

A Meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 16th November 2022 in Parwich Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

Present: Chair, M Compton, I Manning, L Coyne, S Chambers, J Turnbull, M Edge, P Kirkham, Clerk A Martin.

11-16-1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register.

Apologies. Sir Richard Fitzherbert. District Councillor.

Councillors present duly signed the attendance register.

11-16-2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interests of Councillors.

None.

11-16-3 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The draft minutes of the meeting of 19th October had been forwarded to members in advance of the meeting and displayed on the Parish Council's website. Two minor amendments to an earlier draft had been made.

Resolved: To accept the draft minutes as a true record of proceedings.

11-16-4 Public speaking.

None.

11-16-5 Items from public speaking.

None.

11-16-6 Clerk's report.

Completed

1. Clerk's estimate of time 9.0 hours per week.
2. Results of National Public Sector pay scale negotiations advised by NALC.
 - 2.1. All rates increased by approximately £1 per hour.
 - 2.2. Increases scale point 7 (unqualified Clerk) from £10.63 to £11.63 per hour.
 - 2.3. New rate and back pay to be included in Q3 payment in January.
3. Responded to Pensions Regulator confirming non-enrolment for Clerk.
4. Clerk is on annual leave between 19th November and 6th December.
 - 4.1. A 'out of office' reply will be provided for e-mail.
 - 4.2. During this time mail, e-mail and phone calls are unlikely to receive a response.
 - 4.3. The Chair will act as an emergency contact.
5. Trees by B5056. Highways now show this as "completed 22/10".
6. Updated Sport England database re facilities in the village.
7. Kiln Lane junction. Following a site meeting the Highways Authority have (again) advised the residents of Barn Cottage that there is no action they can take to address the problem.
8. Bonfire on Parsons Croft.
 - 8.1. No issues arising.

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- 8.2. Care taken over cricket square.
- 8.3. Bonfire has largely burned away.
- 8.4. Carnival Committee will be asked to liaise with J Turnbull over use of skip for remaining debris.
- 8.5. Suggestion that area be raked and reseeded in spring.
9. Attended Clerks' Zoom meeting 9th November.
 - 9.1. Noted need to prepare for elections next year.
 - 9.2. Discussed budget preparation.
10. M Edge laid a wreath for the Council on Remembrance Sunday this year.

Waiting response or action

11. Right of Way case submitted to Highways Agency (DCC) re inaccessibility.
 - 11.1. FP 23. From Bradbourne where it enters Parwich at Dales Yard Corner.
 - 11.2. Status 'action required' 10/11.
12. Public Rights of Way minor maintenance scheme claim. (£220)
 - 12.1. Receipt of claim acknowledged. Waiting payment.
13. Miscellaneous works for mowing contractor.
 - 13.1. Repair to stone kerb between brook and path by Japonica.
 - 13.2. Regrowth of Ivy on Nethergreen walls to be treated in the summer.
14. Confirmation of third-party insurance from the school
15. Dog fouling on Parson's Croft. Confirmed that school are working on this with pupils.

11-16-7 Items of account.

On-line payments approved by Clerk since last meeting

Payee	Item	Amount
NONE		

On-line payments due.

Payee	Item	Amount
Contractor	October mowing.	£850.00
Parwich Memorial Hall	October meeting.	£15.00
Clerk	Skip hire.	£270.00
Clerk	Extra weeks skip rental. (waiting invoice)	£12.00
Pest Force	Wasp treatment (waiting invoice)	£70.00
DALC	23-24 subscription (waiting invoice) Inc. £26.99 for NALC. 2022-23 = £170.00	£196.99
Carnival Committee	Fireworks - Section 137	£329.99

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Royal British Legion - Branch	Wreath - Section 137	£50.00
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Resolved: The above are approved for payment. Including items waiting invoices if these are received.

1. Balance at 16 November 22. £ 25,004.94
2. All seven instalments of the mowing contract for 2021-22 have been paid.
3. Receipts.
 - 3.1. Rental. £1,630.00.
 - 3.2. Reimbursable mowing expenditure. £1,501.00.

Resolved: There being no members of the press or public present in the meeting, to bring forward confidential item 22 on the agenda "Farm Business Tenancy. Parwich Moor North".

11-16-8 Farm Business Tenancy. Parwich Moor North.

Further advice and previous correspondence from the Council agent, Bagshaws, had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The history of negotiation and latest advice was discussed.

Resolved: To hold a vote on the proposal to accept the latest offer made by the tenant without further discussion. Passed with six in favour and one abstention.

Resolved: To accept the latest offer made by the tenant. Passed with five in favour and two abstentions.

Resolved: To bring to the attention of Bagshaws that some questions asked by the Council remain unanswered.

11-16-9 Banking.

Details of new electronic co-signing arrangements offered by NatWest Bank for community accounts had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Resolved: The Council noted the availability of this facility but chose not to make use of it.

11-16-10 Budget 2023-24.

A draft budget for 2023-24 had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Resolved: To include potential election expenses.

Resolved: To review the budget and precept again in January in light of the economic situation at the time and approve it then. Before the next meeting Councillors were requested to bring to the Clerk's attention any further items they wished to see considered in the budget.

11-16-11 Housing.

Responses to queries on the blog had been discussed with the Housing enabler and posted on the Parish Council website and the blog.

The Peak District Rural Housing Association will replace Nottinghamshire Community Housing Association following a capacity review.

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The housing enabler, planners and housing association had visited the village to review sites earlier the same day. Three councillors and the Clerk were in attendance. The draft text of an update for residents was discussed and minor amendments made.

Resolved: To publish this update on the Parish Council website and blog.

It is understandable that residents will take an interest in where any new housing might be built. They may speculate about this and ask Councillors to do the same. However, in the absence of any advice from the Planners or Housing Association as to the outcome of their information gathering and analysis it was suggested that anyone asking if there was further information should be referred to the updates posted on the blog and Parish Council website. Any new questions regarding the position of the Parish Council can be brought to the next meeting for discussion. One resident had already made such an enquiry which had been answered in this way.

11-16-12 Pavilion.

A draft tender proposal had been placed in the members area of the Council website for Councillors to review before the meeting.

Resolved: To make this tender public and advertise it on the blog.

Councillors were asked to bring the tender to the attention of any contractors they thought might be interested in quoting.

Councillors were asked to investigate any sources of funding known to them that might be used to support this work. The Clerk will investigate if a contribution could be secured from the Derbyshire Dales local projects fund.

Some damage to the existing roof felt has again been noted.

Resolved: To arrange another temporary repair similar to previous years in order to reduce the risk of further damage. This will be arranged by the Chair in the absence of the Clerk over the next few weeks.

Water to Pavilion and Toilets will be turned off by the Bowls club after the School has finished using them and before any frost is forecast.

11-16-13 Tennis courts.

Details of the costs that would be charged by several contractors for cleaning and relining of the tennis courts had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Resolved: Contractors who responded will be advised that the Council will consider this again in the new year.

Resolved: The Clerk to establish if a lining service might be provided by Derbyshire County Council or Derbyshire Dales District Council.

11-16-14 Toilets.

A grant application to the Derbyshire Environmental Trust for the refurbishment of the toilets had been turned down as they had been advised that stand alone Parish Council toilets did not qualify for their grants.

Resolved: To place an order on the preferred contractor to complete this work as tendered and for it to be funded in full by the Parish Council. Passed by four votes with three abstentions.

Wasps

1. An infestation has been preventing use by school.
2. Derbyshire Dales treatment service withdrawn due to financial constraints.
3. Treatment, and repeat visit, by Pestforce have taken place.
4. Dead and dying wasps have been cleared twice but a few remain.

The Bowls Club have requested that the Council consider employing a cleaner for the toilets once a week when they start to be used again in the new year.

Resolved: The Clerk will advertise for a cleaner on the blog.

11-16-15 Planning applications.

NEW

1. None

UPDATED

2. 5 Church walk.
 - 2.1. Non material amendment to rooflights approved
3. Barn Cottage.
 - 3.1. Proposed extension and renovation.
 - 3.2. Revised application supported.
 - 3.3. Approved by PDNPA.

NO CHANGE

4. Lower Gotham Farm.
 - 4.1. Listed Building consent.
 - 4.2. Replacement of 1970's fireplace. Supported.
5. The Orchards
 - 5.1. Dwelling extension. Supported.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT ORDERS (no consultation)

6. None

CONSERVATION AREA TREE WORK (no consultation)

7. None

11-16-16 Sheepwash, pond and brookside path.

Volunteer clearing of brook and Jubilee Pond

1. Supported with suggested risk assessment and insurance advice
2. Skip provided.
3. Two sessions have taken place so far.

Resolved: The Council wished to express its thanks to the volunteers who are carrying out this work.

An offer had been received for a volunteer to clear the Sheepwash mechanically. The Clerk advised that it would be in the interests of both the Council and volunteers for this work to be covered by third party liability insurance and for the requirements of that insurance for the management of risk to be met.

Resolved: M Edge to determine if the volunteer has suitable insurance and advise the Clerk. Should this not be the case the Clerk will approach the Council's insurers to arrange cover.

11-16-17 Use of Memorial Hall as a warm refuge.

No further indication had been provided that there is a demand for the Hall to be used as a warm refuge.

Resolved: To remove this from future agendas unless there is evidence it would be used.

11-16-18 Pump Hill Garden.

The Community Payback team may once again be available to carry out maintenance on this site.

Resolved: This should be arranged by L Coyne if possible. A description of the work to be undertaken should be circulated to Councillors in advance of it taking place.

11-16-19 Playground inspection.

Rubber matting to place around the base of the fireman's pole has been sourced and is waiting installation.

11-16-20 Correspondence and communication.

Items not covered elsewhere

1. DDDC. Warm spaces information. (x2).
2. DDDC. Community Forum.
3. DCC. Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum.
4. DCC. Mobile Library Routes.
5. DCC. Road Closures. (x2).
6. DCC. Community news. (x2)
7. DALC. October newsletter.
8. DALC November newsletter.
9. DALC. Centre for Sustainable Energy Planning Support - PLACE Project
10. DALC. Training - general.
11. DALC. Tree survey training.
12. DALC. Centre for Sustainable Energy Planning.
13. Rural Services Network. Bulletins x 3.
14. Rural Services Network. Funding Digest x 2.
15. Rural Action Derbyshire. Halls – energy saving.
16. Rural Action Derbyshire. AGM.
17. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service. Contact details.
18. Derbyshire Districts Citizens Advice 6 Month Report

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19. W. Brindley. Grounds Maintenance Services.
20. Gallagher Insurance. Community Matters newsletter.

11-16-21 Items for the next agenda.

(Not noted elsewhere).

1. Appointment of auditor.

11-16-22 Date of next meeting.

To be held on Wednesday 18th January at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was closed at 9:45 pm.

A Martin
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council
17 November 2022