

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 25th October 2023 in Parwich Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

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

10-25-1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register.

Apologies. S Chambers due to family commitments.

Resolved: To accept the Councillor's apologies.

Councillors present duly signed the attendance register.

10-25-2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interests of Councillors.

None

10-25-3 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The draft minutes of the meeting of 13th September had been forwarded to members in advance of the meeting and displayed on the Parish Council's website.

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

10-25-4 Public speaking.

A member of the public spoke expressing concern about the condition and future of the Methodist Chapel.

10-25-5 Items from public speaking.

Resolved. To place the Methodist Chapel on the next agenda.

10-25-6 Council membership.

J Turnbull signed an acceptance of office form as Vice Chair.

There are two vacancies which can be filled by co-option.

10-25-7 Bank mandates.

The approval process to add the Chair and the Clerk to the Bank Mandate has not yet completed.

Resolved. That once the Chair and the Clerk have been added to the Bank Mandate, they should approve the removal of former Councillors.

The Clerk outlined the disadvantages of having only two people on the Bank Mandate. No Councillor was willing, at this time, to be added to the Mandate.

Resolved. To place this issue on the next agenda for further discussion.

10-25-8 Policy amendments.

Draft amendments to the Council's Financial regulations had been circulated in advance of the meeting. These bring the record of the way in which the Council chooses to manage its finances in line with its current practice. The changes cover,

1. Frequency of bank reconciliations.
2. References to a three-year plan.
3. Frequency of budget comparison.
4. Changes to the Bank Mandate.
5. Authorisation of regular payments.
6. Changes to Supplier bank details.
7. Payment of the Clerk's salary.

Resolved. To accept these amendments.

The Council's Risk Assessment will be updated to reflect the review approving these amendments.

10-25-9 Clerk's report.

Completed

1. Clerk's estimate of time 6.5 hours per week over six weeks.
2. Permission was requested, and granted, for the possible use of Nethergreen for overflow parking during the Parwich Beer Festival on the 28th and 29th of October. Note that this is subject to the ground condition being good enough to avoid damage.
3. Historic England advised that the Council did not feel the need to put a proposed non-invasive survey of Parwich Moor on this agenda having been assured that it would only be done with the tenant's agreement.
4. Energy contract set up with Yu Energy.
 - 4.1. Happened slightly later than agreed with Bionic so was briefly on the higher British gas default tariff.
 - 4.2. 2nd contract will start in April.

Ongoing

5. Miscellaneous works for mowing contractor.
 - 5.1. Repair to stone kerb between brook and path by Japonica.
 - 5.1.1. The condition of the path has not deteriorated significantly during the recent flooding.
 - 5.1.2. Confirmed again that this will be looked at.
 - 5.1.3. This will be billed as "minor stoning up" for claim on the Public Rights of Way (PROW) minor maintenance scheme.
 - 5.1.4. Note that individuals concerned about the more general condition of this path are free to report it to the relevant authority which is Derbyshire County Council.
 - 5.2. Confirmed that Ivy on Nethergreen walls will be treated in the autumn.
 - 5.3. Weed killing around tennis courts and car park has taken place.
 - 5.4. Clearance of paths on Gibbons Bank has been agreed with the contractor.
6. The Derbyshire Dales Housing Enabler has confirmed that they will approach owners of potential sites for affordable housing without the involvement of the Parish Council.

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- 7. Pavilion roof. Confirmed that this is still expected this year.
- 8. Fireworks. A request for funding towards this year's fireworks had been received from the Carnival Committee. This should have been on the current agenda.

Resolved. To put this on the agenda of the next meeting.

Waiting response or action

- 9. Waiting advice re finance from Tennis club re-funding of court cleaning.
- 10. Case submitted to Highways Agency (DCC) re inaccessibility.
 - 10.1. FP 23. From Bradbourne where it enters Parwich at Dales Yard Corner. Requested 14/9/22).
 - 10.2. PDNPA have included a requirement to reroute the path in recently granted Planning permission.
- 11. From County Councillor and Highways requesting update on
 - 11.1. 20 mph speed limit policy.
 - 11.2. Playground signpost.
- 12. Farm Business Tenancy. Parwich Moor North.
 - 12.1. Waiting draft agreement. To be submitted to Tenants Agent. Advised no urgency or action required by Council.

10-25-10 Items of account.

On-line payments approved by Clerk since last meeting.

Payee	Item	Amount
Contractor	Mowing. September.	£850.00
Contractor	Toilet cleaning. August-September. (9 weeks @ £15)	£135.00
Parwich Memorial Hall	September Hire	£25.00

On-line payments due.

Payee	Item	Amount
Contractor	Mowing. October.	£850.00
Clerk	Salary	£907.14
Clerk	Toilets seats (2)	£31.90
Clerk	Bird spikes (including additional order)	£55.15
Clerk	Postage	£0.75
2commune	Website, domain name and e-mail, account	£372.00

Resolved: These invoices are approved for payment.

Notes:

1. Water charges have returned to normal.
2. Rent and Wayleave Payments have been received.
3. Balance at 25 October 2023. £20,004.62.

Resolved: To bring forward item 15 on the agenda.

10-25-11 Mowing contract.

The current three-year mowing contract ends this year.

The current contractor has advised that he is retiring and will not be tendering again.

Resolved. The Council wished to express its appreciation, to the current contractor, for the standard of mowing and strimming that the village has enjoyed for the past six years.

The Council is aware that retendering the mowing contract may require them to strike a balance between the competing objectives of cost and quality.

Resolved: To give as wide an informed choice, as possible, about alternatives it was agreed that the tender issued should request

1. The cost differences for
 - 1.1. Mulching versus collection of cuttings.
 - 1.2. Fortnightly versus weekly cutting.
 - 1.3. Leaving the football field as a meadow to be cut once a year.
2. The removal of the triangle at Creamery Lane from the strimming schedule as this had been requested by several residents.

Resolved: To bring forward item 17 on the agenda.

10-25-12 Sale of small part of Parsons Croft.

A resident has requested the opportunity to purchase a small piece of land at the south end of Parson's Croft.

This land is approximately 500 square metres does not include any part that is currently mown, (or mowable).

A map confirming area of interest had been circulated in advance of meeting.

It was noted that a charge is registered over this land by The Loyal Laurel & Crown Lodge (Oddfellows) that "it will not be used for any purpose other than that of a children's playground or recreational playing field".

Resolved: The Council is willing, in principle, to consider a sale if agreement can be reached with all parties regarding

1. A grant of easement regarding the charge noted above.
2. Price.
3. The Council's legal costs being met.
4. Any other conditions (e.g. maintenance of the new boundary created).

Resolved: In the first instance the Clerk will approach the Oddfellows to ask if they would be willing, in principle, to accept a grant of easement to allow such a sale.

Resolved: To bring forward item 18 on the agenda.

10-25-13 Floodlights.

A resident has requested the replacement of the floodlights on the tennis courts. They have advised that if new LED lights are provided volunteers will fit them.

Resolved: The Council will provide up to twelve new lights on condition that

1. The Council are advised of the units required and where they can be purchased from a reliable electrical wholesaler.
2. The order is placed by the Council and invoiced to them (as this will allow VAT to be reclaimed).
3. The cost should not exceed £400 excluding VAT.

Resolved: The Council approves the installation of the lights by volunteers on condition that

1. The work will be carried out by a suitably qualified person.
2. That they hold suitable third-party insurance to cover the installation and equipment used to carry it out.
3. A new switch box and timer, provided by the Council, is installed on the pavilion in place of the existing switch.

10-25-14 Planning applications.

New

1. None

Updated

2. Knob Hall. WITHDRAWN.

No change

3. Littlewood
 - 3.1. Single storey side extension and internal alterations.

No consultation

4. Blanche Meadow. Conservation area tree work.

10-25-15 Playground.

A request for further information regarding the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund has been received and answered.

A decision is not expected until December.

10-25-16 Pump Hill.

Owl boxes are available for installation in the near future.

Resolved: Informal advice regarding options for the repair of the wall along the road at Pump Hill will be sought by L Coyne for consideration at a future meeting.

Resolved: L Coyne will make contact with the Community Engagement Co-ordinator of the Derbyshire Immediate Justice Scheme regarding the possibility of project being carried out on Pump Hill.

10-25-17 Village maintenance day.

This took place on the 15th of October.

Despite a relatively small number of volunteers taking part the following were carried out.

1. Clearance along boundary and paths at Pump Hill.
2. Painting of mower shed doors.
3. Replacement of Parsons Croft Toilet seats.
4. Bird spikes fitted on toddler swing.

10-25-18 Dog fouling.

A suggested design of a sign to encourage reporting of dog fouling to Derbyshire Dales District Council had been circulated ahead of meeting.

Resolved. The Clerk to purchase two signs for installation at the entrances to Parson's Croft.

10-25-19 Appointment of auditor.

Resolved. To appoint Carole Dean of East Midlands Audit Services as the Council's auditor for 2023-4.

10-25-20 Remembrance Sunday.

Resolved. The Council will purchase a wreath from the Royal British Legion as in previous years.

Resolved. S Chambers to be asked to place the wreath on behalf of the Council.

10-25-21 Pikehall defibrillator.

A request had been received to support the cost of insuring the defibrillator at Pikehall.

Resolved. The Council is supportive of this request subject to

1. Receiving an understanding of the cost
2. Agreement that this would be shared equally between the three Parish Councils representing Pikehall.

10-25-22 Correspondence and communication.

1. DCC. Community news. X 2
2. DCC. Cyber Security Awareness Webinars.
3. DCC. Closure of B5056 Bradbourne Road Fenny Bentley for carriageway resurfacing.
4. DCC. Closure of Alsop Road Parwich for new water connection.
5. DCC. Mobile Library Routes.
6. DCC. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum: Presentation slides.
7. DALC. Training Session - Conduct in Meetings & Employee Relations.
8. DALC. Newsletter.
9. DALC. Forthcoming Training - Employment Essentials - Code of Conduct -Clerk Essentials.
10. DDDC. Derbyshire Home from Hospital Support Service.

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11. DDDC. Cyber Security Awareness Webinars for the Public and Partners.
12. DDDC. Business and Community grant schemes.
13. DDDC. Bin rounds. X2
14. DDDC. Electric Vehicle Charging Points.
15. Rural Action Derbyshire. Village Hall & Community Buildings Membership Changes.
16. Rural Services Network. Bulletin. x7.
17. Rural Services Network. Funding Digest.
18. PDNPA. Planning application decision notices.
19. PDNPA Customer Services decision notice.
20. PDNPA. New exhibition charts the story of discovering the past.
21. PDNPA. Three new audio chapters of Voices from the Peak.
22. PDNPA. Nature is being prescribed to help Derbyshire Dales patients.
23. Gallagher. Community Matters newsletter.
24. Gallagher. Beyond Today Conference.
25. Electrical Safety First. Electrical Safety Fund Opening – 2023
26. Robert Largan MP. High Peak Jobs & Apprenticeships Fair 2023
27. Local Government Boundary Commission. Survey.
28. Zero Hour. Support for Climate and Ecology Bill
29. Rachel Pearson. Internal Audit Provision.
30. Black mountains college. Climate Adaptation Course for Parish and Town Councillors.
31. Slow Ways. Slow Ways national walking network.
32. PlayMaintainRepair - For all your playground needs.

10-25-23 Items for the next agenda.

1. Budget.
2. Methodist Chapel.
3. Volunteering.

10-25-24 Date of next meeting.

To be held on Wednesday 15th November at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was closed at 21:20 pm.

A Martin
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council
26th October 2023