

Cubbington Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2016 at the Village Hall, Broadway.
The meeting commenced at 19.30 hrs.

1. Record of members present.

Councillors P Delow (Chairman), Mrs C. Marrow, Miss. M Cashmore, Mrs. T Saul, Mrs A Higham, D Saul, D Cox, P Johnson, A Gregory, Revd. G Coles, I Hodges and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk).

Also in attendance: Cllr Redford Warwickshire County Council, Cllr Harrington, Cllr Cain, Warwick District Council,

Members of the public

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Johnson and District Councillors Mrs Stevens and Mrs Redford.

3. Declarations of interest and grant of dispensations

The following declarations of interest were received:-

Cllr Saul, Cllr Mrs Higham and Cllr Revd. Coles - Cliff Cleaver Community Pavilion.

4. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2016 as a true and complete record of the meeting.

5. Public Participation

Whilst members of the public were present there were no requests to participate in the meeting.

6. Chairman's Report

Cllr Delow gave his report, which included events he has attended in the last month. A copy of Cllr Delow's report is held on file.

7. District and County Council Reports for information

Cllr Stevens had provided the following written report which was read out by Cllr Delow "A major topic for WDC since the last meeting of Cubbington PC has been the schedule of refurbishment works to the leisure centres at Newbold Comyn and St Nicholas Park. The upgrade at Newbold Comyn commences on Jan 3rd 2017 and the centre will be closed completely until June 2017 when it will reopen and visitors will be able to use the new extended gym, fitness studio and improved pool area. Work will continue on the changing village and sports hall scheduled to be complete in November 2017. St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre has already closed for an extensive upgrade of the pool and the construction of a new gym, fitness studio and changing village. It is due to reopen in Nov 2017. The sports hall will be open throughout apart for a month in the summer for an upgrade. Abbey Fields Leisure Centre will be available throughout and possible plans are being considered to open a temporary car park to accommodate the additional visitors.

Revised refuse collection details are available on WDC's website. During Xmas week beginning Dec 26th collection times will all be a day later than usual".

County Councillor Redford offered the following information on behalf of District Councillor Redford. The alleyways in and around Cubbington have all been dealt with and they visited on a 2 monthly cycle.

Cllr Saul expressed his disappointment at Warwick District Council's (WDC) decision to close two leisure centres at the same time. Cllr Harrington advised the meeting District Councillors have also raised this concern; they have been assured by WDC this is the only way they could afford to do both refurbishments.

It was proposed by Cllr Saul, seconded by Cllr Mrs Higham and **RESOLVED** to register the Council's disappointment in Warwick District Council's decision to close two leisure centres at the same time.

County Cllr Redford advised he had attended a meeting at Warwickshire County Council today regarding the budget process for the next four years. Cllr Redford has forwarded correspondence to the Parish Clerk in relation to Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs plans for the Festival Days in summer 2017. Cllr Redford is unable to offer any further information regarding HS2 HGV construction traffic. Councillor Redford offered his apologies for not being able to attend the Cubbington Christmas Lights switch on.

8. Policing Matters

The Police were not in attendance; there was nothing new to report. It was noted there is approximately £5,000 still available in grant money via the Warwickshire Rural East Community Forum; the closing date for any applications is 9th January 2017. The next Community Forum is due to be held on 28th February 2017 at Baginton Village Hall.

Cllr Marrow advised the meeting two serious crimes occurred in Cubbington in October, neither of which were brought to the Parish Council's attention. Cllr Delow will ask the Police about this.

Cllr Saul advised the meeting he is highly concerned about speeding through the village particularly around school opening times. The Police have been out monitoring the speed of the traffic in the last week or so and they have indicated this will continue. Cllr Hodges stated it may be worth investigating if 20 m.p.h speed limits could be introduced in New Street. Cllr Hodges will liaise with Cllr Redford regarding this.

9. WALC Training Requirements Survey

It was agreed the Clerk will enter the following information into the survey. Councillors are happy to travel up to 20 miles to attend a training event. Preferred times to attend training – weekday evenings, Saturdays – half a day or whole day. Subjects for Training in preferential order – Engaging with Communities, Neighbourhood Planning, Action Planning for the Future, Preparing for Foundation Level and Good Governance. Other comments to be included – It would be helpful for induction course for new Councillors to be run more frequently.

10. Finance

10.1 Bank Balances

The Parish Council's credit balances

Account		£
Community Account	As at 18.11.16	425.21
Business Money Manager (current)	As at 18.11.16	67,482.60
Money Market	As at 18.11.16	1258.00
Total		69,165.81

(10.2) Accounts to be paid

The Clerk asked for permission to include the following additional payments:

Payment to Mr. D Moorcroft – Contractor £3807.00

Reimbursement to the clerk for Postage amounting to £11.52

Reimbursement to the clerk for printing costs in relation to the Order of Service for the Civic Service due to be held on 15.12.16.

It was proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Marrow and **RESOLVED** the following payments be made.

	Payee	£
a	Clerk salary and expenses for November 2016	
b	Reimbursement to clerk for Printing Nov Agenda, minutes and postage	101.82
b	Mr. D R Moorcroft – Contractor	3807.00
c	WALC Training – Planning 02.12.16	45.00
d	Printing, envelopes, postage for November 2016 and Civic Service printing – Mrs. J Chapman	50.72
e	OCS Grass Cutting November	265.20

11. Precept Proposal 2017 - 2018

Cllr Cox gave a brief summary of the Council's finances along with an overview of the budgetary restraints which will result from the phased withdrawal of grants from Warwick District Council and possible Government capping of precept increases. The draft budget for 2017 – 2018 will come to the next Council meeting in January 2017 for consideration and formal approval.

12. Highway Matters

Overhanging trees in the alleyway by Penns Close. Cllr Saul suggested, he along with Cllr Delow, Cllr Mrs Higham and a tree specialist meet at Penns Close and obtain some advice.

Comptons Garage is due to open on 14.01.17. The verges will be re-turfed once all work has been finished. There will be space for two trees to be re-planted; this will be considered when the work is complete.

13. Planning

(13.1) Consultation list

The following planning applications have been received and the comments as shown have been submitted to Warwick District Council by the Clerk under Delegated Authority:

(a) W/16/1937 104 Rugby Road, Cubbington – Raising of roof by 2.2 metres and installation of first floor front and rear dormers. **No objection**

(b) W/16/1939 6 Ledbroke Road – Erection of a front porch and single storey extension. **No objection**

(c) W/16/1981LB – Old Manor House, Replace modern stairs – retrospective. **No objection**

(d) W/16/0944 8 Kenilworth Road, Cubbington – Proposed erection of single storey rear extension and flat roof dormer windows to each side roof slope. **No objection**

(e) W/16/1866 69 Rugby Road, Cubbington – Single storey rear extension in place of existing conservatory. **No objection.**

(13.2) District Council decisions

The following decisions are reported for noting.

(a) W/16/1579 128 Leicester Lane	GRANTED
(b) W/16/1852 2 Church Lane,	WITHDRAWN
(c) W/16/1853/LB 2 Church Lane	WITHDRAWN
(d) W/16/1866 69 Rugby Road	GRANTED
(e) W/16/1474 1 Willow Sheets Meadow	GRANTED
(f) W/16/1483 11 Balmoral Avenue	GRANTED
(g) W/16/1547 52 Queen Street	REFUSED
(h) W/16/1892 78 Beaufort Avenue	GRANTED
(i) W/16/1975/TP 1 x Ash	GRANTED

Cllr Delow advised the meeting two planning applications within the Parish have recently gone to Planning Committee; 11 Balmoral Avenue and 52 Queen Street.

CPC objected to the planning application for 11 Balmoral Avenue – permission was granted.

CPC supported the planning application for 52 Queen Street – permission was refused.

(13.3) Any other planning matters

HS2 Section 17 Notices.

Cllr Delow took the meeting through a synopsis of the meeting he and the Clerk had recently attended at Warwick District Council in relation to Section 17 Notices. It was agreed Cllr Delow would write to Warwick District Council Planning Department to seek clarification about HS2 planning applications and make suggestions on how to improve the provision of information to the general public.

Feedback on Planning Training Session – Cllr Hodges

Cllr Hodges gave a brief report on the recent Planning Training day he had attended, a copy of which has been kept on file.

Planning Notices

Whilst the Parish Council as a whole was disappointed to note WDC will no longer be putting up Planning Notices in the vicinity of where the planning permission has been applied for, it was acknowledged there is nothing CPC can do about it.

14. Recreation Ground

Following receipt of planning permission from WDC, Cubbington Parish Council is now able to undertake work to the Ash tree.

It was proposed by Cllr Marrow, seconded by Cllr Hodges and
RESOLVED work to the tree is carried out and the work be awarded to
Elemental Tree Care.

Austen Court – Cllr Saul advised the meeting he had recently had cause to speak with Jonathan Huxley, Green Space Development Officer at Warwick District Council. Mr Huxley specializes in recreation grounds and has indicated he is willing to help/guide the Parish Council with regard to the recreation grounds.

Cllr Hodges, Cllr Delow and Cllr Saul offered to support Cllr Marrow with regard to the recreation ground

ACTION – Clerk to contact Mr Huxley and arrange a site meeting.

15. Flooding

Nothing to report

16. HS2

Cllr Delow gave an update on the activities of HS2; a copy of his report is on file.

17. Pavilion

This item was added into the Agenda, following Cllr Delow seeking permission from the other Councillors present.

Cllr Mrs Higham read out prepared statement of comments from her own personal notes with regard to the Pavilion. Cllr Mrs Higham alluded to the fact she felt things were being purposely kept from Councillors and this was inappropriate.

Following a discussion amongst all Councillors,

Cllr Hodges proposed a vote of confidence in the Chairman; this was seconded by Cllr Marrow and upheld.

Mrs Higham advised the meeting she would resign from her position of Councillor.

18. Councillors Reports and Items for next Agenda

19. Date of next meeting – 10th January 2017

Signed

Date