

**MINUTES OF THE MOUNTSORREL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD  
MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 IN THE MEMORIAL CENTRE, LEICESTER ROAD, MOUNTSORREL  
AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillor S. Haywood, Chairman  
Councillor P Osborne, County Councillor  
P.C. G. Spiby – Neighbourhood Policing Team  
Mr. G. Overton – Mountsorrel Charities  
Mrs C Clay – Headteacher - Christ Church and St Peter's CE Primary School  
Mr T Warren – Tarmac  
Mrs M Hunt – Mountsorrel Heritage Group  
Reverend Colin Resch

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs L Davies – Parish Clerk

1. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 24 APRIL 2018**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2. **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018/19**

The Parish Council Chairman

(a) reported that the Parish Council continued to maintain and make improvements to the Cemetery, the Playing Fields, The Green, The Peace Garden, The Hills and other areas of Mountsorrel.

**THE CEMETERY:** New rose beds have been planted and they look very nice. The Parish Council's Cemetery Gardener continues to provide an excellent service to the residents of the Parish. The first phase of the digitation of the cemetery map has commenced. The next step is to manually check the map against the Council's existing records.

**MEMORIAL CENTRE**

The Centre continues to grow and now provides its facilities to a number of community groups, for example, Age UK, Health Visitor clinics, art groups, sewing groups and the heritage group as well as providing for external users, group exercise classes, shows and events, conferences and private parties. The Parish Council employed a new Centre Manager in April 2019 to steer the Centre to meet the ambitions of the Council and local residents. Sadly the Parish Council lost two of its members of staff but have now successfully recruited to fill those vacant positions.

Two of the units are now rented out to Peppercorns and the Rustic Wedding Company. It is envisaged that the remaining third unit will not remain empty for long.

**THE LITTER BINS:**

Additional litter bins are due to be installed at the top of Speedwell Road and Walton Way. The Parish Council have recently employed a new general operative whose responsibility it is to litter pick the recreation areas and empty the bins around the Parish as well as undertaking play equipment inspections (once his training has been completed).

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTING:**

The Parish Council engaged the same contractor as in 2017/18. It has been agreed that we had an impressive display. We thank all the businesses and parishioners who co-operated with the Christmas lighting.

Thank you to all those who supported the Parish Council's Christmas Carol Concert in the Memorial Centre in December and the Parish Council is grateful to all the children from the Primary School who took part.

#### REVIVAL 2018

The Parish Council continued to support the Mountsorrel Community Team with the provision of its facilities, including the Memorial Centre. As part of its budget for 2019/20, the Parish Council have agreed to support the MCT with a grant donation of upto £5000.

#### PLANNING

The Parish Council were grateful to all those local residents, Parish, Borough and County Councillors who supported the objections raised to the proposed development off Betty Hensers Lane. The application was refused.

#### LIBRARY

The Parish Council assumed its responsibility for the Library in February 2019. The current Librarian is supported by a team of volunteers as well as the Parish Clerk. Additional activities are now taking place including the knit and natter group and craft activities for children. It is hoped that the Library will take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

#### LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

The consultation with both residents and pupils of the Parish Primary School has now concluded. An analysis of the responses will now be undertaken and presented to the next meeting of the Council's Recreation and Amenities Committee.

#### DOG WARDEN

The Council has recently employed a Dog Warden whose responsibility it is to ensure that dog owners observe the requirements of the Dog Fouling Act. A diary is currently being kept of all incidents of dog fouling which will be reported to Charnwood Borough Council. It is hoped that the Dog Warden will then be empowered to hand out appropriate penalties for infringement of the regulations.

The Report of the Parish Council that I have presented only highlights a small part of the work of the Parish Council. It is a very busy and active Parish Council and continues to serve the community in many ways. It continues to have many matters under consideration across the Council and its various Committees. Thanks go to the employees of the Parish Council and to the Contractors for all of their hard work.

#### STATEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO 31 MARCH 2018

(b) submitted the consolidated balance sheet, as well as the income and expenditure, for the period ending 31 March 2018. The accounts were duly noted.

#### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE OF PARISH COUNCILLORS APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019

(c) submitted the record of Councillor attendance for 2018/19 and this was noted. The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their work and committed time over the last twelve months, not just at Parish Council meetings, but on a day to day basis. He also wished to place on record his thanks for service and commitment to other bodies, which some were involved with, during the last twelve months including attending meetings of various charities.

### 3. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Due to the Annual Borough Council meeting being held on the same date, the Chairman submitted the following report from the Borough Councillors:

### **Borough Council Elections**

The Borough Council elections were held on Thursday 4th May. The two Mountsorrel councillors and the two Mountsorrel Castle councillors were re-elected. In the main, majorities were lower than in 2015 but this is probably due to the political situation nationally.

The structure at the Borough Council is altered slightly. The Conservatives lost four seats to Labour and one to the Green Party. The Labour seats were in Loughborough and Green Party seat is in East Goscote.

The new make up of the Council is:

Conservative 36 seats  
Labour Party 13 seats  
Independent 2 seats  
Green Party 1 seat

### **Structure of Local Government**

There was a report recently from Leicestershire County Council that advocated abolition of the District or Borough level of local government and having all services provided centrally from County level. Leaders of all the District or Borough Councils have been meeting to discuss possible restructuring of Local Government but they oppose all centralisation of services at County level. Whatever the eventual outcome, any changes that take place aren't going to happen quickly as this scale of reorganisation would require an Act of Parliament. At present, central government has other matters with which to contend.

The role for Parish Councils under any new arrangement is uncertain and hasn't yet been discussed.

### **Borough Finances**

The Borough's finances are still in good order and we produced a balanced budget for 2019/2020. Once again the Audit Commission has commended our accounting and has approved our accounts without reservation.

We have continued to absorb the Government's austerity measures and haven't had to make any cuts in our front line services. We have also absorbed the effects of inflation over quite a number of years.

We hold a certain level of reserves and we have been able to retain these at a responsible and prudent level. These reserves are invested to supplement our income from taxation. In the past this income has been substantial. Over recent years interest rates have been very low so our income from this source has diminished. We are considering investing some of our reserves in Property Funds - mainly commercial property. Great care is being taken to verify the stability and reliability of these funds to safeguard our capital.

### **Council Tax**

The Borough Council has been able once again to keep the increase in Council Tax to a reasonable level. The increase for Band "D" properties is £5.00 per year or 9 pence per week. Tax rises are never popular but please remember that Charnwood has the 23rd lowest tax rate out of the 201 District Councils.

Please also remember that only about 10% of your total bill is raised by Charnwood Borough. The other 90% goes to fund the County Council, Fire Authority, Police Authority and the Parish Council.

Unfortunately, as the Borough Council is responsible for sending out the bills and for collecting the money so we get the blame for all the increases. Please read your bills carefully and see the how much goes to each agency.

### **Member Grants**

All Borough Councillors now receive an allocation of £1,000.00 each that they can direct to worthy causes within their Wards.

Last year the funds were allocated as follows:

In Mountsorrel Ward:

Mountsorrel Heritage Society.

Mountsorrel Junior Football Club.

In Mountsorrel Castle Ward:

Royal British Legion Mountsorrel Branch.

Quorn History Group.

This year Borough Councillors will have a further £1000.00 each to allocate. Please contact them if you would like to suggest worthy organisations where the money can be used.

### **Environment, Rubbish Collection & Recycling**

The Borough Council is very satisfied with the Environment Services Contract with Serco for the collection of rubbish and recycling. Surveys of public opinion also indicate a good level of satisfaction. We have decided therefore to extend our contract for a further two years, the maximum allowed under the current contract. After that, we will have to undertake a full scale tendering exercise for the service.

The Borough continues to take recycling very seriously and we ask residents to be careful not to put non recyclable items in the green bin. This can contaminate the whole load and result in it having to be sent to landfill rather than being recycled. An allowance is earned for each load of recycling but a land fill tax is payable for every load of general waste. We are very serious about meeting our recycling targets and we ask for your co-operation.

### **Housing**

There is still a lot of pressure on us to provide permission for further housing throughout the Borough. We have achieved a little more control over the situation by having our Core Strategy adopted and achieving a five year supply of land for housing. These two facts give us more power to refuse non desirable applications.

The pressure for further development will continue as the government targets for the provision of new homes will continue. Fortunately, the latest requirements concentrate on the north west of the Borough and the adjacent North West Leicestershire.

We have a shortage of affordable homes and this is sometimes aggravated by Right to Buy transactions. At present, every time a council house is sold our housing stock is diminished and most of the proceeds are remitted to central Government. The Council is exploring the merit of setting up a Housing Development Company that will build and own any new council houses that are built. This is perfectly legal and will protect new council houses from Right To Buy applications, thereby preserving our stock.

### **Empty Homes**

As a further attempt to solve the housing shortage, the Council is adopting powers granted in a recent Housing Act to apply a surcharge to empty homes throughout the Borough.

When the house has been empty for 2 years a 100% surcharge will be applied to the Council Tax. If the home remains empty for over 5 years the surcharge becomes 200% and if empty for over 10 years it becomes 300%.

There are certain exemptions to this policy and there are also certain partnership grants and advice available to bring homes back into occupation. Help is also available to find tenants for empty homes.

It is thought that around 2000 homes stand empty throughout Charnwood..

### **Summary.**

That is a summary of some of the things that have been happening at the Borough Council over the past year. They don't all affect Mountsorrel directly but they do affect the whole of the Borough. I hope you agree that we are spending your Council Tax money wisely.

## **4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Chairman submitted the following report from County Councillor H. Fryer who was unable to attend the meeting:

*"I am very sorry I cannot be with you this evening due to another engagement. I have been the County Councillor for a small area of the village – from Granite Way until just past the bridge – since 2017. There have been some problems, especially the closure of Bond Lane, which I know has been closed for some time. Hopefully the end of the work is coming into sight and the bridge will have been repaired to such a standard as to last or many years to come. As in most areas there are concerns about the state of roads with particular regard to potholes and signage. There have also been problems in the past with flooding near Granite Way and Waitrose. The County Councillors are aware of this and have been working on. The County Council now has camera cars which go unannounced to monitor the traffic around schools, in particular near the primary schools. It is beholden on all of us to be considerate when parking cars, even for a short time, are we causing obstructions and inconvenience to others? If so think again and park elsewhere. I work very closely with the Borough Councillors for Mountsorrel and also Mountsorrel Castle. If I can be of any assistance with regard to County matters in my area please do not hesitate to contact me"*

Councillor P Osborne advised that both Councillor Fryer and himself were aware of the pressure on schools and the difficulties in respect of capacity at both primary and secondary school levels especially in view of the numbers of houses being built. He advised that he had recently had a meeting with officers regarding these difficulties but also had raised this issue as long ago as 6 years. It was, however, not a priority to build a new school due to the cost. Central Government is asking for additional savings so budgets are once again being squeezed. He referred to the outcome of the recent Borough and Parish elections and he thanked all those former councillors who had not been elected and had not sought re-election and advised that the job of a Councillor was not an easy one.

Questions were asked in relation to the continuing problem of pot holes particularly the one situated on Halstead Road.

## **5. PRESENTATION – MOUNTSORREL HERITAGE CHARITY**

Mrs Maggie Hunt, on behalf of the Mountsorrel Heritage Charity, gave a brief presentation on the history and work of the Charity highlighting the work done to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WW1 and the publication of the book, copies of which had sold out. She reported that the Charity would occupy the first floor of Church House (Library building) as a permanent home for its exhibitions and museum. The first exhibition was due to be held on 28 May 2019 on the workhouse to which all residents were invited to visit. Volunteers were always welcome and if anyone was

interested in joining the group should get in touch. She referred to the passing of Noel Wakeling and his invaluable contribution to the group.

6. HIGHWAYS

The Chairman advised that there was no representative from Highways but if anyone wanted to raise any issues, the Parish Council would ensure these were brought to the attention of the Highways department at Leicestershire County Council. The issue raised was Crown Lane footpath and this would be reported.

7. POLICING IN MOUNTSORREL

P C G Spiby reported on the current problems in relation to the levels of staffing and resources but the recruitment of additional staff was underway. He reported on the latest crime figures for the Parish which represented an overall reduction of 25% although this was partly attributable to the way in which crime was now recorded. He further advised that there was due to be undertaken an operation in areas where speeding vehicles were a particularly problem, for example, Walton Way and Halstead Road. Drug use was an ongoing problem. The new Police Commissioner was due to undertake a tour of the area on 19 June 2019 taking in various sites in the Parish. Posters advertising the event and a leaflet drop were currently being organized.

8. MOUNTSORREL QUARRIES

Mr T Warren outlined the current position with regard to the major projects being undertaken at the quarry in particular the project to replace the bridges on Bond Lane. He advised that consultation had taken place with the engineering contractors and Leicestershire County Council Highways to develop a scheme and this had involved some additional investigatory works that identified the works that needed to be carried out. The scheme is now awaiting final approval from Leicestershire County Council although some work is currently being carried out. It is anticipated that the work will be commenced by the end of July.

9. EDUCATION MATTERS

Mrs C Clay, Headteacher, of Christ Church and St Peters Primary School advised that there was being formulated a strategy to deal with the additional places required at the school. The school had continued to built on its previous years' successes in terms of KS1 and KS2. The school was a good school and she was proud of the commitments of her staff and the Governors. Hot topic was the closure of Sure Start with effect from March 2019. However, the school had been able to continue with some of the provisions. An additional 10 place Special Education Unit for children with special needs was to be added to the school. The school continued to be supported by the Mountsorrel Education Fund and this is vital particularly as the climate for funding schools was being cut. She reported that the School Fair was due to take place on 29 June 2019.

10. SORREL YOUTH CAFÉ

The Chairman submitted the following report on behalf of the Sorrel Youth Café:

The Sorrel Youth Café is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up as a place for young people to go to both address their needs and to address antisocial behaviour in the village. It is now in its tenth year and has been a significant factor in reducing antisocial behaviour, has provided direct benefit for many young people in the village as well as helping a number of them literally turn their lives around through the support, partnership working, facilitating training opportunities via the café or external awarding bodies. We are seeking wider engagement from the village community to develop a plan for future sustainability based around the needs of a very different village to that of a decade ago.

Over recent years, support from the Mountsorrel United Charities – Relief in Need Fund and from the Parish Council has been vital to continue the youth work through the café as a result of budget cuts, and hence lost financial support, from elsewhere.

Our focus remains open youth provision that is targeted to meet the needs of the most vulnerable and socially deprived young people in the area. The patterns of behaviour in young people seem to be changing from being out-and-about to being more insular and communicating via social media. We are concerned that this disenfranchised group, who feature in local statistics for youth antisocial and risking behaviour, (drug and alcohol use and unprotected sexual activity), is in danger of sinking into isolation, exacerbating a lack of confidence and support and the antisocial behaviours that prompted the founding of the Sorrel Youth Cafe.

Current activities include after school education support (with the help of the Mountsorrel Education fund and working with Christ Church and St Peter's Primary School). Children In Need is funding sessions for "Young Carers". Given the lighter nights, an outreach approach to working with young people where they meet mainly in the parks and the Memorial Centre car park is being planned. The specialist groups will continue to identify and work with vulnerable children, young people and adults using our network of refereeing agencies, including schools, care centres and elderly residential facilities

The daytime Community Café has been running for four year and is cross-generational with additional activities including a parents' and children's group (the former Sure Start), the local resident's group and a SEND focused craft group. The Cafe hosts the Charnwood Food Poverty Group's "Community Fridge" within the village.

The sale of the site has not affected operation, although the lease is due to expire in the next year, further prompting an evaluation of the future for the café over and above that due to the changing challenges of youth work and the opening of the Mountsorrel Memorial Centre, along with developments with the Library and Learning Centre. The target groups remain the same but the methodology of engagement will need to evolve.

It is recognised that neither the Parish Council or the United Charities can continue to fund the café. The café is investigating the benefits of becoming a Community Interest Company. The café is looking to a Shires Community Grant to help engage with and empower residents to help evolve the café.

The key to moving the café forward will be community engagement to help decide how to meet local needs of the core groups but, moreover, how to build the café into a Community Hub that works with ALL sectors of our village community.

If you feel you could help or indeed want to be part of developing this vision for the future then please talk with us. You can contact us directly in the Cafe, through our Facebook page or by email to [johncdoyle@talktalk.net](mailto:johncdoyle@talktalk.net)

## 11. CHARITY REPORTS

George Overton, chair of Mountsorrel United Charities and the Mountsorrel Relief in Need Charity gave the following report.

The United Charities is an umbrella charity. Its only function is to generate money, which we raise from holding investments. We distribute distribute income annually from these investments equally to three charities in the village - the Relief in Need Charity, the Church of England Fund, and the Education Fund.

The three charities are independent from each other and are separately registered with the Charity Commission. Each also has a different Chairperson.

The background to the United Charities is that it owned land which it mostly sold some time ago. The money earned has been invested and will generate income for the three charities for tens or hundreds of years, we hope.

Generating income in this way means we don't have to fundraise from residents in the village - hopefully you'll be glad we don't have to trouble you for donations for it!

It also marks Mountsorrel out from other villages locally and nationally - because to have a reliable source of money for people in need, and for the Anglican churches, and for education, is unusual. Quorn and Barrow on Soar don't have a United Charities like we do for example.

I'm going to now give you very brief updates about each of the 3 charities under the United Charities umbrella.

The Relief in Need Charity acts as a "safety net" - providing items and services to Mountsorrel residents when they're most in need.

You'll be glad to hear we gave more in grants to local people last year than the year before - in fact I think we spent more money on grants than we've ever spent.

We have £167,000 in grants to local residents - up over a third from the previous year when we gave £122,000. We received 128 applications and made 104 grants - so 4 out of 5 applications were successful. Most grants were made for items like bedding and furniture, flooring, domestic appliances, mobility scooters, gardening and footcare.

We also part fund the Sorrel Youth Cafe, and we support the local Age UK who provide the Mountsorrel day centre and benefits advice service for older people. We work closely with the foodbank and money advice service run by Rothley Baptist Church.

During the year we also made our first grant to Loughborough charity The Bridge for their community fridge project, benefiting people without enough food in the village. The grant subsequently led to more funders coming on board to set up the Charnwood Food Poverty Group, to support work more widely around the area, which we're very pleased about.

All applicants to the Relief in Need Charity are visited by our trained and vetted member of staff. Applicants are means tested (so we can prioritise those most in need) but the information given is kept strictly confidential.

If anyone knows of local people who could benefit from the Relief in Need Charity, please get in touch via [moundsorrelunitedcharities.org.uk](http://moundsorrelunitedcharities.org.uk), or find us on social media, or see our ads in the Mountsorrel Post.

The United Charities and Relief in Need Charity have big plans for future. At the United Charities, we hope to increase the income coming in from investments, so that each of the three charities can spend more in the village.

At the Relief in Need Charity we want to make more, and better, grants - targeting those most in need especially. We also hope to publicise ourselves more in the coming year too.

That's the Relief in Need Charity, one of the three organisations under the United Charities umbrella.

The Church of England Fund and the Education Fund - so I'm going to read out brief updates from the Chairs of those respective organisations.

David Winsor, the new Chair of the Church of England Fund, gave me following update. The Church of England Fund provides financial support to both Anglican churches in the village, St Peter's and

Christ Church. The Fund helps with the running costs and maintenance of the churches, assistance for the priest-in-charge, and contributes towards other church-based activities.

In the last year two part time children and families workers were funded, as well as cleaning & admin staff. The redecoration of St Peter's was supported, as was the installation of new audio equipment, lighting and electrics. Also a regular contribution to the diocese is made towards the stipend of the priest.

In the coming year, funding will be provided for Christ Church's "Week of Mission" in July, a week of special activities, including a comedy show at the Waterside pub, and a film at the Memorial Centre.

Brian Allard gave me the following update on the Education Fund, which he chairs. The Education Fund assists local young people in pursuing their education. Grants are made to provide facilities not otherwise available from the local authority, and to provide equipment and other items and services for Mountsorrel Primary School.

Last year 131 grants were made, totalling £177,000 - up from £106,000 given last year. Grants included £38,000 for the primary school. As well as that, £124,000 was given for young people's higher education and training, £4,000 for A level studies, £1,000 for music tuition, and £10,000 in other educational grants, like for scout and guide camps.

Finally, I'm very proud to chair the United Charities and the Relief in Need Charity, and I'm proud of our hard working volunteer trustees (several of whom are here tonight). It's one of the most rewarding parts of my life - and hope I can make you all proud in future too.

## 12. ST PETERS CHURCH

Reverend Resch advised that he had been the Priest in Charge since November 2014. He submitted the following report:

*The parish structure of the Church of England continues to maintain a Christian presence in every community. Mountsorrel is unusual in this respect because we are fortunate to have two C of E Churches within Mountsorrel. Christ Church parish extends from the Green towards the South; St Peter's covering the North end of the village. But we work together in, what is called, a United Benefice to serve the people of Mountsorrel.*

*First and foremost, we exist as a focus for worship of the living God and the risen Lord Jesus. Our regular acts of worship are open to everyone and all are welcome to attend at any time. Anyone who just wants to come along and see what we get up to is also welcome – we don't mind observers either. And there's always good coffee on brew.*

*We are also the first port of call for many people wishing to celebrate the key life events of baptism, marriage and funerals. We are able to offer support, preparation and follow-up for all those going through these major times of transition. One couple recently told us that our marriage preparation course should be compulsory for all couples preparing for marriage.*

*We have a number of social gatherings and events for different groups of people.*

*< For Children and Families we have recently started a baby/toddler group which meets at Christ Church on Monday mornings during term time. We also have our well established monthly Fun@4 (Messy Church) meeting at Christ Church on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm. These events are headed up by our newly appointed children and families workers – Alison White & Linda Vesty.*

*< For youth, we have a brand new older Messy Church group that meets alongside the established group and is headed up by our Curate, Revd Darren Walker. We are still hopeful to be able to appoint a part-time youth worker to further our work with young people in Mountsorrel.*

- < For Seniors, our monthly Senior Sunday tea continues on the second Sunday of every month at St Peter's Church. This also includes a short service with traditional well-known hymns for all to enjoy.
- < For women, there is Just 4 Ladies and for Men, there is our Men's Fellowship group.
- < Our weekly Craft Group, Coffee Morning and regular Bible Study groups attract a good crowd and our Christian Enquiry Group, Alpha will begin again in the autumn.

Alongside all of this, we have regular pastoral visiting to the sick and housebound.

The Church buildings are both in very good condition thanks to the generosity and support of the Mountsorrel Church of England Fund which has covered the cost of recent repairs and redecoration. Both of the Churches are far more stunning on the inside than would appear from the outside. So we would love to encourage you to visit anytime the Churches are open. Coming soon is a week of prayer (30 May - 9 June) when both Churches will be kept open during the day for private prayer and contemplation.

The finances of both Churches are in good order thanks to the regular donations of our Church members. We receive no financial support from outside bodies for the daily running of the Church and rely on our members to support all that we do.

This year, Christ Church will be celebrating 175 years since the first service took place. To mark this occasion, we are putting on a special week of events/activities during the first week of the school holidays (14-21 July). The events will be open to all in Mountsorrel and there will be something for everyone and we hope you will be able to come along to one or more of our events.

The events planned so far include:

- < A comedy night with top comedians booked and tickets will include a fish & chip supper.
- < A theatre company will be coming to present a special performance of 'The Hiding Place' which tells the story of Corrie Ten Boom.
- < We have also arranged for one of our Bishops to come along and be questioned by members of the public on anything that puzzles them – no question is a question too far.
- < There will also be special activities for children, youth and seniors.
- < Alongside this, Church members will be out and about tidying up the litter in some of our more grotty looking parts – please let me know if you are aware of any spot that needs particular attention.

Please look out for the publicity which will be coming soon and don't forget to buy your tickets and get involved.

In short, the Anglican Churches here in Mountsorrel are in good health and would be more than happy to welcome you to anything we do.

### 13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised by those attending:

Memorial Centre – Bar – Question asked about the profit being made by the bar at the Memorial Centre. The Chairman advised that £27,000 had been made.

**Post meeting note - £27,000 is income the bar has taken and not profit. The final accounts for the Parish Council were due to be published by the end of June 2019.**

Centenary Pastures, Halstead Road – Concerns were raised regarding the keep of cattle on the land particularly as it could cause a problem for residents, particularly children who were due to start their school holidays, using the public footpath. The complaint reported the problems her son had experienced as a result of an encounter with the cattle.

The Chairman confirmed that this matter had already been raised with Charnwood Borough Council as land owners on several occasions but would raise the matter again.

Councillor B. Allard – Residents recorded a vote of thanks to former Councillor Allard for his 50 plus years of service to the Parish.

The Chairman confirmed that letters of thanks and appreciation were being sent, on behalf of the Parish Council, to all former Councillors including Councillor B. Allard.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm