

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON 12th JANUARY 2021

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

Staff and Public in attendance: District Councillor Kerry Haines, County Councillor Linda Chilton, 2 members of the public and Celia Bunston (Clerk)

2461/2021 Apologies: Councillor Oppenheimer.

2462/2021 Declaration of Members Interests: None

2463/2021 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. No requests were received.

2464/2021 Public Speaking:

- a) District Councillor Haines
- 1) The toilets are still not ready to open. Councillor Haines will make further enquiries.
 - 2) There is still a problem getting the green bins emptied due to the very large increase in cardboard that is being recycled at the present time. The bins will be emptied, but possibly not on the designated day.
 - 3) The Area Forum Meeting will be held on 19th January.
 - 4) Kerry Haines has contacted the department at SDDC that deals with gritting, to ask if the Old People's bungalows pathways can be gritted. SDDC responded that due to the very large area in the district that requires gritting, it would delay the gritting at the bungalows. There is a grit bin on the site, and the Parish Council was asked if it would involve a local person to be responsible for gritting the paths.

2465/2021 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd November 2020

RESOLVED: To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2020.

2466/2021 Parking in Ticknall

The Chair asked that the discussion should be split into two sections.

- 1) The recent problem of parking in the village caused by COVID-19 restrictions
 - 2) The ongoing parking problem around the area of Ingleby Lane/Main Street and High Street.
- 1) Stewart Alcock spoke on behalf of Calke Park and The National Trust. He told the meeting that The National Trust has always relied on the parameters set by the government, which allowed public parks to remain open but with a limit on the numbers that could enter. A booking system was introduced. The house and garden are closed because safety around these areas could not be assured. The Café's remained open for takeaways, and the toilets remain open as well.

Paul Colleyshaw, the Chair asked Stewart if numbers into the park had remained high during November and December. Stewart reported that numbers had fallen. Paul said that the numbers of people parking every day in Ticknall was at its height, so, although he accepted that not everyone that parked in Ticknall was not going into the park, most were, choosing not to pay to enter the park but to park in Ticknall and walk in.

A member of the public commented that Calke Park cannot be expected to control parking outside the park, however, in the future entrances into the park will be compromised by habit forming and people will have learned to not pay to get into Calke in the future. People going into Calke has risen over the years, and the reality is that we will have this parking situation to until at least Easter.

He also said that the police have advised the 'peep and creep' method to exit his driveway in his car onto Main Street. He maintains this is a very dangerous manoeuvre and he is concerned for the safety of his children when they are in the car. He has witnessed people parking and not observing social distancing rules, and also witnessed arguments between aggressive motorists. Yellow lines would not work, but something needs to be done before somebody gets killed or injured.

He asked if Calke Park was prepared to put a statement on its website asking people not to park in Ticknall village. Stewart replied that they have already put some reactive statements onto the website, asking everybody to agree with them.

- 2) The problem of parking in Ticknall has occurred over many years, long before Covid-19. The Parish Council has been in contact with Richard Handbury at Derbyshire County Council about parking restrictions outside of the Wheel Inn opposite Ingleby Lane and High Street. A letter was written on 9th December to add to our previous letter, that parking had become much worse. His response was that their team are undertaking a number of visits to observe and log the parking levels. He reminded the Parish Council that in a previous letter to us that he would monitor the situation for a period of six months and would report back by March 2021.

The Parish Council agreed that it should publish the Parish Council's letter to Mr. Handbury and his reply to the Parish Council in the February newsletter and on the Parish Council website, to keep residents informed. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would provide Mr. Handbury with photos and/or videos as evidence of the inappropriate parking problem.

County Councillor Linda Chilton commented that she wished that the police would do more when they see inappropriate parking. She said the team at DCC Highways is a good team, and that checks are made by the team. DCC are aware that the issue is around the entrance to Calke Park.

Paul Colleyshaw addressed Linda and said that we need to get DCC, the Police and Calke Park to recognise that we have a problem.

Stewart said that we have to stop pointing fingers and find a way to work together on this. Stewart is working on a plan and will let the Parish Council have a copy.

County Councillor Linda Chilton suggested and it was agreed by the Parish Council to write a letter to Tim Gregory (Executive Director of Economy, Transport & Environment, DCC), Simon Spencer (Highways Cabinet Member, DCC), Richard Handbury, (Economy, Transport & Environment, DCC), Rachel Swann (Chief Constable Derbyshire Constabulary), Stewart Alcock (Calke Abbey), Martin Pallot and provide Linda Chilton with a copy.

2467/2021 Leave of Absence of Councillor Oppenheimer

Councillor Oppenheimer informed the Parish Council that she needed a leave of absence because of a family illness. Her last meeting was on November 3rd 2020. The Parish Council agreed that she can remain absent until 2nd September 2021, when the matter will be reviewed.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Oppenheimer has been granted a leave of absence until 2nd September when the matter will be reviewed.

2468/2021 Clerk's Report

- a) Refurbishment and reopening of the toilets in the village hall car park. See public speaking above, (2464/2021/a)1).
- b) Response from DCC regarding traffic restrictions opposite Ingleby Lane and Bantons Lane, including reply from Richard Handbury. See minute number 2466/2021
- c) Response from DCC regarding speed sign on bend on B5006. No response as yet.
- d) The Wheel Inn – No response has been received to our request that they paint the metal boarding.
- e) Confirmation of £200 donation to St. George's Church, Ticknall Methodist Chapel and Swadlincote Salvation Army.

Councillor Picken proposed, which was seconded by Councillor Meredith that the Christmas donations should be paid, and all agreed

RESOLVED: To make the payments.

- f) Ticknall taps, hand pump, the Lock-up and The Arch.

The Clerk reported that Calke Park had agreed to remove the ivy from The Arch, and The Harpur Crewe Estate would remove the ivy from the Lock-up, however, the Estate believe that it is only responsible for the building itself, not the land. Councillor Meredith remarked that there were still ferns growing on the roof tiles, which need to be removed or the roof of the lock-up will be damaged.

Regarding the taps and hand pump, Councillor Meredith would like to have weeds etc removed from around these. Councillor Colleyshaw suggested that he and Councillor Meredith walk around the village to inspect the taps and hand pump to assess the situation and report back.

RESOLVED; To contact The Harpur Crewe Estate to ask them to remove the ferns from the lock-up. . The taps and hand pump will be inspected.

- g) Items for the February newsletter.
To publicise the Parish Council letter to Richard Handbury and his reply.
The 2021 Census.
An article from the Village Hall.

2469/2021 Drainage

- a) Councillor Colleyshaw reported that he is still waiting works to be done on High Street and Ashby Road, and Stanton Hill.
b) Councillor Colleyshaw reported that the gullies were running clear. Councillor Meredith said that there was standing water in the field to the east of High Street, which will pose a threat if we have heavy rains.

2470/2021 The Grange and pavilion

- a) Proposal to request that Ticknall Cricket Club takes on the cost of electricity and water usage, in exchange for a reduction in its rent payment to the Parish Council.

Councillor Colleyshaw reported that he had spoken to the Cricket Club on the instruction of the Parish Council, about the proposal and they had agreed to it. This move would spread the cost of The Grange to the Users but the Parish Council would still keep control. Councillor Colleyshaw recommended that a Parish Councillor should sit on Management Committee of Ticknall Cricket Club.

It was proposed by Councillor Colleyshaw, seconded by Councillor Picken and agreed by all.

RESOLVED: That from 1st April 2021, Ticknall Cricket Club would take on the cost of electricity and water and in return the fees to the club from 1st April 2021 will be £3400 per annum.

- b) Application to erect additional advertising hoardings on The Grange.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the Parish Council meeting to be held on 23rd February.

- c) Review of Regular Use of The Grange Recreation Facilities Rules.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the Parish Council meeting to be held on 23rd February.

2471/2021 Planning Matters

- a) Planning Applications.

DMOT/2020/0897 - Felling of a Leylandii tree at 59 High Street, Ticknall.

DMOT/2020/0900 - Reduction of 2 no. Copper Beech trees in height by 3 meters and prune outer branches at 37 Main Street, Ticknall.

DMPA/2020/1087 - Enlargement of existing porch roof to give overhang for shelter at 4 Church Lane, Ticknall.

DMOT/2020/1175 - The felling of trees at Honeysuckle Barn, 138 Main Street, Ticknall.

DMOT/2020/1178 - The felling and pruning of trees at Calke Abbey, Main Street, Ticknall.

DMPA/2020/0953 - Listed Building Consent for the internal upgrading and restoration of existing house and replacement of windows and doors at 57, Main Street, Ticknall. Amended plans and additional information received on 9th December 2020

Since agenda:

DMPA/2020/1248 – The erection of a proposed studio above existing garage at Brickyard Cottage, 183 Main Street, Ticknall.

RESOLVED: No comments on the above applications.

Planning Decisions: No Planning Decisions.

2472/2021 Finance

a) Receipts since last meeting:

HSBC – Bank Interest for November	£0.10
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SDDC – Reimbursement of S.136 Concurrent Expenses 2020	£3803.00
DCC – 50% payment of the cost of repair of gate on footpath 8/9	£70.00

b) Payments since last meeting:

C. Bunston – monthly payment for use of home as office - November	£26.00 SO
Adobe – Monthly cover for November £12.64, £2.53 VAT	£15.17 VISA
HP – Ink account for November £6.66, £1.33 VAT	£7.99 VISA
C. Bunston – Net pay for November to 17 th November	£159.21 BACS
Derbyshire County Council – pension payments for November	£40.93 BACS
C. Bunston – Net pay for November from 18 th November to 30 th November	£128.75 BACS
H. Brandon – cleaning pavilion for November	£50.00 BACS
Celia Bunston – monthly payment for use of home as office – December	£26.00 SO
Adobe – Monthly cover for December £12.64, £2.53 VAT	£15.17 VISA
HP – Ink account for December £8.32, £1.67 VAT	£9.99 VISA
C. Bunston – Net pay for December	£297.22 BACS
H. Brandon – cleaning pavilion for December	£50.00 BACS
Ferndale Garden Services – Christmas tree and lights	£450.00 BACS
Ferndale Garden Services – Cutting back foliage - Lengthsman	£150.00 BACS
Ferndale Garden Services – mow footpath number 14	£30.00 BACS
Waterplus – The Grange & Pavilion water to 28 th October	£705.73 DD
Currys PC World – stationery £10.00, £2.00 VAT	£12.00 VISA
Currys PC World – 2-year computer repair cover	£70.00 VISA
Owen Jowett – connect and disconnect Christmas lights	£160.00 BACS

RESOLVED: To approve the payments.

c) Cashbook Balance to 31st December 2020

HSBC Current Account	£23699.80
HSBC Money Manager Account	£12185.79
HSBC Savings Account	0.10
TOTAL	£35885.69

Payments for approval:

St. George's Church	£200.00 BACS
Ticknall Methodist Chapel	£200.00 BACS
Swadlincote Salvation Army	£200.00 BACS
Scribe, Starboard Systems Ltd – Accounts package annual subscription £257.00, £51.40	£308.40 BACS
Since agenda; H. Brandon, January clean of pavilion	£25.00 BACS

RESOLVED: To approve the payments.

- d) Approval of 3rd Quarter – 1st October to 31st December 2020 accounts against budget

RESOLVED: To approve the third quarter against budget.

- e) Checking of invoices against agenda and against bank statement. The invoices against bank statements will be approved when face to face meetings resume.

2473/2021 The Budget and the setting of the Precept for 2021-2022.

Councillor Picken confirmed that the Precept had not been increased for 8 years.

Councillor Paul Colleyshaw proposed and Councillor Picken seconded and all agreed that the budget should be approved and the Precept should be set at £13500.

RESOLVED: To approve the budget and to set the Precept at £13,500.

2474/2021 Applications for Grants

Ticknall Methodist Chapel – Grant towards works on the Chapel.

The Parish Council received a letter from the Methodist Chapel asking for a grant of £5000 towards work on the Chapel. The Chapel is a Grade II listed building and the Parish Council is in favour of supporting it. The Parish Council would like more information regarding the whole cost of the work and what other support they have received.

RESOLVED: To agree in principle to a grant, but to decide on the amount on the receipt of more information from the Chapel.

2475/2021 Ticknall Village Hall – Request for financial assistance from the Parish Council in 2021-2022.

Councillor Colleyshaw the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Trustees reported to the Parish Council that the village hall is unlikely to re-open in the near future. Depending on its finances, it will apply to the Parish Council when financial assistance is required.

The Parish Council has agreed to support the Village Hall, but to defer this to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: To defer to a future meeting.

2476/2021 Correspondence:

- a) J. Illesley, Ticknall Methodist Chapel, asking for a grant towards work to the Chapel.
- b) Roger Moors, SDCVS – Email to thank the Parish Council for its donation of £500.00 for its Winter Appeal.
- c) 2021 Census information.
- d) East Midlands Air Ambulance – thanking the Parish Council for its donation of £500.00.
- e) North West Leicestershire Local Plan Partial Review
- f) SDDC – Active South Derbyshire Sports Pass & Grant Scheme.
- g) SDDC – Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy.
- h) Derbyshire Police Budget Consultation 2020-2021.
- i) Smisby Parish Council – Smisby Roundhouse

- j) Richard Handbury, DCC – Email response to Parish Council's letter of 9th December regarding inappropriate parking issues in Ticknall.
- k) SDDC - Scam Warning – People may receive a text message asking for their bank details in return for a COVID-19 vaccination.

RESOLVED: To note the correspondence.

2477/2021 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Newsletter – November 2020
- b) Newsletter – January 2021

RESOLVED: To Note.

2478/2021 Reports to Note: None

2479/2021 Reports from representatives to outside bodies and special duties.

Report sent by email from Councillor Oppenheimer

Dame Catherine Harpur School remains stable in terms of finance and pupil numbers through a lot of hard work earlier in the year by the staff and governors. The Trustees committee for the building have been extremely helpful and accessible when issues have arisen about the building. At present the School is recruiting for a new teacher and has had 20 formal applications. Governor input is extremely important in such a small establishment and the Community Governor role provided by the Parish Council representative is vital. When the role is vacated by Councillor Oppenheimer it will be important that it is someone who is interested and willing to give the time for meetings, mandatory training and the ongoing roles each governor has.

2471/2021 Date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 7.30pm.

THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.