

## **Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of the Castle Gresley Parish Council**

**Held on Thursday 16th May 2019**

### **Present**

Councillors Mrs J Pallett (Chair) and Councillors T Dowd, B Greaves, Miss L Johnson, O Pallett, N Sellers (Vice-chair), I Woods

### **Also present**

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO), County Councillor Pat Murray

Public – Mr T Beginn, Ms B Lees, Ms C Morton, Mr Bennett, Ms Brown, Mrs G Williams, Mr Roy Miller, Mr Richard Miller, Mr & Mrs P Wright

### **200/19 Election of Chair for Civic Year 2019/20**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor J Pallett be appointed chair for the Civic Year 2019/20

### **201/19 Declaration of acceptance of office**

Councillor J Pallett signed the declaration of acceptance of office form.

### **202/19 Apologies for absence**

District Councillor Dan Pegg, Cllr Mrs S Jackson

### **203/19 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **204/19 Election of Vice Chair**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor N Sellers be appointed Vice-Chair for the Civic Year 2019/20.

### **205/19 Declaration of acceptance of office**

Councillor N Sellers signed the declaration of acceptance of office form.

### **206/19 Public Speaking**

#### (a) Public

Mr Miller & Mr Miller

County Cllr Murray advised that further to his visit with members from County highways and Cllrs Mrs J and O Pallett (to the areas of concern for the safety of people crossing on foot across A444) the report had now been completed and would be with the clerk by email. Clerk to share with councillors and both Mr Millers. Cllr Murray advised that Highways had concluded there was not sufficient evidence or funding available to put in a crossing or other form of safety measures on the road. Both residents and parish councillors expressed extreme disappointment and concern that there would be an accident before anything is done. Options were discussed again, including the police road safety scheme to train volunteers to use speed cameras. Details of the scheme to be shared via the clerk with the community group via facebook, to assess community interest. A minimum of 10 people are needed to access the training.

Mr Tony Beginn

Declined to speak at tonight's meeting.

Ms B Lees and Ms C Morton

Asked questions around the election process, which was confirmed by both Cllr Murray and Parish Councillors. Cllr Sellers asked Ms Lees who had arranged the meeting between residents and District Cllr Pegg, Ms Lee advised that Cllr Pegg had made contact with the residents to arrange a meeting. Council agreed to some councillors attending an open meeting with residents to discuss openly how to improve communication going forward. This meeting will be agreed within the next 4 weeks.

Mr/s Wright

Explained that a CCTV camera had been stolen from their allotment, after it had been raised by a Cllr that someone had made complaints that CCTV cameras had been installed on the allotment. They expressed disappointment that someone had taken the camera, which only records over their plot, as they have previously had produce stolen. The clerk advised that unfortunately as per the allotment agreement the council could not compensate them for the loss, as the terms state each plot holder should have their own insurance.

(b) Police

The crime report was distributed. No crimes were in Castle Gresley. Cllr Woods advised there have been fires lit on tunnel fields. He will send photo evidence for the clerk to forward to both police and Fire services.

(c) County Councillor Report

Cllr Murray advised that DCC is now running in the 21C. Job roles have been changed to streamline staffing. He will supply the Parish Council with a list of new contacts. He also advised that the resurfacing of Appleby Glade is not on the plan. He was asked by Cllrs to look at the resurfacing of the footpaths by the A444, which are in need of resurfacing.

(d) District Councillor Report

Cllr Pegg sent his apologies.  
Clerk to email Cllr Pegg for an update on safety checks of play equipment at Mount Pleasant and Arthur Street. To date, SDDC have been responsible, however Cllr John Grant stated back in February that he thought this may be due to change, but the Parish Council have received no further notification.

**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

## **207/19 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the chair.

## **208/19 Exclusion of the Public**

None

## **209/19 Chairs Announcements**

The Chair thanked the councillors for their support and work over the last year, which had been personally challenging for her. New noticeboards, benches, sculptures and works in White Lady Reserve had all been completed over the year. Cllr Sellers was also thanked for the work he did in putting together the carol service in December. The Chair expressed disappointment that there were only 3 members of Castle Gresley who came to the litter pick in March. She welcomed in new councillors, T Dowd, B Greaves and Lorraine Johnson.

## **210/19 Clerks report**

SDDC will complete a tree inspection in White Lady Springs, there will be a small charge.

Planning application for the planters has been confirmed, clerk awaiting formal notices and will then order planters to be delivered to bloomin gardens for them to fill and site.

Pavillion, there has been no further communication from SDDC with regards to ownership of the building, however they have now fixed the leaking roof, repaired the boiler and have confirmed they will replace the windows.

The clerks laptop is still running slowly and she will research costs for a new one to present at Junes meeting.

## **211/19 Items for Discussion/Decision**

- a) A444 Pelican Crossing  
Dealt with in the public section
- b) Grit bin update  
Clerk informed council that DCC have confirmed they will install a bin and first fill of salt on Oak Close on the condition the Parish Council take on responsibility for repairs and refills in the future. Council debated and voted to agree to take on the ongoing responsibility. Clerk to confirm with DCC for the bin to be installed.
- c) Plumber to complete the memorial works tap  
Council voted and agreed on a contractor. Clerk to confirm with the plumber
- d) Village improvements
  - 1) Land by SHB – the land search has come back with no registered ownership. Defer this for discussion at the next meeting
  - 2) Planters, progress – dealt with in the clerks report
- e) Red Ensign Flag for 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Council voted and agreed to purchase the flag for 3<sup>rd</sup> September (approx. £70) Clerk to order.
- f) Review of asset register, standing orders, financial regulations and risk register. Deferred for discussion to Junes meeting.  
Clerk to email again to all Cllrs
- g) Calender of meetings  
It was agreed to keep all meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month for 2019/20
- h) Review of grounds maintenance service and additional works  
Deferred for discussion to Junes meeting. Clerk to email again to all Cllrs
- i) Commons Act 2006, Mount Pleasant  
Cllrs agreed to cover the cost of printing (approx. £100) a newsletter for all homes in Castle Gresley advising of the position and evidence required. Community group to put together the flyer and email to the clerk, community group to distribute.
- j) Financial reserves review  
Deferred to Junes meeting
- k) Defibrillator  
Cllrs agreed on the ??? Clerk to order
- l) Football pitch hire  
Cllrs agreed for this to go ahead.

## **212/19 Finance**

The following payments were approved

| Cheque | Recipient | Amount | VAT | Total | Item |
|--------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|------|
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|      |                                       |        |              |                 |   |
|------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|---|
| DD   | Eon                                   | 20.80  | 5.20         | £26.00          | DD electric                               |
| 2977 | DALC                                  | 90.00  | 0.00         | £90.00          | Community engagement training             |
| 2978 | West Leicestershire Ambulance Service | 100.00 | 0.00         | £100.00         | Donation                                  |
| 2979 | Lifestyle Accounting                  | 15.00  | 3.00         | £18.00          | Salary prep                               |
| 2980 | Bloomin Gardens                       | 285.00 | 57.00        | £342.00         | Grounds maintenance                       |
| 2980 | Bloomin Gardens                       | 65.00  | 13.00        | £78.00          | Trees (White Lady)                        |
| 2981 | Payroll                               |        |              | 770.99          | £770.99 Salary (inc 22 CiLCA hours)       |
|      |                                       |        |              | 9.00            | £9.00 20miles@ .45pm                      |
|      |                                       | 5.77   | 1.15         | £6.92           | £6.92 mobile                              |
|      |                                       | 9.84   | 1.97         | 11.81           | £11.81 Ink for printer                    |
|      |                                       | 50.93  | 10.20        | 61.13           | £61.13 AV anti virus protection and clean |
|      |                                       |        |              | £859.85         | TOTAL £859.85                             |
| 2982 | Masseys                               | 4.99   | 1.00         | £5.99           | Wood glue                                 |
| 2983 | John Rowlands                         | 404.00 | 80.80        | £484.80         | Installation of noticeboard and bench     |
| 2894 | Joanne Taylor                         |        |              | £167.65         | Internal audit                            |
|      |                                       |        | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>£2172.29</b> |   |

Payments in  
05/04/19 £14560.50 SDDC

**213/19** Council were presented with the full years bank reconciliation  
No questions were raised

**214/19** Council were presented with the internal audit report  
No questions were raised

**215/19** AGAR section 1 was read out by the clerk, approved by Council and signed by the chair and clerk

**216/19** AGAR section 2 was approved by council and signed by the chair and clerk

**217/19** Planning

**RESOLVED** that this be noted

**218/19** Correspondence

**219/19** Date and Time of Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, 7pm at the **Brick Room, Linton.**

