

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 19th July 2023 in Parwich Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

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

7-19-1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register.

S Chambers due to travel.

Resolved: To accept the Councillor's apologies.

Councillors present duly signed the attendance register.

7-19-2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interests of Councillors.

L.Coyne declared that for the avoidance of doubt she did not have any pecuniary interest in either item 7 Planting on Church Green, or item 13 Pump Hill, and would therefore remain in the meeting while they were discussed.

7-19-3 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The draft minutes of the meeting of 21st June and an extraordinary meeting of the 30th of June had been forwarded to members in advance of the meeting and displayed on the Parish Council's website.

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

7-19-4 Public speaking.

None

7-19-5 Items from public speaking.

None

7-19-6 Proposed development at Knockerdown.

No further information had been provided during public speaking.

Resolved: The Council has no comment to make.

7-19-7 Planting on Church Green.

A resident had questioned whether the Council should object to planting that had taken place on Church Green.

Resolved: That the Council's view is that the planting that has taken place enhances visitors' enjoyment of the green and it has no objection to it.

7-19-8 Review of Communications Policy.

Guidance from NALC regarding social media had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Resolved. The Clerk will propose minor amendments to the communications policy to confirm

1. That Councillors, or the Clerk, can use social media to make comments in a personal capacity. But if comments might be thought to be related to the Parish Council, then they are advised to make it clear that they are not speaking on behalf of the Council.
2. Content that should be avoided when using social media for comments that could be associated with the Council.

7-19-9 Clerk's report.

Completed

1. Clerk's estimate of time 6.0 hours per week.
2. Updated Councillor list on website.
3. Camping on Parsons Croft
 - 3.1. Confirmed new visit by Derby Association in 2024.
 - 3.2. Liaised with Notts DA stewards during Wakes visit.
 - 3.3. Paid cash collected. See items of account.
 - 3.4. Only issue raised was placement of No Entry sign in the middle of the wicket which caused minor damage.
4. Tennis courts.
 - 4.1. Cleaning. Completed 29th June. No issues.
 - 4.2. Relining. Completed 6th July. Used red rather than yellow for netball court.
 - 4.3. Waiting advice re finance from Tennis club.
5. Toilets.
 - 5.1. Two new keys obtained.
 - 5.2. Keys already given to, School, Bowls Club, Cleaner and Clerk.

Resolved. Remaining keys to be held by Cricket Club, Carnival Committee and J.Turnbull.

- 5.3. Leak in gents' urinal reported.
 - 5.3.1. Leak investigated and findings reported to Bowls Club and cleaner.
 - 5.3.2. Gents' urinal 'Cisternmiser' is cracked.

Resolved. Clerk to order new Cisternmiser.

Resolved. Clerk to attach the key to the noticeboard by a chain at the earliest opportunity.

6. Use of Nethergreen as car park for sheep shearing and strongman competitions during Wakes week.
 - 6.1. Approved by Extraordinary Meeting.
 - 6.2. Very well signposted.
 - 6.3. Very well used.
 - 6.4. No issues reported other than that there were still quite a lot of cars elsewhere in the village.

Resolved. That the Clerk is authorised to agree to similar use of Nethergreen as a car park for

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village events as necessary.

7. Goals on Parson Croft.
 - 7.1. Two damaged goals dismantled and taken to the tip.
 - 7.2. One replacement goal assembled.
8. Clerk's absence. 23rd July to 6th August.
 - 8.1. E-mail 'out of office' will be active.
 - 8.2. Emergency contact will be the Chair, Martin Compton.

Ongoing

9. Miscellaneous works for mowing contractor. All discussed and agreed with contractor on 11th July.
 - 9.1. Repair to stone kerb between brook and path by Japonica. This will be billed as "minor stoning up" for claim on the Public Rights of Way (PROW) minor maintenance scheme.
 - 9.2. Weed killing around tennis court and of ivy on wall by Nethergreen. Will take place when the weather is dry enough.
 - 9.3. Usual clearance of paths on Gibbons Bank.
 - 9.3.1. Contractor to confirm with M Compton what needs doing.
 - 9.3.2. Estimate submitted for to claim under the Public Rights of Way minor maintenance scheme.
10. Councillor co-option.
 - 10.1. Notice of vacancy posted on website and noticeboard.
 - 10.2. If no request received for a contested election this vacancy will be readvertised after 24th July for filling by co-option.
11. Housing.
 - 11.1. Advised that Housing Association are reviewing sites that the Planning Authority consider might be viable.
 - 11.2. Advised that should the Housing Association wish to pursue any of these they may approach the Parish Council for assistance with identifying the landowner.
12. Pavilion roof. Expected to start late July to August.
13. Electricity contract. Due for renewal 11th October. Suggest decision at September meeting.

Waiting response or action

14. Case submitted to Highways Agency (DCC) re inaccessibility.
 - 14.1. FP 23. From Bradbourne where it enters Parwich at Dales Yard Corner. Requested 14/9/22).
 - 14.2. PDNPA have included a requirement to reroute the path in recently granted Planning permission.
15. From County Councillor and Highways requesting update on
 - 15.1. 20 mph speed limit policy.
 - 15.2. Playground signpost.
16. Farm Business Tenancy. Parwich Moor North.
 - 16.1. Waiting draft agreement. To be submitted to Tenants Agent. Advised no urgency or action required by Council.

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7-19-10 Items of account.

On-line payments approved by Clerk since last meeting.

Payee	Item	Amount
Contractor	Mowing. June.	£850.00

On-line payments due.

Payee	Item	Amount
Clerk	Expenses. Two additional keys for toilets	£39.60
Parwich Memorial Hall	June hire.	£15.00
Sports and Courts Line Marking Ltd.	Tennis Court cleaning and lining. (matches quotation).	£2,268.00
Contractor	Mowing. July. (Waiting invoice)	£850.00
Derbyshire Dales District Council	Election costs. (Waiting invoice)	£154.00

Resolved: These invoices are approved for payment.

Notes:

1. Deposits
 - 1.1. Transferred £785 from Clerk in lieu of cash received from Notts DA campers.
2. Direct debits.
 - 2.1. Water. Higher than usual following court cleaning and actual reading replacing estimated.
 - 2.2. Electricity. Minimal.
3. False invoice.
 - 3.1. Rejected invoice from Parish On-line for mapping services not ordered.
4. Balance at 13 July 23. 23,002.10.

7-19-11 Planning applications.

New

1. 7 Parwich Lane Pikehall
 - 1.1. Proposed rear extension and internal alterations.
 - 1.2. Extension is behind the house away from the road.

Resolved: To respond to the consultation supporting the application on the grounds that it is a suitable improvement to the local housing stock which has minimal impact on its surroundings.

2. Low Moor Farm
 - 2.1. Agricultural Building.
 - 2.2. Previous application supported by Parish Council but has been withdrawn.
 - 2.3. New application registered.

Resolved: To respond to the consultation supporting the application on the grounds that it is beneficial to the economy of the Parish. (the same as the previously withdrawn application).

Updated

3. Springfields bungalow. (Dales Yard) (GRANTED)
 - 3.1. Proposed steel portal frame building with composite cladding to the roof and walls, and removal of existing store and garage no longer fit for purpose.
 - 3.2. Includes condition that footpath route be formally altered.
4. The Orchards
 - 4.1. Dwelling extension. Supported.

No consultation

5. Slate House. Smithy Lane. Tree conservation work. (Registered).
6. The Rookery. Discharge of conditions. (Registered)
7. Sitterlow farm. Brabourne road. Livestock Housing. (General Development Order).

7-19-12 Playground.

Progress made by a number of Councillors in identifying suitable new equipment and suppliers was discussed. Site visits are planned.

Resolved: A grant application will be made to reflect the following.

1. To include some, or all of, replacements for the slide, springer and roundabout plus a new see-saw.
2. To include appropriate surfacing and installation as required.
3. A "not to exceed" total cost of £30,000 excluding vat.

Resolved: Preparation of the grant application.

1. To include those councillors who wish to participate and the support of the Clerk as required.
2. To consider holding an extraordinary meeting should new significant decisions regarding the application be required before the submission deadline.

Resolved: Issues raised by the RoSPA PlaySafety report but not addressed by these replacements, will be considered at a future meeting. This may include, but not be limited to,

1. Replacement of the toddler swing seats and chains.
2. Minor repairs to the junior swing.
3. Bird deterrents on the swings.
4. Minor repairs and modifications to the climbing frame.

7-19-13 Pump Hill.

Overgrowth on remaining paths had been cut back by the Clerk but they are becoming rapidly overgrown.

L Coyne shared advice received regarding the suitability of existing and possible birdboxes. The tree habitat is considered unsuitable for small birds.

Resolved: L Coyne is authorised to purchase bat and owl boxes up to the value of £100 with any surplus being used to purchase additional shrubs.

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Resolved: L Coyne will attempt to source lower nesting habitats suitable for small birds free of charge. (e.g. galvanised watering cans.)

The Council had received a communication regarding “restorative activities for young people”.

Resolved: The Clerk will request further information to establish if this could support useful work on Pump Hill

7-19-14 Village maintenance day.

Possible dates and tasks were discussed.

Resolved: To publicise that this will take place on the 15th of October. Tasks to be undertaken will be discussed at the meeting of the 13th of September. In the meantime, suggestions are welcome.

7-19-15 Duty of care to volunteers and the public.

A discussion paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting listing various questions which the Council may wish to consider. Appendices had been included summarising applicable regulations and advice to assist them. These were discussed at length as the Council considered how to fulfil its duty of care towards those on land it manages.

Resolved: That the Council should ask, that volunteers intending to carry out work on Council land, which may involve significant risk, advise the Council in advance. The Clerk will draft a potential amendment to the Council’s Health and Safety Policy to reflect this. As advised by the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils this will be shared, for comment, with the Council’s insurers before consideration for adoption at the next meeting.

This is not intended to affect volunteers carrying out low risk tasks such as light gardening and maintenance using hand tools.

7-19-16 Pavilion maintenance.

Concern about asbestos panelling was raised by L Coyne. The Council reviewed the current and potential use of the pavilion, the professional advice already received and the measures already in place.

Resolved: That no further action will be taken at this time but the issue will remain under review.

7-19-17 A5012 speed limit changes.

The Council had been asked for comments regarding proposed speed limit changes on the A5012.

Resolved: The Council does not wish to comment but Councillors may respond in a personal capacity if they wish.

7-19-18 Biodiversity duty.

The Council has until the end of the year to complete a first consideration of how it will meet this duty. It must

1. Consider what it can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
2. Agree policies and specific objectives based on its considerations.
3. Act to deliver its policies and achieve its objectives.

The Council reviewed its current activities noting the following.

1. Hedges are not cut during the nesting season.
2. Work on watercourses takes place after amphibians have spawned.
3. A stumpery has been created on Pump Hill.
4. The provision of bat and owl boxes on Pump Hill is planned.
5. The planting and maintenance of Pump Hill is carried out to encourage wildlife.

Resolved: To continue with these policies and to respond to further suggestions from residents.

7-19-19 Correspondence and communication.

1. DCC. Community news. X 2
2. DCC. Defibrillator campaign.
3. DCC. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum. Details and request for attendance.
4. DCC. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum. Market Place Participants.
5. DALC. Training. X 2
6. DDDC. Notice of election charge.
7. DDDC. Public space Protection Orders.
8. DDDC. Housing update.
9. Rural Services Network. Bulletin. x4.
10. Rural Services Network. Funding Digest.
11. Rural Action Derbyshire. Newsletter July 2023.
12. PDNPA. Ken Smith new chair announcement.
13. PDNPA. Invitation. 7th Oct Parishes Day.
14. PDNPA. National Parks and 1000 miles of hiking.
15. Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter Issue 4.

7-19-20 Items for the next agenda.

1. Draft mowing contract for the next three years.
2. How to encourage residents to report dog fouling to Derbyshire Dales District Council.

7-19-21 Date of next meeting.

To be held on Wednesday 13th September at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was closed at 21:50 pm.

A Martin
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council
20nd July 2023