

## Parish of Thurcaston & Cropston

Minutes of full **Council** meeting held at the **Cropston Evangelical Free Church on Station Road, Cropston on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Mark Charles – Chairman  
 Cllr John Armstrong  
 Cllr Richard Webb  
 Cllr Clive Taylor

Officer Present: Marianne Lane – Clerk to the Council. Also Present: Borough Councillor Brian Page & 7 members of the public

***Chairman Mark Charles opened meeting by welcoming members of the public to the meeting which he believes is the first Parish Council meeting held in Cropston since 1935.***

1. **Election of Vice-Chairman.** John Armstrong was unanimously elected to position of Vice-Chairman.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies received from Cllr Brooks, Cllr Jackson, David Snartt and Sgt Rod Smart. Apologies accepted.
3. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations**  
 To receive any Declarations of Interest and to receive any applications for a dispensation. None Received.
4. **To approve and sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016.** Unanimously approved as a true record.
5. **Clerks Report and updates** – New Licence received from LCC for Planters and Dog Waste Bin.

**Meeting adjourned at 7.35pm**

6. **Public Participation – The Council meeting will be adjourned at this point for a period not exceeding 15 minutes** to allow members of the public to ask questions on items listed on the agenda. **One member of the public advised that he could not find the Minutes of Parish Council meetings on the website although they are clearly listed there.**

**Meeting resumed at 7.37pm**

7. **Receive Police Report – No Police presence so Chairman read report later in meeting.**
8. **Parish Councillors Reports on meetings** they have attended as Parish Council representatives. Both Cllrs Charles and Armstrong reported that they had been to NDP meetings and also attended meeting with LRALC on Clerks Job Evaluation.
9. **Borough and County Councillor's reports if any.** Cllr Page how important the Charnwood Borough Council's Core strategy is and how they have not got 5 year house supply. He advised that it states no more houses in Cropston. The Broadnook proposal plus 2 others will have schools, shops etc.
10. **To receive Social Media Guidance for Councillors from Charnwood Borough Council Member Conduct Committee.** Received.
11. **Consider unsightly metal seat on corner of Station Road & Leicester Road, Cropston.** Council asked Clerk to investigate cost of new seat and also cost of refurbishing old seat which has been there for over 40 years.
12. **Financial**
  - a) To approve payments for February 2016 and March 2016 which will be tabled on night. **Approved.**
  - b) To approve Bank Reconciliation. **Approved**
  - c) To receive Parish Film reconciliation. **Approved**
  - d) To consider renewing subscription to Playing Fields Association at cost of £30.00 **Council resolved not to renew subscription.**

- e) To consider renewing subscription to RCC at cost of £50.00 **Council resolved to renew subscription.**
- f) To consider renewing subscription to Friends of Charnwood Forest at cost of £25.00 **Council resolved to renew subscription.**
- g) To approve Clerks overtime in relation to work carried out on the NDP – to be tabled on night. **Approved**
- h) To consider renewing membership to SLCC for Clerk. **Agenda item to be moved to item 15.**

**13. Planning Applications:**

**P/16/0302/2** Proposal: Erection of 160 dwellings (Reserved matters – Outline Planning P/14/0428/2 refers. Location: Land off Cropston Road, Anstey, Leics. LE7 7GG. **NO COMMENT**

**14. Cemetery** – Consider and approve increase in grave digging cost from £280 to £290 from Allan Barnacle on Adult coffin interments only from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. **NOTED.**

**15. Staffing Matters** – Salaries for Staff after Clerks Job Evaluation by LRALC. Chairman will close meeting at this point to go into closed session. Chairman proposed to move agenda item into closed session which was duly seconded. **Parish Council resolved for the Parish Council to become a Living Wage Foundation Council and to accept LRALC Job Evaluation Report using NALC/SLCC salary pay scales. Council approved renewing Clerks membership to SLCC.**

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm

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