

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2022.
HELD AT BARROW UPON TRENT VILLAGE HALL, TWYFORD ROAD, BARROW UPON
TRENT AT 7.00PM.**

Present

Cllr Heathcote Chairman
Cllr Toni Kent-Chapman
Cllr Nick Harpur
Cllr Blackmore
Julie Collett (co-opted onto the PC during the meeting)
Clerk

Members of the Public 2

Apologies: Cllr Dan Corbin, Cllr Neil Atkin,

A Moments Silence was held to remember Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who had recently passed away.

Public Participation

Dist. Cllr Peter Watson gave an update on his health and recovery after his serious accident earlier in the year. The Chairman congratulated him on his amazing recovery and welcomed him back to the meetings. Cllr Watson listed all the forthcoming meetings and told the meeting about the newly launched Free Tree Scheme.

Reports had been received from Cllr Neil Atkin & Cllr Dan Corbin in their absence.

Report from Derbyshire County Councillor Neil Atkin

DCC Council

Business from the last County Council meeting was deferred due to National Mourning and has been rescheduled for Wednesday 2nd November.

An extraordinary meeting will follow to officially appoint Aldermen & Women selected from past elected members.

Officers Leaving

It is with sadness I announce & report the departure of several well known figures from both authorities at this time.

SDDC

- CEO Frank McArdle. He will remain with us until March 2023
- Kevin Stackhouse, he is leaving after 20 years of service & will also remain with us until the new incumbent has settled in
- Interviews are in progress to seek a replacement for Alison Thomas who has left SDDC to become the CEO at NW Leicestershire

DCC

- Dean Wallace Head of Health, He has departed to join Derbyshire Community Hospitals (DCHS)
- Peter Handford, Head of Finance, also leaves us to join DCHS

Elvaston Castle Planning

- This has now been delayed until February 2023 at the latest, The Council & Cabinet have made decisions to review costs right across the DCC forward plan and business case for cost option portfolio's across all services due to high inflationary costs which we are now witnessing.
- Elvaston Castle 5 – 10year Masterplan will need to be reviewed and cost options which could effectively see restoration building costs rise above the already estimated costs of £35 million without the lottery fund application.

Loans

You should now be well aware that DCC Council & the Pensions Investment committee have in the past made two large loan payments of £30million each to Thurrock Council totalling £60 million. £20 million has been repaid to the Pension Investment portfolio with 10 million outstanding. The remaining £30 million will be settled later.

As stated by the Finance Officer in the press local authorities cannot go bust and any loans will be supported by HM Government once the investigation into Thurrock Council affairs on the £940 million in loans received.

Sinfin Lane Canal Bridge

DCC have checked with the land registry to seek owners responsibility to cut back the vegetation, they are now writing to the party responsible to ensure future regular clearance.

There is no further news on restoration of the damaged bridge and likewise at Stenson Developers have been spoken to in relation to HGV's using this route

Local Plan

You may be well aware that SDDC Planning have sent communication out to several Parish Council informing them of a local plan consultation and this has not gone out to everyone. However, as your local ward members we have asked that a full and proper consultation to go out to all Aston ward PC's with the hope of a "Live" event near you. Please watch this space for more information to follow.

Boundary review

At DCC elected members were given a presentation on the upcoming County Council Boundary review. The case was made for what we can & cannot look at which I found complex to say the least.

They are not looking at Parliamentary or Parish Boundaries, however, it is possible for a single member review to be requested on complex issues as in your case with the infinity park, it is worth noting that South Derbyshire last had a review in 2011 and may also require a boundary review.

There is or will be a link on the DCC website for everyone to take part in the consultation

From Dist. Cllr Dan Corbin

In terms of matters to report on I would have had three items for you:

1. The Local Plan - Cllr Atkin will be able to update you on this in my absence
2. The Lime trees - Alison as Clerk was copied into an email on this matter earlier today confirming that SDDC will come out to reassess the trees and works that may need doing. In the email Alison is copied into I have asked the officer to confirm when this inspection will take place

3. Local governance - there is no real update on this with relation to IGV and parish boundaries. I am still working on the matter and will update when I know more

If there are any other matters, please give me a call or drop me an email

149/2022 Declaration of Members Interests

None

150/2022 Co-Option of Councillor

Miss Julie Collett had forwarded an application to join the Parish Council, this was approved by all Parish Councillors and Miss Julie Collett was duly elected on to the Council.

151/2022 Confirmation of the Non-Exempt Minutes of the last Meeting held 6th September 2022

These were read and approved and signed.

152/2022 Items on Part 1 of the agenda to be taken with the public excluded.

None

Apologies Received

Cllr Michelle Gardiner

153/2022 The Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had met with Phill Lenton from SDDC regarding the pond dipping area and he advised not to remove the fallen Willow branch as it was not and would not cause a blockage to the water course. He suggested a small amount of work to be done to remove the silt from the bottom of the dipping pond and to have some silt removed from the bottom of the gully but nothing drastic. Turfworks Ground care had already removed the overgrowth from the area along with the dead Ash Tree and improvement could already been seen in the area.

There has been no date set yet for the next IGV meeting. Cllr Collett will attend if possible with the Chairman.

There is a flood Liaison meeting to be held on Teams and it is hoped that Mr Arran Nash will attend as he is now the Flood Warden for the Village.

154/2022 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the 3 planters in front of the cottages were due to be re planted in the next few weeks by Swarkestone Nursery and thanks go to them for their help and support for doing this. The Parish Council have now purchased these planters and are very grateful for the cottage residents who are doing a great job looking after them.

Following a meeting with a neighbouring landowner and the PC it was resolved to action immediate work at the Pond Dipping area taking advantage of it being dry for the first time in a great number of years. Debris, overgrowth, and unwanted items will be removed, and a Dead Ash Tree will be cut down. The removal of the large broken willow branch was discussed, and it was resolved to leave this in situ for the time being as it was not causing an obstruction.

The clerk had acted on all correspondence received and replaced the defibrillator pads that were out of date.

155/2022 Reports from representatives on Outside bodies

None

156/2022 Future Meetings

A) Tarmac Liaison Meeting, ST Wilfrid's Church 4pm 11/10/2022 Cllr Heathcote & Cllr Gardiner will attend

B) Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum which is being held at 5.30pm on Monday 17 October 2022 County Hall, Matlock Clerk may attend

C) Safer neighbourhoods Police Liaison at Aston On Trent Wednesday 9th November Cllr Blackmore & Cllr Collett will attend

D) Flood Liaison Meeting for November 17th, 2022, 10am via Microsoft Teams. Mr Arran Nash will attend.

157/2022 Planning Applications and Decisions

None

158/2022 Correspondence

Information Only

1	NAL/SLCC info
2	Safer Neighbourhoods meeting information
3	CCLA Public Deposit information

Requiring Action

1	Insurance renewal docs
2	Queens Jubilee Brochure quote
3	Parish Liaison meeting date
4	Flood Liaison meeting date
5	Cllr Dan Corbin's report
6	Free Trees SDDC
7	Pond Dipping Quote
8	Insurance company reply
9	Arleston Lane Fly tipping correspondence

- 1. The insurance renewal was discussed, and it was resolved to accept it**
- 2. The Quote from Melbourne printers was discussed, and it was resolved to accept it.**
- 3. The Clerk may attend this meeting**
- 4. Mr Arran Nash is now the flood warden for the Parish**
- 5. This had been circulated and noted**
- 6. This will be advertised in the Parish New**
- 7. This was accepted without the felling and removal of the willow tree**
- 8. Noted**
- 9. This had been circulated and will be reacted to as needed going forward.**

159/2022 Finance

Invoices for Payment

A) See attached sheet

* - Where there is more than one entry to a payee, all invoices will be paid on one cheque. It was agreed that all invoices were correct, and it was resolved to pay them.

B) Income Received

Income received September 2022

a) September Rent	£3925.00
b) Cemetery (wathalls)	£75.00
c) Octopus Energy electric/gas refund no 14	£224.20
	£4224.20

160/2022 Parish News

Next edition will be December to include all Christmas activities.

161/2022 Risk Assessment

Done by Cllr Kent-Chapman & Cllr Gardiner it was noted that the Cemetery Bench needed a scrub. The Insurance company were happy with the signage at the lagoon, so no further action required.

162/2022 Greenacres & Green Lane.

Nothing to report.

163/2022 Susie Dixon Park & Village Hall Carpark.

The neighbouring landlord had requested a meeting with the Councillors about drainage and the Pond dipping area, this had been held and the Clerk was getting quotes and some work had already taken place.

164/2022 Small Play Park & Allotments

Small Play Park fine, allotments full but 1 will be coming vacant later in the year.

165/2022 Cemetery

A request for a headstone had been received this was approved by all councillors.

166/2022 Parish Cottages

Everything ok at the cottages, new regulations coming into force regarding Carbon Monoxide Monitors and all cottages with Gas fires will be supplied with another monitor as per the new regulations.

167/2022 Infinity Garden Village & Parish Boundary.

No updates.

168/2022 Parish Matters

a) Arlestone & Merrybower

Noting to report

b) The quote for the Jubilee book had been received and this was accepted by all councillors the Clerk will start this in motion.

c) All councillors were in favour of ordering Remembrance Day wreath and union jack flag ready for Remembrance Day.

d) The Clerk suggested getting Canopy Tree Services to do a Tree assessment survey for health and safety, all councillors were in favour of this.

e) Christmas Lights were discussed, and it was resolved to have a light switch on evening with mince pies and mulled wine at the Brookfield. All Councillors were in favour of this, and this will happen on 3rd December and include the Winter Window-land.

All councillors were asked to inform the Clerk if they have anything they wish to add.

169/2022 Date and time of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7p.m. to be held at the Village Hall

The Chairman closed the formal part of the meeting and opened the floor for a period of not more than five minutes per person to enable members of the public and Members of the Council to Comment on any matter that has been discussed by the Council in the Non Exempt Section of the meeting today.

It was RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Non Exempt section of the meeting was closed at 8.20pm

Signed:

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Date: 1st November 2022

PART TWO - EXEMPT ITEMS

170/2022 Confirmation of the Exempt Minutes of the last Meeting

These were signed as true and correct.

171/2022 Parish Cottages

An application to join the waiting list had been received this was discussed and approved the applicant will be added to the waiting list.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Exempt section of the meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Date: 1st November 2022

Invoices paid before or at before 1st November 2022 Meeting

					Nett
1	Nat West Bank	Bank Charges	12.40		
2	Kevin Stokes	Parish Lengthsman	200.00		
3	HMRC	NI & PAYE	380.70		
4	Severn Trent	Half yearly water rates	1139.91		
5	A Hydes Groundworks	Grounds maintenance and village works	1873.20	312.20	1561.00
6	Alison Hicklin	Clerks salary & expenses	1249.38		
7	Chellaston Decorators	Work to No 14	630.00		
		Total	5473.19	312.20	