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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COLNE ENGAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2018

IN THE CHAIR: **CLLR. P TAYLOR**

PRESENT: **CLLRS: T EVERITT, L ORROW, T JOHNS, N WARWICK**

CLERK: **T ROOTSEY**

1. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies received from Cllrs Barnard - sick Cllr Messenger – on holiday

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None received.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Terry Hawthorn Church Warden attended with a view to answer any questions with regard to item 7.

4. **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS, IF PRESENT, TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS**

Apologies received from Cllrs Beavis & Siddall

Cllr Spray advised that the Local Plan would be examined by the Government Inspector starting next week at the Colchester Football Stadium for 2 weeks for 3 days each week and apart from the procedural 1st day she would attend with BDC's head of housing. It is open to the public. After that a short period of consultation will take place before being sent to the Secretary of State. She went on to comment on the planning application for Westwoods to which the Parish Council wished to have a condition attached that it should remain as part of the main house. This was not thought possible in view of the size of the conversion and it was therefore going to committee with a recommendation to grant.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2017.

RESOLVED: Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr Orrow SECONDED: Cllr Everitt Unanimous

6. DISCUSS DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS.

RESOLVED: The meeting should be held on Thursday 26th April and agenda should include presentation of unsung hero award.

PROPOSED: Cllr Johns SECONDED: Cllr Orrow Unanimous

7. PLANNING APPLICATION 17/02279/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to burial ground as an extension to the graveyard and landscaping of southern boundary at Church of St. Andrew, Church Street.

RESOLVED: No objections were raised and Clerk should advise planning department accordingly

PROPOSED: Cllr Everitt SECONDED: Cllr Warwick Unanimous

8. PLANNING APPLICATION 17/02317/FUL Erection of single storey extension at 1 Westwood Cottages, Halstead Road CO6 2JH.

RESOLVED: No objections were raised and Clerk should advise planning department accordingly

PROPOSED: Cllr Everitt SECONDED: Cllr Johns Unanimous

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a) Financial statements for December 2017
b) Items per December 2017 payment schedule to be approved for payment. List and cheques to be signed.
c) Budget information as at 31st December as prepared by Clerk.
d) List of payments for November 2017 as amended to include omitted item that was approved at November (item 11d) to be signed.
e) Consider budget for 2018/19 as prepared by Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, amend as necessary and confirm that Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer may sign Precept request form.

RESOLVED:
Items a) b) c) d) Correct, acceptable and cheques and lists can be signed.
Item e) Budget was acceptable and no amendments were necessary. Precept request form could be signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr Everitt SECONDED: Cllr Johns Unanimous

Signed……

10. REVIEW PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AT RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK.

Cllr Warwick had done some investigation and advised the Members that each parking space needed approximately 25 square meters and the cost would amount to £1,500 - £2,500 per space and with possibly 35 spaces the total cost would be £50,000 to £85,000. He agreed to investigate possible cheaper options including the possibility of just marking out spaces to encourage tidier parking.

RESOLVED: to defer any decisions until further investigation carried out

PROPOSED: Cllr Everitt SECONDED: Cllr Orrow. Unanimous

11. PERSONNEL MATTERS

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE WORKER Mr. C RACZI. Continues to do a good job conscientiously

CLERK: MR T. ROOTSEY: No comments

12. HIGHWAYS Consider any matters that need attention.

No matters raised.

13. TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING, CLERKS REPORT & COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

Cllr Everitt reported that where footpath 20 joins Mill Lane the footbridge is badly rotted and could be dangerous.

Cllr Warwick reported that on footpath 5 at the junction with Brook Hill on the North side the footbridge was rotted and could be dangerous.

Cllr Orrow. Reported that the village shop would officially change hands and re-open on Saturday13th January.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Recreation ground car park. – Unsung Heroes update.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8th February 2018.

Cllr Taylor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed……
Chairman of the Parish Council Date: 8th February 2018