

A Meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 18th January 2023 in Parwich Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

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

1-18-1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register.

Apologies. Chair, M Compton, P Kirkham.

Resolved: To accept these apologies.

Councillors present duly signed the attendance register.

1-18-2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interests of Councillors.

None.

1-18-3 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The draft minutes of the meeting of 16th November 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.

1-18-4 Public speaking.

None.

1-18-5 Items from public speaking.

None.

1-18-6 Clerk's report.

Completed

1. Clerk's estimate of time 4.0 hours per week.
2. Pond.
 - 2.1. Thanks to the volunteers who completed clearing the pond.
 - 2.2. Skip also used to remove the remains of the bonfire.
3. Memorial Hall.
 - 3.1. Attended management meeting 11 Jan 23.
 - 3.2. A request for purchase of a capital item which could be donated by the Parish Council is being considered.
 - 3.3. This would allow the Council to reclaim the VAT.
 - 3.4. Possibly part of an upgraded lighting system.
4. Cricket.
 - 4.1. Answered query from potential new resident about junior cricket.
 - 4.2. Dates of friendly matches being added to Parish Council website calendar.
5. Road Closure.
 - 5.1. Smithy Lane 13th to 15th February.
 - 5.2. Queried use of Lenscliffe as alternative route.
 - 5.3. Has been changed to Shaw Lane.
6. Tree blocking entrance to Parson's Croft car park.

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- 6.1. Circulated brief risk assessment.
- 6.2. Trimmed some branches to allow access.
- 6.3. Pursuing removal of main trunk.

Ongoing

7. Tennis Court cleaning and re-lining.
 - 7.1. No indication that either DDDC or DCC would do this. Also confirmed that DALC are unaware of any service offered.
 - 7.2. Previously contacted contractors can be approached again in the spring when the weather improves if the Council wants to.
8. Toilets.
 - 8.1. Order placed with successful contractor for replacement of wood work. Expected February.
 - 8.2. Wasp infestation cleared with second visit.
 - 8.3. Drain smell (ladies basin drain). Being monitored.
 - 8.4. Toilet seat (ladies). Sourced. To be replaced in new year.
 - 8.5. Water turned off by Bowls club.
 - 8.6. Advert for cleaner to be placed on the blog once the water is back on.
9. Farm Business Tenancy. Parwich Moor North.
 - 9.1. The Council's agreement to the terms offered has been communicated to Bagshaws.
 - 9.2. Update requested on progress to complete Tenancy Agreement.
 - 9.3. Bagshaws have replied in response to earlier queries about delays in answering questions.

Waiting response or action

10. Housing.
 - 10.1. The Housing Enabler has advised that the lead is now being taken by the Housing Association. No further update is available yet.
11. 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' 11/01/23)
12. Miscellaneous works for mowing contractor.
 - 12.1. Repair to stone kerb between brook and path by Japonica.
 - 12.2. Regrowth of Ivy on Nethergreen walls to be treated in the summer.
13. Confirmation of third-party insurance from the school

1-18-7 Items of account.

On-line payments approved by Clerk since last meeting

Payee	Item	Amount
Bagshaws	Professional Services. Work to date.	£780.00
Parwich Memorial Hall	November meeting.	£15.00

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On-line payments due.

Payee	Item	Amount
Clerk	Expenses (Skip hire extension)	£12.00
Clerk	Q3 Salary and backdated annual increase at the national rate.	£1,063.14
Pest Force	Wasp treatment.	£80.00
DALC	23-24 subscription (invoice in March) Inc. £26.99 for NALC. (2022-23 total was = £170.00)	£196.99

Resolved: The above are approved for payment. Including items waiting invoices if these are received.

1. Balance at 11 January 23. £ 23,361.55
2. Receipts.
 - 2.1. Donation: £500. (Thanks sent).
 - 2.2. Public Rights of Way minor maintenance claim: £220.

1-18-8 Budget 2023-24.

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

Routine and one-off costs that might be incurred in the coming year were reviewed. As were the level of reserves and expected income. The Council noted the list of facilities in the village that it seeks to maintain.

Resolved: To approve the budget as presented.

Resolved: To increase the total precept raised through the Council tax by 5% noting that this is less than the current rate of inflation. This will take the amount raised to £9,533 per annum. This is equivalent to an increase of about 4 pence per week, to 89 pence, for a band D household.

1-18-9 Appointment of auditor.

Resolved: That Brian Wood should be appointed as the Council's internal auditor for the year 2022-23.

1-18-10 Pavilion roof.

A tender proposal had been advertised on the Council website and village blog. Seven potential contractors had been contacted directly. One had provided a written quotation and one had given a verbal estimate.

The Council's Financial Regulations would normally require three quotes to be obtained. The Derbyshire Association of Local Councils had advised that this was not a however a legal requirement. (The value of the tender for public works being less than £25,000).

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As advised, the attempts made to obtain additional quotations are recorded above. The Council also noted that it was not in the public interest to further delay repairs which might make them more costly.

Resolved: That, notwithstanding the provisions of the Financial Regulations, best value for the use of public funds was to be obtained by using the contractor who had provided the written quotation. The Clerk will place the order.

This work is unlikely to commence until there is milder weather. The condition of the existing roof will be monitored until work can begin.

1-18-11 Planning applications.

NEW

1. None

UPDATED

1. None

NO CHANGE

2. Lower Gotham Farm.
 - 2.1. Listed Building consent.
 - 2.2. Replacement of 1970's fireplace. Supported.
3. The Orchards
 - 3.1. Dwelling extension. Supported.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT ORDERS (no consultation)

4. None

CONSERVATION AREA TREE WORK (no consultation)

5. None

1-18-12 Pump Hill Garden.

Unfortunately, the Community Payback team are unable to commit to doing work on the garden due to lack of suitable transport.

A request had been received from a resident for the Council pay for work to be done to dig out brambles and clear paths before the spring flowers appear.

Resolved: The Clerk will arrange for a contractor to complete a day's work digging out brambles. The progress made will be reviewed.

1-18-13 Playground inspection.

No further update.

1-18-14 Hartington Surgery ECG monitor Appeal.

A request had been received from the Hartington Patient Participation Group for a donation of £100 towards a 24-hour ECG monitor to be based at the surgery. 30% of residents in Parwich are registered with this surgery and the level of donation requested reflected this.

Resolved: To pledge the donation requested.

1-18-15 20 mph speed limits.

Councillors continue to express concern about traffic in the village. It is thought that a 20mph speed limit would help address these concerns. But it remains the policy of the Highways Authority, Derbyshire County Council (DCC), not to implement 20 mph limits.

Resolved: The Clerk will write to DCC reminding them of the Council's continuing dissatisfaction with this policy. This will be copied to the village's County Councillor and to Bonsall Parish Council who have expressed similar concerns.

Resolved: This communication will be made available via the blog along with a request that residents keep a record of any 'near misses' that concern them. These can be forwarded to the Clerk so that the Council can use them in further communication with the Highways Authority.

Resolved: To also remind the Highways Authority of their previous offer to install an additional playground hazard sign on the route through the village.

1-18-16 Correspondence and communication.

Items not covered elsewhere

1. Millennium Green verge damage.
2. DDDC. Council home energy efficiency grants.
3. DDDC. Bin collections.
4. DDDC. Burial capacity.
5. DDDC. Public Spaces Protection Order - signage in your parish.
6. DCC. Health and Wellbeing round up.
7. DCC. Mobile Library Routes.
8. DCC. Community news. (x4)
9. DCC. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 13 March.
10. DALC. December newsletter.
11. DALC. Review of year.
12. DALC. Training – (x2).
13. DALC. Community Speedwatch equipment.
14. PDNPA. Nutrient Neutrality.
15. Rural Services Network. Bulletins x 10.
16. Rural Services Network. Funding Digest.
17. Rural Services Network. Rural Cost of Living Survey.
18. Rural Action Derbyshire. Jubilee Village Hall Fund.
19. Rural Action Derbyshire. Village Halls Week.
20. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service. Community Risk Management Plan.
21. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service. Consultation.
22. Police and Crime Commissioner. Policing budget for 2023/24.
23. Connex Community Support. Publicity.
24. Sarah Dines. MP. Jubilee Village Hall Fund.
25. Gallagher Insurance. Community Matters newsletter.
26. Gallagher Insurance. Webinars x 3.

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1-18-17 Items for the next agenda.

(Not noted elsewhere).

1. New football nets/goals. Prices to be obtained in advance.

1-18-18 Date of next meeting.

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

The meeting was closed at 8:50 pm.

A Martin
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council
19 January 2023