

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 21st February 2024 in Parwich Memorial Hall at 7:30pm.

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

A number of members of the public.

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

02-21-1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register.

Apologies: J Turnbull for family reasons.

Resolved: To accept the apologies received from J Turnbull.

Councillors present duly signed the attendance register.

02-21-2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interests of Councillors.

None.

02-21-3 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The draft minutes of the meeting of 17th January 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. Passed by a vote of two in favour and one against. One Councillor not present at the previous meeting abstained.

Resolved: To note that, for the avoidance of doubt, the Council's response to the Planning Application for the Old Barn at Town Head was not endorsing, or objecting to, any particular intended use of the modified building.

Note that the distinction between the possible future use of housing for occupancy, long term let or short term let is not listed by the Peak District National Park Authority as a valid reason to be taken into account when determining a Planning Application.

02-21-4 Public speaking.

One member of the Public spoke in favour of an Outline Planning Application for a Farm Workers dwelling, and access routes, at Greenfields Farm, Pits Lane. They highlighted the lack of affordable housing in the village, the need for agricultural workers to be housed near to livestock and the selection of the site to avoid areas with higher flood risk.

One member of the public spoke against the above Planning Application. They raised concerns about the effect of the use of the access road on adjacent properties, road safety at the junction with the main road, the possible impact on services to neighbouring properties and their view that this was an unsuitable development for open countryside.

One member of the public spoke in favour of a Planning Application for conversion of an out farm building to a dwelling at Hill Crest Barn, Pits Lane. They highlighted the lack of affordable housing in the village and the view that this represented the best viable use of a heritage asset without significant alteration to its appearance.

02-21-5 Items from public speaking.

Resolved: To bring forward the following items on the agenda.

1. Planning application consultation process. (8)
2. Planning applications. (9)

02-21-6 Planning application consultation process.

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the current process.

1. The Planning Authority generally gives the Parish Council four weeks to respond to consultation requests for Planning Applications.
2. The Parish Council generally meets every four to five weeks and not at all in August or December.

Occasionally therefore the Council may only become aware of Planning Applications shortly before a meeting, or without a planned meeting before the end of the consultation.

The Council is able to respond to such situations in a number of ways.

1. Decide that they are able to make a response despite becoming aware of the application shortly before, or even during, a meeting.
2. Call an extraordinary meeting before the consultation deadline.
3. Request an extension to the consultation deadline.
4. Decline to respond at all.

In accordance with the advice of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC), "Planning" has always been placed on the agenda to provide the Council with the option of responding to specific consultation requests that arise after the public publication of the agenda.

When responding to Planning Applications, as in other matters, Councillors are expected to follow the Code of Conduct which requires them "to represent the community". However, they are not required to consult with residents before deciding how to fulfil this requirement. They may simply use their judgement if they wish.

In the particular case of the near neighbours of proposed developments the Planning Authority will consult with them directly. There is no requirement for the Parish Council to duplicate this process.

However, it was noted that it is unlikely that residents will visit the Peak District National Park Authority's Planning Portal on a regular basis. So, they can sometimes miss the opportunity to raise issues with the Parish Council, either before, or during, a meeting at which the Council's response to consultation is discussed.

Resolved: In order to mitigate this concern, and improve communication, the Council will trial the following.

1. Planning Applications known of at the time the agenda is published will be specifically listed on it. Typically, the latest it is permitted to publish the agenda is on the Friday before a Wednesday meeting.
2. Planning applications that become apparent between the publication of the agenda and the meeting will be dealt with using either option 2, 3 or 4 listed

above.

This approach carries an increased risk that it may occasionally not be possible for the Council to respond to some consultations at all. If this becomes a significant problem the approach can be reviewed.

02-21-7 Planning applications.

New

1. Outline Planning Application for a Farm Workers dwelling, and access routes, at Greenfields Farm, Pits Lane.

Comments made by members of the public were noted.

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

Resolved: To also comment in the consultation response that

- 1.1. concern was raised about the safety implications of another access on to the main road and to ask the Planning Authority to look into means to mitigate these concerns.
- 1.2. comments in the Agricultural Dwelling Appraisal about the Council encouraging the Applicant are apparently historic and were not made by the current Council.
2. Conversion of an outfarm building to a dwelling at Hill Crest Barn, Pits Lane.

Comments made by members of the public were noted.

A concern was raised about the possible risk of an increase in light pollution.

Resolved: To support this application on the grounds that it would be beneficial to both the farming economy and housing stock in the village. The conversion represented a sympathetic treatment of a historic asset and the high standard of the design presentation was appreciated. Passed by three votes to one.

Updated

3. Old Barn. Smithy Lane.
 - 3.1. Conversion from barn opposite Townhead to a holiday let.
 - 3.2. SUPPORTED by Council.

No change

4. None.

No consultation

5. Tree Conservation Approval.
 - 5.1. Felling of two young sycamore trees at Parwich Hall. AGREED by PDNPA.

02-21-8 Clerk's report.

Completed

1. Clerk's estimate of time 7.0 hours per week over five weeks.
2. Bank Mandate.
 - 2.1. Universal request agreement submitted to add two Councillors and the Clerk to the mandate.
 - 2.2. Signatures submitted. Now waiting for NatWest to complete.
3. Pond and brook maintenance.
 - 3.1. Indicative cost received for clearance of the brook, pond and Sheepwash.
4. Precept requested in accordance with budget agreed at previous meeting.
5. Parson's Croft.
 - 5.1. Cricket matches and camping dates added to the Council's website calendar.
 - 5.2. Parwich School advised of these dates.
 - 5.3. Waiting confirmation of 3rd party insurance cover from the Cricket Club.
6. Disciplinary Procedure.
 - 6.1. Minor updates added to website.
7. King's portrait.
 - 7.1. A free framed portrait has been ordered.
8. Parish Council borrowing.
 - 8.1. Provided advice regarding the circumstances in which this is permissible.
9. Camping fees.
 - 9.1. Confirmed this year's fee of £10 per unit per night for Sheffield Campers.
10. Freedom of information request.
 - 10.1. Responded to enquiry regarding Annual Return advising that all the information requested is already on the website.
11. Water meter.
 - 11.1. Took and submitted reading.

Ongoing

12. Bird spikes to be fitted on toddler swing.
13. Miscellaneous works for mowing contractor.
 - 13.1. Repair to stone kerb between brook and path by Japonica.
 - 13.2. Regrowth of Ivy on Nethergreen walls to be treated.
 - 13.3. Clearance of paths on Gibbons Bank.
14. Pavilion roof repairs.
 - 14.1. It has been advised that this will start within the next 4 to 6 weeks depending on the weather.
 - 14.2. Arrangements for the purchase of materials have been agreed.
15. Mowing contract.
 - 15.1. Draft prepared for signature and sent to contractor.
 - 15.2. Confirmation of 3rd party liability insurance covered expected shortly.
16. Farm Business Tenancy. Parwich Moor North.
 - 16.1. Tenant's minor requests for contract amendments agreed following advice from Bagshaws.
 - 16.2. Bagshaws arranging formal copies for tenant to sign before Clerk (on behalf of Council).

Waiting response or action

17. Requested cost of insuring Pikehall defibrillator. Waiting reply.

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18. Waiting advice re finance from Tennis club re-funding of court cleaning.
 - 18.1. Confirmed constitution allows return of unused funds to original funders which did include the Parish Council.
19. From County Councillor and Highways requesting update on
 - 19.1. 20 mph speed limit policy.
 - 19.2. Playground signpost.
20. Sale of small part of Parsons Croft.
 - 20.1. Waiting written confirmation of Oddfellows decision not to allow a sale. (No change expected).

02-21-9 Items of account.

On-line payments approved by Clerk since last meeting.

Payee	Item	Amount
Contractor	Balance of toilet cleaning costs from 2023.	£75.00
Tarmac Trading Ltd	3rd Party Contribution to trigger DET Grant.	£2413.02

On-line payments due.

Payee	Item	Amount
DALC	Annual Subscription (excludes £160 optional Enhanced Training fee).	£214.11
Memorial Hall	January hire	£25.00
Derbyshire Dales District Council	Garden Waste Collection	£56.00

Resolved: These invoices are approved for payment.

Notes:

1. Balance at 15 February 2023. £14,010.85.

02-21-10 Floodlights.

The residual cost for the installation of the floodlights has been met by users.

The installation of the external switch box and timer to be confirmed.

02-21-11 Playground.

Formal approval of the grant and supplier selection for new equipment has been received from the Derbyshire Environmental Trust (DET).

Confirmation of leadtime and final pricing has been received from Wicksteed who will supply the equipment.

Resolved: To confirm the order.

Resolved: To request that Wicksteed quote to replace four sets of swing chains and two swing seats for the toddler swings at the same time.

These minutes are a draft until approved at the following meeting.

Resolved: To research possible sources of additional funding for the swing repairs. (IM)

Resolved: To request a delay to the annual inspection of the playground until after the new equipment has been installed.

I Manning is also contacting the unsuccessful suppliers to thank them for their quotations.

Resolved: Not to consider enclosing the boundary along the road.

Resolved: To renew the request to the Highways Authority to provide a playground hazard sign on the road.

02-21-12 Pump Hill. Boundary wall.

A draft risk assessment had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Resolved: To approve this draft and add it to the Council's risk management summary.

No further information had been received regarding options and costs for repairs.

02-21-13 Pump Hill. Garden.

Installation of owl and bat boxes is complete. The residents who assisted with this will be thanked. (LC).

No further progress to report with the Community Engagement Co-ordinator of the Derbyshire Immediate Justice Scheme regarding carrying out work in the garden.

Resolved: To adopt the following provisional management plan for the garden.

1. To attempt to keep only the main paths clear using volunteers.
2. To allow the rest of the space to rewild.

Residents are invited to comment on this proposal.

02-21-14 Biodiversity Duty.

The Council is required to prepare objectives and strategies for meeting its Biodiversity duty. A model policy had been circulated in advance of the meeting. DALC have advised that despite the inclusion of a Biodiversity Audit in the model policy this is not compulsory.

Resolved: Due to the likely cost, the Councils' policy will not include a Biodiversity Audit at this time.

Resolved: The Clerk will draft a simplified policy and action plan for review at the next meeting.

02-21-15 Website contract.

The Council's previous website provider has been taken over. The new owner has offered a contract for the same service at the same price.

Resolved: To accept the new contract.

02-21-16 Tree survey.

The 18-month tree survey has been carried out. A report was circulated in advance of the meeting. No actions were identified.

Resolved: To accept the report.

02-21-17 Flood concerns at Parsons Croft.

A resident has contacted the Parish Council requesting an on-site meeting to discuss their concerns and possible remedies.

Resolved: To request that before an on-site meeting is agreed that evidence be provided so that what the Parish Council might be asked to do is something it is actually required, or permitted, to do.

02-21-18 Correspondence and communication.

1. Resident. Use of Pavilion Changing rooms.
2. DCC. Community news. X 3
3. DCC. Close Bradbourne Road Parwich for BT Cable repairs.
 - 3.1. Also received to resident's concern about this closure.
4. DCC. A515 closure.
5. DDDC. Personal Security Briefings.
6. DD CVS. Children's groups.
7. DALC. Newsletter.
8. Rural Services Network. Bulletin. X 6.
9. Rural Action Derbyshire. Bulletin. X 3.
10. PDNPA. funding boost for moorland conservation.
11. PDNPA. Listening to locals.
12. Derbyshire Police Commissioner. Safer Internet Day.
13. Derbyshire Police Commissioner. Newsletter.
14. Derbyshire Police Commissioner. Lived Experience App.
15. Gallagher. Virtual conference. X 4.
16. Local Government Boundary Commission. Consultation.
17. DHSC Defibrillator Scheme.
18. P Riley Ground care. Offer of grass cutting.
19. Sarah Dines. MP. NatWest petition.

02-21-19 Items for the next agenda.

1. Tree maintenance.
2. Pavilion changing rooms.

02-21-20 Date of next meeting.

To be held on **Tuesday 26th March 2024** at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was closed at 10:00 pm.

A Martin
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council
22 February 2024