

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 17th April 2024 in Parwich Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

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

A number of members of the public.

Derbyshire Dales District Councillor Nigel Edwards Walker attended the end of the meeting.

#### **04-17-1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register.**

Apologies: None.

Councillors present duly signed the attendance register.

#### **04-17-2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interests of Councillors.**

None.

#### **04-17-3 Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The draft minutes of the meeting of 26th March 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.

#### **04-17-4 Public speaking.**

One member of the public spoke asking about any progress with addressing concerns about flooding.

One member of the public spoke raising concerns about the failure of the heating system in the Memorial Hall.

One member of the public spoke to express support for both planning applications to be considered at the meeting.

Two members of the public spoke expressing support for regular mowing of the Creamery Lane Triangle for both aesthetic and safety reasons.

One member of the public, representing Openreach, spoke to explain the process for upgrading village infrastructure to provide full fibre broadband.

#### **04-17-5 Items from public speaking.**

**Resolved:** To suspend Standing Orders to permit those present to ask questions about the Openreach proposal.

Following a brief period of questions and answers the meeting was resumed.

**Resolved:** To bring forward item 12 on the agenda. "Flood concerns".

#### **04-17-6 Flood concerns.**

At the previous meeting the Council had responded to a number of questions raised by a resident with specific proposals. No reply had been received.

No written reply has been received from the Oddfellows regarding the potential sale of a small piece of Parsons's Croft to allow a resident to carry out groundworks to reduce the

flood risk to their property.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk should write to the Oddfellows requesting a written reply and noting that Council continues to be pressed by residents to address the issue.

No further reply has been received from Derbyshire County Council regarding the role of volunteer Flood Wardens.

**Resolved:** To keep this item on the next agenda.

**Resolved:** To bring forward item 9 on the agenda. "Planning applications".

#### **04-17-7 Planning applications.**

##### **New**

1. White Park Barn Alsop Road.

1.1. Demolition of existing building and erection of rural workers dwelling.

**Resolved:** To support this application on the grounds that it would be beneficial to both the farming economy and housing stock in the village.

##### **Updated**

2. Pits Lane. Hillcrest Barn.

2.1. Conversion of Outfarm to Dwelling

2.2. Referred to Planning committee.

**Resolved:** For the Clerk to respond to the Planning Authority that the Council confirms its previous support for this application and has nothing further to add.

##### **No change**

3. Pits Lane (and main highway)

3.1. Access road only for potential agricultural dwelling. (Other matters reserved for a later application).

3.2. SUPPORTED by Council.

4. Old Barn. Smithy Lane.

4.1. Conversion from barn opposite Townhead to a holiday let.

4.2. SUPPORTED by Council.

##### **No consultation**

None

**Resolved:** To bring forward item 18 on the agenda. "Memorial Hall heating".

#### **04-17-8 Memorial Hall heating.**

In response to questions raised during public speaking about the Council's lack of involvement with addressing the heating issues in the Memorial Hall, the Clerk provided the following explanation.

The Deed of Trust governing the management of the Hall establishes the Parish Council as its Custodian Trustee. The only role of a Custodian Trustee is to hold title to the land and hall on behalf of the Committee of Management.

The Committee of Management are the Management Trustees. The Management Trustees have full responsibility for all aspects of the management of the Hall. The Parish Council, as a Custodian Trustee, has no rights, or responsibilities relating to the management of the Hall.

The Clerk attends meetings of the Committee of Management solely as a voluntary resident to provide assistance and facilitate communication with other organisations in the village. The Clerk is neither representing the Council nor is he a Trustee of the Hall.

The Management Committee has recently published an open account of the problems with the heating system and requested financial support. The Chair explained that the only purpose of placing this item on the agenda of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of the Council making a donation.

**Resolved:** The Clerk will write to the Management Committee encouraging them to seek grant funding to address the heating problem. The Council will review the possibility of making a supporting donation in light of the success, or otherwise, of these efforts.

**Resolved:** To bring forward item 16 on the agenda. "Creamery Lane triangle".

#### **04-17-9 Creamery Lane triangle.**

The Clerk reminded the meeting that this land is not owned by the Parish Council. The Council does not have any formal rights or responsibilities regarding it. Technically it is a verge and the responsibility of the Highways Authority. (Derbyshire County Council).

The Council noted that residents have expressed opinions both in support of regular mowing (as in the past) or changing to less frequent mowing to encourage wild flowers. Although these opinions have been strongly expressed this has only been by a small number of residents.

The Council noted that it appears that whatever decision it makes it will be unpopular with some. There seemed to be little prospect of a widely acceptable compromise.

**Resolved:** In light of the above, and before making a decision, the Council would like to make a further attempt to understand the views of more residents. The Clerk will arrange for an on-line survey to do this. This will allow residents to express their preference for various approaches and record how the choice affects them (i.e. how close they live to it). Residents with strong views either way may use this opportunity to encourage others to express their support for the approach that they favour.

#### **04-17-10 Clerk's report.**

Completed

1. Clerk's estimate of time 13.5 hours per week over three weeks and a day.
2. Data from various sources has been circulated relating to the way in which the precept is set and collected.
3. Mowing contract.
  - 3.1. Mowing begun but delayed by weather and machinery.
  - 3.2. Nethergreen South is still too wet to mow.
4. Pavilion Electricity supply.
  - 4.1. 2nd meter Transferred to Yu energy.
  - 4.2. Opening reading submitted.
  - 4.3. British gas closing credit of £46.38 claimed and paid.
5. Confirmed that the new external timer switch for the floodlights has been fitted.

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6. Tennis nets.
    - 6.1. Got out a set of tennis nets at the request of a visitor to the village.
    - 6.2. Found and banked a cash donation of £20 left by visitors the previous year.
  7. Footpath minor maintenance claim submitted. Waiting payment.
  8. Biodiversity Policy published with minor amendments.
  9. Water turned back on for Parson's Croft.
    - 9.1. Leak reported in pavilion if water turned on
    - 9.2. Compression joint appears to have failed.
    - 9.3. Short length of pipe replaced to make repair.
  10. Cleaning of the toilets has restarted. Nothing to report.
  11. Generic advice on raising issues with
    - 11.1. Derbyshire County Council,
    - 11.2. Derbyshire Dales district Council,
    - 11.3. Peak District National Park Authoritypublished on blog
  12. Rented Land
    - 12.1. Signed copies of Farm Business Tenancy for Parwich Moor North returned to Bagshaws for completion.
    - 12.2. Cheque for new rent paid and banked.
    - 12.3. Confirmed agreement to investigation of "mystery circles" with PDNPA.
- Ongoing
13. Annual Return.
    - 13.1. Being prepared
      - 13.1.1. AGAR forms
      - 13.1.2. Risk Register
      - 13.1.3. Asset listExpecting to set date with auditor before next meeting so that their report can be approved.
  14. Miscellaneous works for mowing contractor.
    - 14.1. Repair to stone kerb between brook and path by Japonica. Not done.
    - 14.2. But level of much of the path appears to have been restored to a safer condition – but not known who by.
    - 14.3. Regrowth of Ivy on Nethergreen walls to be treated.
  15. Pavilion roof repairs.
    - 15.1. Keys requested for start in next week or two.
    - 15.2. Ground needs to be firm enough to get lorry up to the pavilion.
  16. King's portrait.
    - 16.1. A free framed portrait has been received and installed in the Legion.
  17. Bank Mandate.
    - 17.1. All authorisations to remove former Councillors confirmed.
    - 17.2. Waiting final confirmation that this has been processed.
- Waiting response or action
18. Requested cost of insuring Pikehall defibrillator. Waiting reply.
  19. Waiting advice re finance from Tennis club for funding of court cleaning.
  20. Confirmed constitution allows return of unused funds to original funders. Did include the Parish Council amongst others.

#### 04-17-11 Items of account.

On-line payments approved by Clerk since last meeting.

Payee	Item	Amount
None		

On-line payments due.

Payee	Item	Amount
Memorial Hall	March hire.	£25.00
Clerk	Postage.	£4.00
Mowing	Waiting first invoice.	£920.00

**Resolved:** These invoices are approved for payment.

**Notes:**

1. VAT claim (2023-24) submitted for £2,064.10.
2. Balance at 17 April 2024. £15,107.58.

#### 04-17-12 Bank reconciliation.

A reconciliation between the ledger of transactions and the latest bank statement had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

**Resolved:** That the Chair should sign both to confirm that they matched.

#### 04-17-13 Playground.

New equipment is currently being installed.

**Resolved:** To request that the mowing contractor paints the two swing frames.

I Manning will liaise with the provider of the grant about a suitable opening ceremony.

#### 04-17-14 Pump Hill. Boundary wall.

Informal advice had been obtained about the possible cost and style of any repairs or rebuilding. There are various options with differing costs and benefits. However, it appears that any of these would represent a considerable expense.

Possibilities for rebuilding the wall continue to be investigated.

#### 04-17-15 20 mph speed limit.

The Highways Authority, (Derbyshire County Council, DCC), have again rejected the Council's request to change the speed limit signs at the village boundaries to 20mph.

No further actions were identified at this time.

### 04-17-16 Trees.

Advice has been sought from local arborists regarding potential work on six large trees.

1. In general work was only advised where a clear need has been identified on safety grounds.
2. Where there is a clear need it is unlikely that work would be opposed by the PDNPA, even in the Conservation Area.
3. Some advice suggests that purely cosmetic work may well do more harm than good.
4. Quotations for formal inspection and reporting on the six trees identified would cost in the region of £600 plus VAT.
5. It is probably prudent for the Council to accept responsibility for the large tree on the north border of the Parsons's Croft carpark.
6. An on-site meeting is planned for Thursday 18th April

**Resolved:** To review any action in light of the outcome of the on-site visit.

### 04-17-17 Pavilion changing rooms.

It is possible that this work can be carried out at the same time as the repair to the roof.

HSE data sheets covering the safety of those carrying out the work, and how it should be done to leave the rooms safe to be used, have been identified.

**Resolved:** The Clerk will provide the data sheets to the contractor carrying out the work on the roof to see if they would be willing, and able, to include it.

### 04-17-18 Camping on Parson's Croft.

1. Sheffield DA
  - 1.1. 19th to 21st April (For St Georges day).
  - 1.2. The Clerk will liaise with stewards to avoid using poorly drained areas of the Cricket outfield.
2. Nottingham DA
  - 2.1. Confirmed dates for 2024 and 2025.
  - 2.2. Requested another long stay for 2025 (26th June to 6th July)

**Resolved:** The pitch fee for 2025 will be unchanged at £10 per unit per night.

### 04-17-19 Open Gardens.

The Horticultural Society have requested the use of Nethergreen as an overflow car park on Sunday 23rd June.

Risk assessment, marshalling and insurance will all be provided.

**Resolved:** To agree to this request.

### 04-17-20 Floodlights.

A complaint had been received regarding floodlights pointing through window of nearby house.

**Resolved:** The Clerk will investigate having the lights adjusted.

### **04-17-21 Correspondence and communication.**

1. Resident. Publicising PDNPA events.
2. Resident requesting removal of the weir on the Jubilee Pond.
3. DCC. Community news. x 2
4. DCC. Online Safety Talk.
5. DCC. Close Bradbourne Road Parwich for BT Cable repairs.
6. DCC. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum.
7. DCC. Mobile library routes.
8. DALC. March newsletter.
9. DALC. April newsletter.
10. DALC. Roadshow.
11. Rural Services Network. Bulletin. x 3
12. Rural Services Network. Funding digest.
13. Rural Action Derbyshire. Print 2 Paint Competition Launch.
14. Rural Action Derbyshire. Derbyshire Community Hubs Launch Event.
15. PDNPA. Nominate your National Park heroes.
16. Website request. ReHap4addiction.
17. Marketing. Clear Councils Insurance.

### **04-17-22 Items for the next agenda.**

1. Parish Annual meeting.
  - 1.1. Chair's report.
  - 1.2. Responsible Financial Officers report.
  - 1.3. Society reports.
2. Annual meeting of the Parish Council
  - 2.1. Appointment of officers.
    - 2.1.1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
    - 2.1.2. Acceptance of Office. (Chair and Vice Chair only).
3. As required by Standing Orders.
  - 3.1. Review and Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
  - 3.2. Review of Policies and Procedures.
  - 3.3. Review of inventory of Land and Assets.
  - 3.4. Review of Council and/or Staff subscriptions.
  - 3.5. Review of insurance cover.
4. Annual return.
  - 4.1. Approval of auditor's report.
  - 4.2. Annual Governance report.
  - 4.3. Accounting Statements.

### **04-17-22 Date of next meetings.**

To be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the Memorial Hall.

7:30pm Parish Annual Meeting  
7:45pm Annual meeting of the Parish council.

The meeting was closed at 21:55 pm.

A Martin  
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council  
18 April 2024