

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2019

Present: Councillors Paul Colleyshaw (Chair) Councillor Oppenheimer (Vice Chair), Nigel Picken, Alan Buxton, Susan Browne and David Meredith.

Staff and Public in attendance: District Councillor Kerry Haines, and Celia Bunston (Clerk)

2329/19 Apologies:

2330/19 Declaration of Members Interests – no declarations were made.

2331/19 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. No requests for dispensations were received.

2332/19 – Public Speaking

District Councillor Churchill and County Councillor Chilton sent their apologies.

District Councillor Haines reported that:

- a) South Derbyshire District Council has approved a quote to refurbish the public toilets in the village hall car park.
- b) Councillor Haines and Councillor Churchill are planning to hold a surgery in Ticknall village hall.
- c) There is a bin collection leaflet available for collections over the Christmas period, and there will be a skeleton staff in to deal with matters that could arise over the Christmas period, for instance a call out to the Clean Team. If these are required contact Kerry.haines@southderbyshire.gov.uk

2333/19 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd October 2019

RESOLVED: To confirm the minutes of the meeting on 22nd October 2019

2334/19 Website

The Parish Council has a new website www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk
It chose the company 2commune, which specialises in websites for local authorities, to build the site and our thanks go to Tina Britt from 2commune for doing this for us. The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked Celia Bunston, the Clerk for the work she has put in to load the information and documents onto the new website. Please use the website to find out when the next meeting is and to access the agendas and minutes. There are also finance documents and audit documents on the site. The website will be purely for Parish Council matters.

The Parish Council would like to thank Emily Draper for providing the photographs, and Juliet Boucher for providing the illustrations for the new website.

The Parish Council would also like to thank Bryan Smith of Limeyard Associates for kindly inviting the Parish Council to use his community website www.ticknalllife.co.uk over many years. This website is where you will find information about events and local groups' activities.

2335/19 Noise from recent party in Ticknall

Councillor Meredith reported that a villager had complained about the noise from a party that was held in Ticknall recently. When excessive noise is heard it is advisable to ask for advice from Environmental Services at South Derbyshire District Council.

RESOLVED: To monitor the situation.

2336/19 Condition of stile on High Street

The stile at the entrance to public footpath number 13 is in a bad condition and requires some refurbishment. The stile is on private land, the owner of which will consult with the Conservation Officer at South Derbyshire District Council for advice.

Councillor Colleyshaw proposed that the Parish Council could contribute towards the cost of the refurbishment, which was seconded by Councillor Picken and all agreed.

Derbyshire County Council has reported that, because the stile is not in use, it does not come under the 50% grant scheme for the repair of stiles.

RESOLVED: To put the matter onto the agenda for the meeting on 7th January.

2337/19 Clerk's Report

a) VE Day commemorations

There has been no response from the public regarding a request for commemorations. The Clerk offered to hold a coffee morning in Ticknall Village Hall, on Friday 8th May 2020 which is a bank holiday. Councillors Oppenheimer and Meredith offered to help. The Clerk will put an appeal into the February newsletter, for photos from 1945. Councillor Colleyshaw and Browne suggested that the event could be held in St. George's church.

b) Stone walls, Ticknall

The Parish Council has not yet received a report from Mather Jamie, considering a report from a Heritage Consultant regarding the repointing of stone walls.

RESOLVED: The clerk was instructed to contact Mather Jamie to ask for a progress report.

c) Refurbishment of the toilets in the village hall car park.

SDDC has accepted a quote to refurbish the public toilets and work will start on 6th January.

d) The VAS on Main Street was removed on 18th November and will be expected to return on 18th February 2020.

2339/19 Drainage

The recent heavy rain caused some severe problems in the village. Main Street was closed down by the police, which was a great help to stop motorists going too fast and causing bow waves. However, people had to follow diversions, which was inconvenient.

On inspection shortly after, the water drained away quickly leaving us of the opinion that the drains were working well. However, there was a drain blocked outside of 181 Main Street, also one further up Main Street and a small number on High Street. These were reported and DCC came out immediately to unblock these.

Although there is some height in the culvert the Parish Council felt that since it had not been dredged or flushed for 5 years, it should be done.

It was also suggested that villagers would not mind lifting pine needles or leaf debris from a gully near them and put these into their brown bins.

Councillor Colleyshaw said we should also consider purchasing some flood signs and ask villagers to keep these and put these out in heavy rain.

RESOLVED: The Clerk was instructed to write to DCC asking them to dredge and flush all of the culverts. Also, to ask local people in the newsletter, if they would kindly remove any pine needles or leaf debris from the gullies and put these into their brown bins.

2339/19 The Grange and Pavilion

a) Planning Application for container and patio at the pavilion.

The Parish Council has learned from SDDC that planning permission is not required.

b) Insurance Claim. The claim has been accepted and received.

2340/19 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

Ref. No: DMPA/2019/1261 – The erection of extensions, 7 Church Lane, Ticknall.

RESOLVED: No objections to the above application.

Planning Decisions: None

2341/19 Finance

a) Receipts since last meeting:

HSBC – Bank interest for November	£2.07
Ticknall Cricket Club – 3 rd Quarter fixtures fees	£1037.50
HMRC – VAT repayment	£2563.13
AXA Insurance – Insurance claim	£1528.60

b) Payments since last meeting:

Waterplus – pavilion water	£33.66 DD
Heath Pest Control– 01 Nov–31 st January £117.50, £23.50 VAT	£141.00 BACS
HP – monthly ink account £6.66, £1.33 VAT	£7.99 VISA
Embrace the Middle East – Carol sheets	£103.95 BACS
C.J. Lewis Printers, November newsletter	£75.00 BACS
Post Office Ltd – Postage stamps	£16.80 VISA
Digital Isle Ltd – Cable ties, £5.04, £1.00 VAT	£6.04 BACS
Acropro – Monthly Account for October £12.64, £2.53 VAT	£15.17 VISA
C. Bunston – net pay for October	£273.38 BACS
Derbyshire County Council – Pension payments for October	£65.68 BACS
Waterplus – pavilion water	£4.90 DD
The Poppy Appeal – wreath	£75.00
Ticknall Village Hall – Grant towards Hearing Loop System	£1500.00 BACS

c) Cashbook Balance at 19th November 2019

HSBC Current Account	£10179.31
HSBC Money Manager Account	£12171.41
HSBC Savings Account	£0.10
TOTAL	£22350.82

d) Payments for approval:

Since agenda:

Z. Lucas – painting of swings and slide	£280.00 BACS
HP – Ink account for November £6.66, £1.33 VAT	£7.99 VISA
H. Brandon – cleaning pavilion, November	£50.00 BACS

RESOLVED: To approve the above payments.

e) Checking of invoices against bank statements:

RESOLVED: That the invoices, checked against the bank statements, are in order, and these were initialled by Councillors Oppenheimer and Buxton.

2342/19 – Budget and Setting of the Precept for 2020 to 2021

RESOLVED: To carry this item over to the meeting on 7th January 2020.

2343/19 Correspondence:

a) DCC – Tackling Cybercrime.

RESOLVED: To note the correspondence.

2344/19 - Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

a) 11/2019 General Circular

RESOLVED: To note the DALC circulars.

2345/19 Reports to note: No reports to note.

2346/19 Reports from representatives to outside bodies and special duties:

a) Councillor Colleyshaw asked if the Parish Council should write to ask neighbouring farms to ask the drivers of their tractors, and their contractors to slow down when driving through Ticknall. Even at 30mph these very large vehicles can be intimidating for pedestrians. Councillor Colleyshaw said he would draw up a list of local farmers.

RESOLVED: To put the matter onto the agenda for the meeting on 7th January 2020.

2347/19 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 7th January, 2020 at 7,30pm preceded by a councillor surgery at 7.15pm. The Press and Public are welcome to attend.