

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF UTKINTON AND COTEBROOK PARISH COUNCIL held at COTEBROOK VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 14th April 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. R.Barnes, T.Boyle, G.Hope-Terry, A.Needham, K.Platt, G.Stewart, M.Stewart, F.Tunney

In attendance: A. Stubbs – Clerk
Courtney Kimberley – United Utilities

The meeting commenced with an allocated session during which members of the public have the opportunity to raise any matter in relation to village and community matters prior to the meeting.

Courtney Kimberley attended from United Utilities to discuss issues with water supply and leaks around the area. She explained that many of the interruptions to supply experienced in Utkinton are due to some re-working of pipework around the area and also due to the stopping of the pumps at the reservoir. United Utilities are working on methods of reducing these incidents. She also stated that the water on the A49 at Cotebrook is usually due to land drainage issues rather than water leaks and that Cheshire West and Chester Council are aware of these. She encouraged problems or leaks to be reported using 0800 33 00 33.

The Chairman thanked Courtney for her attendance.

15.04.01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Resolved: that the Apologies received from Cllr. I. Priestner be accepted.

There were no declarations of interest.

15.04.02 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on 10th March 2015 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

15.04.03 Matters arising from the minutes

None

15.04.04 Planning

No applications received.

15.04.05 Highways

Noted: a) Community Speed Management
that Dave Reeves from Highways has responded to the speed surveys that have been done in Cotebrook, but states that the speeds recorded are not high enough to justify CWAC providing a speed indicator sign. Cllr. Hope-Terry Proposed that the Parish Council should pay for the provision of the sign.

Resolved: that Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council should pay for the purchase and installation of the speed indicator sign but would hope that Highways would take on its future maintenance.

Noted: that Cllr. Hope-Terry also proposed that the situation with regards to parking at Utkinton School is also re-visited. It was pointed out that the Head Teacher is also the Head at Huxley School where there are flashing signs and believes that these make very little difference to the speed of passing traffic.

Resolved: that the traffic situation at Utkinton School is investigated.

Noted b) Utkinton/Cotebrook Village Signs
that we are still awaiting a new sign in Cotebrook.

Noted: c) Concerns regarding state of roads/Highways drive about
that 2 large potholes in Tirley Lane have now been fixed.
that Highways closed the Fishpool Road (Stable Lane in Cotebrook) without any notice going out to the Parish Council due to technical problems. This to be raised at the Parish Council driveabout with Highways.
that the Parish Council driveabout will now take place following the election in May. Parish Councillors were requested to note any areas that need raising with Highways. Tirley Lane/top of Heath's Lane and the road from Utkinton to Tarporley were all noted as in need of attention.

15.04.06 To receive/respond to matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council

Noted: a) To receive a report from the CWAC ward councillor
that Cllr. Moore-Dutton was not present at the meeting.
that several councillors had attended the 'Meet the Developer' event. They reported back on the housing crisis and various possible solutions including community land trusts.

Noted: b) Section 106 monies/play area
that the school is on holiday at present so no action will be taken until after the election. The School is currently also bidding for funding for a new hall.

Noted: c) Tarporley Parking
that Cllr. Tunney had met with members of Tarporley Parish Council to discuss the parking problem. Studies have been done but there is no immediate solution.
Resolved: **that** the Parish Council would like to offer any assistance required to Tarporley Parish Council and a further meeting will be set up post-election.

Noted: d) Consultation on local service centres
that a proposed reply had been drafted by Cllrs. Tunney and Hope-Terry.
Resolved: **that** all references specific to Utkinton/Cotebrook be removed and then the document submitted. The Parish Council offered thanks to Cllrs. Tunney, Hope-Terry and also Ann Pownall for their hard work on this.

15.04.07 To receive progress reports from the following Working Groups

a) Parish Plan
 Nothing to report.

Noted: b) Newsletter
that the next issue has been postponed until after the election.

Noted: c) Village Improvement Objectives
that work on these is continuing

Noted: d) Footpath to Tarporley
that Cllr. Hope-Terry has enlisted the help of Ewan McHenry of CWAC. Cllr. Barnes to help provide information regarding landowners along the stretch of road.

Cllr. Barnes

15.04.08 The Quarry and the Cotebrook Greens inspections

Noted: **that** an inspection report for The Quarry was received. No action required.

15.04.09 Financial matters

Resolved: **that** the following net payments be approved:

Alex Stubbs	4 th quarter expenses	£83.20
Paul Whalley	Mowing Cotebrook Greens	£40.00

that the fourth quarter financial statement be received and accepted.

15.04.10 Correspondence
Resolved: that the correspondence received as detailed below be noted and the action list be agreed.

Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society		Notice of AGM and request for subscription - £8	Noted – to be decided in AGM
Resident of Sky House, Tirley Lane	23/03/15	Response to letter regarding verges	Noted

15.04.11 To receive an update on the website and to agree any items for publicity

Noted: that the new website is taking shape as more information is added.

15.04.12 Next meeting

Noted: that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 7.00pm in Utkinton Village Hall. This meeting to consist of the Parish Council AGM, Ordinary May meeting and Annual Parish meeting.

15.04.13 Any Points of interest

Noted: that the outgoing Chairman, Cllr. G. Stewart, was presented with an engraved tankard by Cllr. Hope-Terry on behalf of the whole Parish Council in recognition of all his hard work during his period of Chairmanship.

There being no further points of interest the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman

Date