

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 13th September 2023 in Parwich Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

Present: Chair, M Compton, I Manning, J Turnbull, L Coyne, S Chambers, Clerk A Martin.
Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Nigel Edwards Walker.
One member of the Public.

9-13-1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register.

None

Councillors present duly signed the attendance register.

9-13-2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interests of Councillors.

None

9-13-3 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The draft minutes of the meeting of 19th July and an extraordinary meeting of the 25th August 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.

9-13-4 Public speaking.

A member of the public requested that the Council consider selling them a small piece of land adjacent to their property.

The Councillor for Derbyshire Dales brought to the Council's attention a fund available to make small grants.

9-13-5 Items from public speaking.

Resolved. The sale of land will be placed on the next agenda for discussion. The Clerk will prepare confirmation of the current and proposed ownership of the land.

9-13-6 Council membership.

Following the meeting of the 19th of July, the Vice Chair, M Edge had resigned from the Council.

Resolved. The Council expressed their gratitude for the many years of service which Mick has given the Council.

J Turnbull was proposed as Vice Chair and seconded by I Manning.

Resolved. J Turnbull was elected as Vice Chair.

Following recent resignations, the signatories to the Council's Bank accounts need to be updated.

Resolved. M Compton and A Martin will be added to the mandate. Previous Councillors will be removed.

Resolved. M Compton will speak to the previous signatories and the bank to arrange this.

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DALC have advised that the further vacancy created needs to be advertised as a casual vacancy to allow electors the opportunity to request an election (even though another unfilled vacancy already exists). The Clerk will arrange this.

9-13-7 Policy amendments.

1. Communications policy.
 - 1.1. A draft amendment had been circulated covering the use of social media.
 - 1.2. Its purpose is to ensure that personal use is not confused with the Council's use, and that inappropriate content is avoided.

Resolved. To accept this amendment.

2. Health and Safety Policy.
 - 1.1. A draft amendment had been circulated covering unplanned work by volunteers on Council property.
 - 1.2. This amendment had been shared with the Council's insurers who had confirmed that it demonstrated that the Council has attempted to fulfil its duty of care even if work takes place without its knowledge.
 - 1.3. The amendment requests that volunteers seeking to carry out work that could involve significant risk contact the Council beforehand.

Resolved. To accept this amendment.

9-13-8 Clerk's report.

Completed

1. Clerk's estimate of time 5.0 hours per week.
2. Toilets.
 - 2.1. Remaining keys distributed.
 - 2.2. New Cisterniser regulator fitted to urinal.
 - 2.3. Reported problem with lock on lady's door sticking appears to have gone away.
3. Pavilion. Repaired leaking mixer tap.
4. Mowing.
 - 4.1. Some difficulty experienced managing grass behind pavilion.
 - 4.2. Feedback from resident that Millennium Green cutting was less regular but it was cut the next day.
5. Permission was requested, and granted, for the possible use of Nethergreen for overflow parking during a motorcycle event at the Sycamore.
6. Advised Highways Authority of unsuitability of proposed diversion on Kiln Lane during closure of Creamery Lane.
 - 6.1. Acknowledged and to be brought to the attention of Severn Trent.
7. Clerk's absence. 20th September to 9th October.
 - 7.1. Emergency contact will be M Compton.
8. Internal Audit.
 - 8.1. The Council's previous examiner is retiring.
 - 8.2. East Midlands Audit Services has allocated a replacement.

Ongoing

9. Miscellaneous works for mowing contractor. All discussed and agreed but still being monitored.

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- 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. Regrowth of Ivy on Nethergreen.
 - 9.3. Weed killing around tennis court and of ivy on wall by Nethergreen. Will take place when the weather is dry enough.
 - 9.4. Usual clearance of paths on Gibbons Bank.
 - 9.4.1. Contractor to confirm with M Compton what needs doing.
 - 9.4.2. Estimate submitted for to claim under the Public Rights of Way minor maintenance scheme.
 10. Housing.
 - 10.1. Advised that Derbyshire Dales Housing Enabler has identified owners of possible sites via the Land Registry.
 - 10.2. The Housing enabler will approach owners for a “no obligation” discussion if they wish.
 11. Pavilion roof. Still expected this autumn.
 12. Hedge cutting at Parsons Croft. Completed with the assistance of P Kirkham and J Turnbull.
- Waiting response or action
13. Enquiry made about restorative projects for young people.
 14. Request to tennis club for funding of court cleaning and lining.
 15. Case submitted to Highways Agency (DCC) re inaccessibility.
 - 15.1. FP 23. From Bradbourne where it enters Parwich at Dales Yard Corner. Requested 14/9/22).
 - 15.2. PDNPA have included a requirement to reroute the path in recently granted Planning permission.
 16. From County Councillor and Highways requesting update on
 - 16.1. 20 mph speed limit policy.
 - 16.2. Playground signpost.
 17. Farm Business Tenancy. Parwich Moor North.
 - 17.1. Waiting draft agreement. To be submitted to Tenants Agent. Advised no urgency or action required by Council.

9-13-9 Items of account.

On-line payments approved by Clerk since last meeting.

Payee	Item	Amount
Contractor	Mowing. August.	£850.00
Contractor	Toilet cleaning.	£105.00

On-line payments due.

Payee	Item	Amount
Clerk	Expenses. Cisternmaster regulator	£145.56
Parwich Memorial Hall	July hire.	£15.00
Contractor	Hedge cutting	£99.00

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Clerk	Expenses. Chain for noticeboard key	£4.50
Clerk	Expenses. Postage for rent letters	£1.50

Resolved: These invoices are approved for payment.

Notes:

1. Hall meeting room hire to increase to £25.
2. Water charges higher than usual due to tennis court cleaning.
3. Balance at 7 September 2023. £18,520.48.

9-13-10 Bank Reconciliation.

A bank reconciliation matching the latest balance to the ledger showing all previous transactions this year had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Resolved. That the Chair would sign both documents confirming that they agreed.

9-13-11 Electricity contract.

A cost comparison broker had been used to obtain best quote for comparison with the Council's current supplier.

Resolved. To transfer the supply to Yu Energy. For three years for the contract expiring in October and for two years, (the maximum possible), for the contract expiring next April. Subject to reviewing the full contract the Clerk will make this change.

9-13-12 Planning applications.

New

1. Knob Hall.
 - 1.1. Replacement rear/side extension,
 - 1.2. 1925 stairwell extension,
 - 1.3. Internal alterations,
 - 1.4. Stand-alone garden room,
 - 1.5. Listed Building consent.

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 limited impact on its surroundings.

2. Littlewood
 - 2.1. Single storey side extension and internal alterations.

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 limited impact on its surroundings.

Updated

3. 7 Parwich Lane Pikehall
 - 3.1. Proposed rear extension and internal alterations.
 - 3.2. Extension is behind the house away from the road.
 - 3.3. Application granted.

No consultation

4. Poolcroft. Conservation area tree work.

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5. Slate house. Smith Lane. Conservation area tree work.
6. Barn Cottage.
 - 6.1. Non material amendment.
 - 6.2. Same style door from wood to aluminium.

9-13-13 Playground.

Grant applications for playground equipment submitted for

1. Tarmac Landfill Communities fund
2. Derbyshire Environmental Trust funding scheme.

Applications have been acknowledged but no further requests for information have been received.

A quotation has been requested for replacement seats for the swings but no reply has been received.

9-13-14 Pump Hill.

Owl boxes should be available for installation during the October clean-up day.

Two watering cans had been donated as ground nesting sites.

9-13-15 Village maintenance day.

This will take place on the 15th of October.

The Council would be happy for any volunteer to carry out tasks on another day if that is more convenient for them. A possible, but not exhaustive, list of tasks includes,

- 1.1. Medium risk playground inspection issues not addressed by grant application for replacement equipment.
 - 1.1.1. Replacement of the toddler swing seats and chains.
 - 1.1.2. Minor repairs to the junior swing.
 - 1.1.3. Bird deterrents on the swings.
 - 1.1.4. Minor repairs and modifications to the climbing frame.
- 1.2. Cutting hedges by playground.
- 1.3. Litter picking as in previous years.
- 1.4. Kerb tidying as in previous years.
- 1.5. Clearance of paths on Pump Hill.
- 1.6. Painting of the mower shed doors.
- 1.7. Replacement of toilet seats.

Resolved: The Clerk will purchase two replacement toilets seats and sufficient bird deterrent strip for the swings. Paint is already available for the mower shed doors.

Resolved: The Clerk will prepare and publish a suitable risk assessment for the tasks identified.

Resolved: The Clerk will assist volunteers with obtaining suitable tools, equipment and other materials that may be required if asked.

Resolved: The above to be further publicised via the blog, word of mouth and approaches to village societies nearer the day.

9-13-16 Mowing contract.

The current three-year mowing contract ends this year. This contract was circulated

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for discussion about re tendering.

Resolved. That tender should be prepared reflecting the same contract as the previous three years.

Resolved. That advice on the cost and practicality implications of leaving the first cut of the football field until the end of May should be sought.

9-13-17 Dog fouling.

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in several areas. Derbyshire Dales District Council have the power to enforce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) banning dog fouling in public areas.

Resolved. Publicity will be given to encouraging residents to report dog fouling to Derbyshire Dales District Council using either this link

[Report dog fouling](#)

Or QR code



9-13-18 Parwich Flower Festival.

A flower festival is planned for the 20th of July 2024. The Council has been asked if it would support the purchase of consumables in advance of the festival.

Resolved. A specific request nearer the time will be viewed favourably.

9-13-19 Bonfire.

The Carnival Committee have requested the use of Parsons Croft for the annual bonfire and fireworks on the 5th of November. Arrangements to be as in previous years.

Resolved: The use of Parsons Croft is agreed subject to the Carnival Committee obtaining suitable insurance and implementing the risk management measures required by their policy.

9-13-20 Correspondence and communication.

1. DCC. Community news. X 4
2. DCC. Via Gelia speed limits. Extended Deadline.
3. DCC. Summer survey.
4. DCC. Snow Warden Scheme.
5. DCC. Mobile Library Routes.
6. DALC. Staging for sale.
7. DALC. Newsletters. X 2.

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8. DALC. Surplus Furniture.
9. DDDC. Community Ownership Fund.
10. DDDC. Local Projects Fund.
11. DDDC. Grant funding for home energy efficiency improvement.
12. DDDC. Residents' bin day could change. X2
13. DDDC. Community Walking Festival.
14. Rural Services Network. Bulletin. x7.
15. Rural Services Network. Funding Digest.
16. PDNPA. Walk in the Parks challenge.
17. PDNPA. New staff appointments.
18. PDNPA. Historic limekilns Open Day.
19. PDNPA. Doctor's Gate bridleway.
20. PDNPA. approval for restructure proposals.
21. Hedgehog Highway Project.
22. BHIB Councils Insurance will become Clear Councils.
23. Historic England re Parwich Moor survey.

9-13-21 Items for the next agenda.

None in addition to those noted above.

9-13-22 Date of next meeting.

To be held on Wednesday 25th October at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was closed at 21:35 pm.

A Martin
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council
15th September 2023