

MINUTES OF THE TROWELL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON TUESDAY 24TH APRIL 2018 AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr. D. Pringle, Chairman.
Cllrs. G. Lockwood, Mrs. M. Birkitt, P. Singer, Mrs. L. Harley, G. Cotton, M. Westmoreland, Miss. N. Brookes, Mrs. H. Cumberpatch, Mrs. L. Ball (BBC)(part meeting), Mrs. J. Murden (BBC) and approx. 14 parishioners.

Clerk: Mrs. A.K. Mitchell.

Cllr. Pringle opened the meeting & thanked everyone for attending. He then advised those present of the necessary "housekeeping" issues, fire exits etc.

It was noted that Cllr. Mrs. Ball (BBC) would join the meeting later as she also had to attend the Awwsworth Parish Council APM on the same evening.

An attending parishioner was then wished a Happy Birthday by those assembled.

Those present then moved to the Parish Hall grounds for the planting of a tree dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Potts.

Apologies had been received & were accepted from Cllrs. Mr. & Mrs. McGann. All in favour.

Copies of the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th April 2017, had been distributed prior to the start of the meeting, & were moved for acceptance by Cllr. Mrs. Harley, seconded by Cllr. Singer. All in favour.

A presentation was then made to Mr. D. Corns in recognition of his contribution to village life within the Parish of Trowell.

Cllr. Pringle then presented the following report.

As many of you may know, 18 days ago Steve our caretaker passed away, he was part of village life for over 7 years and is sorely missed by us all.

It was a great honour this evening for all of the council to acknowledge 2 of the many people living in this village who quietly do so much for the village. I would also like to acknowledge our volunteer litter pickers Glennis and Jeff Hazeldine who do a great job picking up the mess left behind by the few.

Just before Christmas, Sue Williams retired from the Parish Council, she and her husband moved to Wales, I would like to thank her for the work and assistance she gave over many years to the Parish, we have heard from her, and they seem to be thoroughly enjoying their new home.

During the year we have been joined by 3 new councillors, Geoff Cotton, and Martin Westmoreland who filled 2 long standing vacancies and Niamh Brooks who has replaced Sue Williams.

As well as holding full council meetings we also have 4 committees that meet on a regular basis. Their purpose is to look after 4 areas of the Council's responsibilities. Finance Planning Parish Hall & Grounds and the Newsletter. Decisions made at these committee meetings are ratified at full council meetings before being implemented.

As you may know it was our intention to start the reordering project for the Parish Hall this year, however, because of funding grants not being available until later in the year, this has now been delayed until 2019. As part of this process we recruited a new member of staff, Jane Murden who is now responsible for hall bookings and the care and maintenance of this building. It had been obvious for a while that the increase in legislation regarding the administration and management of the hall had become too much for 1 person. We also wanted to have the office open for 5 days a week, which is now happening.

Last year I mentioned the first public meeting held by HS2 limited here in the hall, since then we have had another one, and a third is due to be held soon. The Council is also having a briefing from them at next month's council meeting. As a result of our response to the consultation paper, we were successful in changing all of the areas affected in the village to rural, rather than mainly urban as initially proposed by HS2 limited.

The open cast proposal only has a year left to begin excavation, hopefully for us all the current commitment for greener energy supplies will mean that it does not happen. Field Farm is moving slowly, but now that the adjoining roads have been modified the building process may become more evident. As mentioned last year Erewash Borough Council do intend to go ahead with the development of the Stanton site, as a Council we are watching this proposal carefully as it is likely to increase the amount of traffic on our already very busy main roads. As a council we welcome the information and assistance given to us by our Parishioners, thanks to friendly ear bending by a resident I got involved with the problem affecting village roads and land at The Forge. The perpetrator has been given notice to restore the footpath and 2 stiles he is also being investigated by

Nottinghamshire County Council for the potentially illegal movement and dumping of building waste. If anyone in the village sees anything that they consider strange or unwelcome please do not hesitate to contact me. All contact details needed are either on the Parish Council website or the Council notice boards.

Our village is surrounded by many excellent footpaths, which are well used by not just us but many others that do not live in the village. Generally the users are very good about keeping them clean and tidy. But as in all communities there are some who have no interest in keeping their amenities clean and tidy. Together we can manage this better, if anyone sees any of the following happening please take down details and let the Parish Council or myself know.

- Litter being dropped from vehicles using our roads. (Registration number is only needed)
- Illegal motor Cyclists (Colour of Bike or other identifying marks)
- Horses being ridden on Footpaths (Photos)
- Dog fouling (Photos)
- Fly Tipping (Photos)

With the evidence we can pass this on to relevant officials in either Broxtowe Borough or Nottinghamshire County Council.

At our monthly Council Meetings we always begin with a 20 minute open forum, this is an opportunity for our residents to ask questions or make suggestions. We are fortunate that we have 2 Borough Councillors and 2 County Councillors that also attend these meetings on a regular basis. You can if you wish then stay for the complete meeting as an observer.

This concluded the Chairman's Report.

Cllr. Pringle then opened the meeting up to the floor to allow parishioners to ask any questions.

Footpath Flooding – Wortley Avenue/Northern Drive – This will be reported to NCC again. **Clerk to action.**

Footpath flooding Trowell Park Development – This will be reported to BBC again. **Clerk to action.**

Parking on verges Ilkeston Road, Trowell – No further action by NCC. The County Councillors will be contacted for an update. **Clerk to action.**

It was noted that JD has walked this stretch of highway recently in respect of a number of issues.

Trees on Ilkeston Road, Trowell – The size of these trees are now causing a number of issues in the area blocking street lights etc. It was agreed to raise this matter with the County Councillors. **Clerk to action.**

Ilkeston Road Tram Sign – It was reported that since this sign has been installed there have been no Police speed monitoring vehicles visiting that location. It was agreed to raise this matter with the County Councillors. **Clerk to action.**

Speeding – It was noted that speeding is regularly occurring on Ilkeston Road in the early morning & that the speed monitoring sign on Stapleford Road has yet to be replaced. It was agreed to raise these matters with the County Councillors. **Clerk to action.**

Parishioners were encouraged to attend the monthly Open Forums where they can report matters such as these directly to the County Councillors themselves.

Pothole on Haynes Avenue - It was agreed to raise this matter with the County Councillors. **Clerk to action.**

It was noted that Members & staff are reporting potholes etc as they come to light.

Blocked gullies on Stapleford Road - It was agreed to raise this matter with the Borough & County Councillors. **Clerk to action.**

A new dog bin for Ilkeston Road was requested. It was agreed that this matter should be raised with the Borough Councillors accordingly. **Clerk to action.**

As there were no further questions forthcoming, Cllr. Pringle closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their time & attendance. Parishioners were then invited to partake of the light refreshments which were being served in the lounge.

The meeting closed at approximately 8.30pm.

Signed:..... (Chairman)

Date:.....