

# TISSINGTON AND LEA HALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Tissington Village Hall

**Present:** Chairman: Chris Carr, George Maxwell, Stuart Naylor, John Etches, Vice Chairman: Sir Richard Fitzherbert

**Apologies:** None

**Clerk:** Joanne Poitevin.

**2122 Declaration of member's interest:** Sir Richard declares his position as a DDC councillor. Chris Carr as a Peak Park Member

**2123 Minutes of the meeting on:** 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were circulated and signed as correct. The minutes are to be sent to the parish magazine.

### 2124 Matters Arising:

**Footpath Church/Village Hall:** The councillors were asked if it was possible for the Parish Council to fund the resurfacing of the footpath alongside the Village Hall to the Church yard.

After careful consideration, the majority of the councillors considered the path 'fit for purpose', and that it would not be possible to justify the expenditure at this point in time.

### 2125 Finance:

1. The table below defines finances for August and September 2015 presented to the councillors:

Date	Chq No	Item description	In	Out	Balance
1 <sup>st</sup> August 2015		Opening Balance			<b>£6135.18</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> August	392	Cyril Challinor Play ground Maint		£297.00	£5838.18
17 <sup>th</sup> August	393	J Poitevin Clerks wages		£233.63	£5604.55
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### 2. Cheques Presented for Signature:

a. Clerks Invoice Aug/Sep Inc Exp & website build, Chq No: 394: £298.02

b. Election invoice: chq no: 395: £155.06

All Cheques Approved and signed

### 3. Accounts Business:

a. John Etches name needs to be added to the cheque book signature portfolio of the Parish Council.

**2126 Planning:** No new applications have been received in the last two months.

### 2126 Tissington Parish Business:

**Manhole Drain:** The manhole/drain in the centre of the road by Yew Tree Well has become eroded around the edges. This repair will be done by STW. The Manhole at the top of the hill at Green Farm is also loose. Works number 10966287. The clerk reported that they is a planned road closure on 18<sup>th</sup> November to repair the manholes. The clerk will confirm that both manholes are to be repaired. A notice has been placed in the notice board to warn of the road closure.

**Church Footpath:** Tissington Church is planning to renew the Footpath through the church yard from the gate entrance at Hall Well to the gate entrance at the Village Hall. However, the quote also has an additional part of the path quoted from the Hall Well gate to Hall Well. This quote is £3,600.80, and is based on the work being completed together with the path within the church boundary by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015. This work would not be covered by the County Council; if they considered the path unfit for use they would conduct the repairs themselves. After much discussion the councillors agreed to contribute toward the renewal of the path from Hall Well to the Church Gate. The agreed sum was £1000; this amount was to be matched by Tissington Estate. Discussions followed concerning the details of the work, especially the edging finish is expected to look original. However, as this is a quote instigated by the Church committee, the onus is on them to check the details and provide clarification of the path finish.

**Cattle Grid:** The cattle grid by Keepers Cottage has been reported as dangerous. The clerk will report this to the council. The clerk has had no reply to this complaint, and will chase this again. The Cattle Grid had been repaired; however the councillors consider the repair substandard. The clerk will report this to the County Council. Chase again.

**2127 TMP (Tissington Traffic Management Plan) Update:** No further update.

**2128 AOB**

- a. **Annual Parish Day:** Cllr Carr attended this day, 3<sup>rd</sup> October and raised the point that Cannock Chase operate a system of a free car park, but fine people who park on the road side. This would need to be based in legal terms.
- b. **A515 Verge:** Cllr Carr asked the Clerk to request the verges on the A515 to be strimmed/mowed before the autumn.
- c. **Village Phone Box:** Cllr Carr asked the Clerk to report the BT phone box as it is in need of repair. Clerk to action.
- d. **Cycle Groups:** The councillors considered the impact of large cycling events, which do not directly benefit the community.
- e. **DALC:** The clerk received a request from DALC. The councillors agree that DALC are helpful in situations of legality. Both for the clerk, when checking council remit, and concerning the clerks/employer relations.
  - i. **What are we doing well:**
  - ii. **What can we do better:**
- f. **Defra Food & Farming Network:** Cllr C Carr attended this meeting as a representative of Peak Park.
- g. **Housing:** Cllr Fitzherbert stated that D Dales have a commitment to build 6000 homes in the future. Ideas being mentioned were new builds, and sharing the responsibility out to all villages, however in a county with a National Park, the areas to build are reduced. Cllr Maxwell stated that perhaps the problem would be managed by have less holiday homes and more housing for permanent residents.
- h. **Community Forum:** As a ward member of DDCC Sir Richard Fitzherbert has a £1000 budget to assist community projects. Any proposals please contact Cllr Sir Richard Fitzherbert.

**Village Website: Clerk statement**

Introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> April new laws state that Tissington & Lea Hall Parish Council are required to provide the parishioners with free access to certain information. This is in the interest of transparency and freedom of information. This access should be free on the internet. This is called the “Transparency Code for smaller authorities”, under which we fall.

Therefore, the route Tissington & Lea Hall Parish council has chosen is to have a sub-domain address, and build an in-house web site which is **cost free**, which the clerk will build and update accordingly.

Address: [tissingtonandleahallparishcouncil.weebly.com](http://tissingtonandleahallparishcouncil.weebly.com)

Face book Page: Tissington and Lea Hall Parish Council (search should get you to the right page)

Both sites are linked to each other, and when the website is updated, it will be posted on the Face book page.

On the website we will post: All items of expenditure above £100, end of year accounts, annual governance statement, internal audit report, list of councillors and responsibilities, minutes, agendas, meeting papers, formal meeting papers. The parish council does not hold any public land or building assets, and does not operate any petty cash.

Also: There is an “Events” page, dates for the next meet, and easy contact methods, with links to the clerks email address.

- The clerk was requested to add the web address to the Parish Council Headers on correspondence. The clerk reported that the website had over 400 page hits since launch.

**Date of next meetings:** TBC

Signed ..... Date .....Chris Carr **Chairman**