

## Cotton End Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Cotton End Parish Council held at Cotton End Baptist Church Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Present: Councillors A Merel, G Bangher, A Murray, A Simpson, L Seymour, A Stimson.

Also present Linda Carter (Clerk).

3 Members of the Public

### 21/29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were given.

### 21/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None declared.

### 21/31 PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public raised the issue of the recent consultation regarding double yellow lines in Hermitage Gardens and its effect on residents. The main issue was with dog walkers parking close to the main road and causing issues with vehicles turning into and out of Hermitage Gardens.

The Parish Council had written to Highways and contacted the Ward Councillors in relation to the consultation which the Council believed was an excessive response to the issue raised originally.

### 21/32 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

The Borough Councillor was not in attendance.

### 21/33 MINUTES

Members received and APPROVED the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

### 21/34 FINANCE AND RELATED MATTERS:

Members APPROVED payments as follows:

HMRC	£55.20
July Salary – Parish Clerk	£220.62
M Green Invoice 99 (paid) & 100	£510.00
CDM Playgrounds Inspection	£156.00
A Muskett Streetlighting	£60.42
Information Commissioner	£40.00
Bench at Shocott Spring	£290.00
	<b><u>£1332.24</u></b>

### 21/35 PLANNING

Application	Proposal	Location	Comments
21/01647/FUL	Single storey rear extension	12 Wood Lane, Cotton End	No Objections
20/02001/FUL	Erection of 8/9 dwellings with landscaping and other associated works (amended plans)	Site at 161 High Road Cotton End	No Objections

## **21/36 PLANNING UPDATES**

### 1) College Farm

Councillors asked that the Clerk write to the landowners expressing concern that the development will deprive the village of its green margins which Councillors had previously been promised would be maintained.

### 2) Local Plan 2040 Consultation

All proposed development is in the south of the borough along the area designated as the south transport corridor. Councillors felt that the Neighbourhood Plan needed to be moved along.

The Consultation would be considered at the next meeting for the Council to take a view.

## **21/37 PLAY AREAS**

Members considered the following matters associated with the play areas and open space.

### 1) Grass cutting and Wild Flower Meadow

It was suggested that the Council considers a weekly cut for the grassed areas, and that the wild flower meadow is cut in August and again in October. Clerk to obtain quote for next meeting

### 2) Hedge at Trow Close play area

The hedge at the side of the play area is causing concern for the neighbouring resident. Cllr Seymour had asked contractors working in the area for a quote and they had suggested £890 including the cost of a skip for the waste. Cllr Stimson would ask Simpkins for a quote for the work.

### 3) Village Tidy Week

It was agreed that this would take place 2-9<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Stimson to design logo for the banners - 3 to be ordered.

### 4) Grassed area at Hall Way

Residents from Hall Way were present at the meeting and indicated that they would like to 'enhance' the area- tidying after the grass cutting and some additional planting if the Council would allow. The Clerk would speak to the contractor so that he is aware.

### 5) Replacement dog waste bins.

The clerk had provided details of bins available from Glasdon. Councillor felt that larger ones were preferable for the those at Shocott Spring and the park. Clerk to speak to Bedford Borough to see if there were any restrictions on size of replacements before ordering.

## **21/38 CORRESPONDENCE**

### Definitive Footpath Map

The Parish Council was advised that the 'Definitive map and Statement for the Former North Bedfordshire Borough as at 31st December 2020' had been prepared and the Order was sealed on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It was AGREED to purchase an A2 paper copy for the Parish at a cost of £17.55

### Dangerous Dog incident

The Parish Council (and the Borough Council) had received information regarding an incident at Shocott Spring which, potentially, could have resulted in injuries to a child or other dogs. The information had been passed to Marston Vale, but Councillors felt that there was no further action that the Council could take.

### **21/39 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION**

- 1) Bunkers Drive Parking provision. No further responses had been received and the cost for this is not appropriate for the Parish Council
- 2) High Road Drainage\_ no further response - Clerk to chase.
- 3) Shocott Spring footpath repairs- some action has been taken - dropped kerb installed
- 4) Old School site. Cllr Gallagher had advised that regular maintenance is now being undertaken - this appeared to be limited to strimming the site. Councillors asked the Clerk to look in to registering the Old School as an Asset of Community Value
- 5) Village enhancement - Tidy Week set for 2-9<sup>th</sup> October
  - Contact IDB regarding the brook in Wood Lane
  - Possibility of planters at The Crescent and the bus stop
  - Trees in Wood Lane may be suitable for TPO's
- 6) 20mph limit within the village - plans showed limit could be applied to all areas with the exception of the A600. The school flashing lights should continue to be used at that location.
- 7) Allotments - to be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman

Date