

TRESWELL AND COTTAM PARISH COUNCIL
OFFICERS; CHAIRMAN – MR. ALAN RICHARDS,
TREASURER/SECRETARY – MRS. MARALYN PAPWORTH

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 17th September, 2014, 7.30pm in Treswell Village Hall

1. Standard Items- Clls. present/absent

Alan Richards(Ch), Roger Moore (VCh), Fred Tomlinson, Ray Fox, Tony Gamble, Lynn Stockdale, Eileen Tomlinson, Maralyn Papworth(CI)

2 representatives from Trent Viaduct Initiative Mr. Bill Thompson, Gwyneth McMahon

Apologies for absence: Nicola Salter, Derek Farr

2. Trent Viaduct

-Representative requested a visit to PC meeting to inform/explain their current works and aspirations for the future

-Cleaning and painting is taking place now as a matter of routine maintenance; grant from Railway Heritage. No planning is required to maintain the listed structure and we were informed that no notice was required to be given of the maintenance being carried out

-Decking is to be installed to the north side of viaduct next year; Railway Paths Ltd.

-Aspiration is to create a traffic free pathway over the viaduct from Cottam to Torksey, safe to all users; cyclists, wheelchair, pedestrians, horse riders, all ages and abilities

-There will need to be liaison with English Heritage and further support and funding will be required to consider this further phase of development and renovation

A lengthy discussion took place. Cll. Gamble was disappointed that he was not informed about the current maintenance program. He and others present referred to the previous occasion when suggestions were made to provide a safe pathway over the Trent Viaduct from Cottam to Torksey and the challenges to security of surrounding property that the project would present.

Representative for the project were disappointed that the Parish Council did not appear to support their work and aspirations. They were, however, encouraged to hold a public meeting to enable parishioners from Cottam and surrounding villages to learn more about their work and to obtain support for this project prior to submitting a formal planning application.

3. Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 16th July, 2014 were approved as a true record. Proposed by Ray Fox, seconded by Tony Gamble

4. Matters Arising-minor amendments made to minutes regarding Sports Field and Village Hall Cottam at the request of Cll. Gamble

5. Windfarm Updates

-Chair reported from the Trentside PCs planning meeting in September;
Windfarms at Maumhill and Cottam- nothing to report
Windfarm at Saundby – WLDC will object

6. Local Crime Report

-no crimes had been reported in either parish during June/July however Cll. Moore informed the meeting that he had reported the damage to the window and the stopcock at the Village Hall at Treswell

7. Financial

Bank statements available in correspondence

8. Planning Applications, Decisions etc.

-Planning Application meeting arranged for 29th September. In the event 3 application were to be considered. Minutes attached separately

9. Correspondence- Chair and Clerk will present, summarise and make available to Clls.

Responses/ received-

- Orchard School request for sponsorship; the councillors were unanimously not in favour of the sponsorship of the school's visit. Reason- it would be an inappropriate use of Parish Council funds
- Letter received from David Armiger relating to Local Plan presented
- Ombudsman; Cll. Richards to write to Eric Pickles to inform them that we were given the wrong information by BDC as to how to complaint to the Government Ombudsman
- Funding from Cottam Power Station to be investigated further
- Telephone Box; to be disconnected and then hopefully costs can be backdated. Tony to look at his disconnection record

10. A.O.B.

MP to investigate;

- Paving Slabs to notice board Ref. 103311075
 - Overgrown footpaths Cockings Lane Ref. 103311062
 - " " " " Town Street/Cottam Road Ref. 103311075
 - Speed Limit reduction John Davies to investigate and return call
 - Post Codes advice; identify sender and contact, re-seal, put back in post box
 - Solar Farm; at least 9 objections, can be viewed on Public Access site
- BDC have commissioned an examination of the site with regard to Agricultural Land Quality
- Any planning consultation meeting that is held is not an open meeting. Planning expiry date is December 9th and the case officer thinks that this date will need to be extended. There has been no response from the Applicant's agent to date with regard, and in response, to the objections. The case officer seemed surprised about this.

Next PC Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19th November**, 2014, 7.30pm

The Chair thanked all for their attendance. There being no other business meeting was closed at 9.05pm
Signed as a true record of the meeting Wednesday 17th September, 2014, 7.30pm:
