 96 to 90, Replacement of 32 No Caravan Pitches with 32 Pods, Replace 16 Pods with 8 Twin Pods, Revised Unit Type for Approved 2 and 3 Bed Units and Amendments to Reception Block to Exclude Managers Accommodation, Toilet and Shower Block and Replace with Separate Managers Accommodation Development At Sundown Adventureland Rampton Road Treswell Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0ED Ref. No 21/01114/COND | Received: Fri 09 Jul 2021 | Validated: Wed 14 Jul 2021 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Decisions – made by Bassetlaw DC / Notts CC / Planning Inspectorate –

Portal Framed Building for Storage of Agricultural Machinery Land Adjoining Turn-a-beck Cottage Cottam Road Treswell Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 21/00890/AGR | Received: Thu 27 May 2021 | Validated: Thu 27 May 2021 | Status: **Decided that an application was not required**

Other planning matters

Request from the Chair that Treswell PC be allowed to comment on Coates Planning
The Clerk has made the request of planning and awaits the outcome

SWNP update – Maralyn Papworth report

Further work on the review of the Treswell and Cottam Neighbourhood Plan will be delayed until the outcome of the Planning Application at Manor Farm Barns is known.

The next step for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, together with the PC and the Community is to create and agree new policies to cover:-

- The conversions of existing buildings
- The future development of Cottam Power Station

When these policies are developed there will be a community event / referendum to present them and when agreed they will be added to the Neighbourhood Development plan

The next meeting of the Steering Group is likely to be at the end of September

West Burton Planning Group

DCllr Coultate provided an update as follows:-

The West Burton Planning group was set up to try to influence the decision regarding the site following decommissioning. A leaflet has been delivered to all residents explaining the Group's terms of reference. Guest speakers have been invited and 'not for profit' organisations have been approached for their support and advice. Links are being formed with organisations who have done the same type of thing, for example Rugeley Parish Council, which also has a Power Station site and with Richmond on Thames which has successfully overturned a plan for a huge housing development.

The Group is still at the scoping stage - currently listening to all with an open mind regarding what people would like to see on the site. For example younger people may want a leisure site rather than industry / homes or green energy

For more information please go to **West Burton Residents' Planning Group** on Facebook

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

09.21.01. Apologies for Absence – Cllr Dean Bowdens which were accepted by Council

09.21.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality - None

09.21.03. Chairman's remarks on the Agenda

The Chair and Council agreed that the new style agenda was fine

09.21.04. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 21st July 2021

Cllr Cope requested that a reference to a Queens's Jubilee street party which may be held on a resident's field be deleted since this was not confirmed. The reference was struck through by hand and will be amended before posting

Action Clerk

The minutes were then signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

9.21.05. Matters arising from the minutes – non agenda items

None to report

9.21.06. Police report

No relevant police report is forthcoming. This items will be removed from the agenda **Action Clerk**

9.21.07. District and County Councillors reports

DCllr Coultate felt strongly that the PC should receive a police report from the PCSO for the area (not sure who this is). He said he would meet with Neil Bellamy regarding this and suggested that the PC also write to the new Police Commissioner about the lack of rural policing in favour of Nottinghamshire's city areas. **Action Clerk to write letter**
DCllr Coultate told Council that the planned housing at the Cottam Power Station site had been rejected and the site does not appear in the current version of the Bassetlaw Local Plan. DCllr Coultate had asked for a pause in the BDC plan process but this was voted against. He suggested that EDF is invited to a joint meeting with Rampton PC in January to discuss their plans or any proposals now on the table. **Action DCllr Coultate**

DCllr Coultate told Council that he has reported a hedge at the bend near the Moth & Lantern in Cottam and he was also asked to report a hedge at Cockings Lane which is obscuring vehicle sight lines and a BDC officer has promised to visit and report back. **Action DCllr Coultate to report and chase this**

CCllr Ogle told the PC that government targets for new housing were lower than those being proposed by BDC in its plan so the large numbers are not needed, other than BDC having signed up to take overspill from Sheffield City Region. The lack of infrastructure i.e. roads into Cottam was also a reason for the objection to large numbers of houses being built at Cottam Power Station

With regard to policing CCllr Ogle admitted that the skill set needed for rural policing had gone and more training is required although poachers were caught recently at Everton by Police

09.21.08. Highways and Public Safety

09.21.08.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes

Some street lights are obscured as a result of overgrown trees and hedges. There are so many hedges obstructing paths and sight lines for vehicles in the village that it is suggested that a survey of all these issues be carried out in both Treswell and Cottam and this will be presented to Highways for action **Action Cllrs N Salter and R Fox**

09.21.08.2. Speeding / HGVs in the village / traffic incidents

Council discussed the issues raised by residents in the public forum. Various suggestions were made by both residents and Councillors such as a weight limit for Cocking Lane to restrict HGVs / signage forbidding HGVs / speed bumps / further interactive speed signs / speed limit reduced to 20 MPH in Cocking lane / ensuring that all hedges are cut back from pavements and road signs so that traffic can see the signs and do not have to move across white lines in the road / Hauliers written to by the PC to ask for more consideration when driving through the village.

Most of the suggestions would need to be approved and implemented by Highways so Council asked the Clerk to try to set up a meeting of Highways with representatives from the PC and residents to walk the village looking at the black spots to determine actions which would be appropriate and permissible to mitigate the issues – possibly to be part funded by the PC if necessary **Action Clerk**

09.21.08.3 Other issues to report

Various paths in the village are very overgrown with grass as well as being obstructed by hedges – the path opposite the village hall on Treswell Road and at Cottam Road from The Bungalow onwards being the worst examples. These will form part of the survey with Highways referred to at point 09.21.08.2 above

Action Cllr Cope to speak with a resident whose hedge is encroaching onto the pavement at Treswell Road to ask if it can be cut back

09.21.09. Report from outside bodies

The Notts County Council Plan

There is a series of community engagement activities including a residents' questionnaire, open until Sunday 19th September which can be found at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/bignottssurvey There is also an engagement session for Parish Councils on 27th September in Worksop

09.21.10. Finance

09.21.10.1. Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation covering July and August was agreed and signed off by the Chair.

09.21.10.2. Accounts for Payment.

The amount of £38.69 for flowers and a card were agreed and a cheque written

09.21.10.3. Clerk's hourly rate

An hourly rate of £12.50 was unanimously agreed for the new Clerk

09.21.10.4. Budget for PC spend / Precept for 2022/3

The Clerk circulated a breakdown of spend by the PC for 20/21 which showed an underspend of the Precept and too much money in reserves. It was suggested that the PC should spend some of these reserves for the benefit of the villages and Council agreed on the following as priorities:-

A village web site - **Action Clerk to circulate costs and what this involves to all councillors**

A handyman for the village – **Action Clerk to try to find a handyman to take on the work**

A newsletter – **Action Clerk to circulate the newsletter recently published quarterly by Wheatley PC to all councillors**

09.21.11. **Correspondence**

There were 4 items of correspondence as follows:-

An e-mail from a resident reporting a traffic incident on Sunday 15th August whereby a van ploughed into the gardens of Corbell and Floral Cottages. The Police attended and a crime number was issued. There was damage to gardens and to the BDC waste bin. This is the fifth such accident at this spot and the resident asked if it would be possible to put up some road / property safety defence to try to avoid further accidents.

This suggestion to be included in a review with Highways of all traffic issues in the village as at point 09.21.08.2 above

Action Clerk to request a replacement bin from BDC and reply to the resident as above

The offer of FOC bags of winter salt along with other items which can be purchased – **Action Clerk to order the FOC bags to be stored at Trans-Sport and also 2 blue grit bins for the Cottam and Rampton ends of Treswell.**

Action Clerk to check with Highways that grit bins can be placed on the verges at these locations first

CPRE letter asking the PC to contribute to a survey on the rural public transport system. **Action Clerk to reply on behalf of the Council**

Correspondence about the Big Notts Plan Survey as above **Action Chair to respond to the engagement on behalf of the PC**

09.21.12. **Queen's Jubilee celebrations – June 2022**

The Village Hall committee in Treswell is planning an event and Cottam would like to hold an event on the playing field to help show that it is being used, such that the lease is extended. **Action Chair to see what Cottam village could**

organise on the field and report back

DCllr Coultate indicated that he may be able to make a contribution to costs and the PC would also be able to pay for some element of the celebrations when decided

09.21.13. **Date for Annual Parish Meeting**

Council agreed that it was too late to hold this meeting now and it will be reinstated in May or June 2022

09.21.14 **Any other business / items for next agenda**

Items for November agenda include:-

The PC's precept for 2022/3

Monthly Defibrillator Checks

Decision on new website and a village newsletter

All dates for 2022 PC meetings confirmed

Dates of Meetings for 2021 - Meetings will now be held on Mondays with a 8 pm start

November 15th

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

Distribution list: All Parish Councillors, CCllr J Ogle, DCllr A Coultate, PC Gareth Mitchell;
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