

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON 23rd FEBRUARY 2021

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

Staff and Public in attendance: District Councillor Kerry Haines, District Councillor Andrew Churchill, County Councillor Linda Chilton, 1 member of the public and Celia Bunston (Clerk)

2472/2021 Apologies: Councillor Oppenheimer.

2473/2021 Declaration of Members Interests: None

2474/2021 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. No requests were received.

2475/2021 Public Speaking:

- a) District Councillor Haines reported:
 - 1) A hand dryer has been installed into the public toilets in the village hall car park. However, these are still not open to the public.
 - 2) A new senior member of the Planning Department has been employed.
 - 3) SDDC is carrying out a pilot scheme to recycle coffee pods for recycling.

- b) District Councillor Churchill reported:
 - 1) The 'R' number rate in the East Midlands is currently at 0.6 to 0.9. 47,000 asymptomatic people have tested for Covid-19 in South Derbyshire across three test centres. Two of these have now moved on elsewhere in the county and the remaining one at the Midway Community Centre will continue to be open for the time-being; 289,000 people have had a vaccination in Derbyshire (for the majority this is their first jab, relatively few have yet had both).
 - 2) 2020 Act of Parliament that enabled council business to be conducted virtually, ceases to be in force on 7th May 2021; together with a large number of other local authorities, The Chief Executive at SDDC has petitioned the government for this to be extended. Secretary of State Jenrick confirmed that this is under active consideration and an announcement is expected soon.
 - 3) There will be 10 new Free Ports across the country, of which 2 are likely to be in-land. This will be decided at Secretary of State level and a number of bids were presented in early February. The East Midlands bid is spread across three sites: The Airport, Ratcliffe Power Station site and the Toyota site (and immediately neighbouring land on Etwall Common).
 - 4) Local elections will be held on 6th May.
 - 5) Councillor Churchill reported an incident of fly tipping on the Repton Road near to Ticknall.

2476/2021 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2021

RESOLVED: To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2021.

2477/21 Resignation of Parish Councillor and Vacancy Notice

The Chairman reported that he had received the resignation of Councillor Meredith. The Clerk has informed South Derbyshire District Council. A notice was placed onto the notice board and the Parish Council website, which advertised a vacancy on the Parish Council. "If by 26 February, 2021 (14 days excluding Dies Non after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors for the said Parish, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option. If an election is called, it will not take place until **6 May 2021** due to the Coronavirus Act 2020. In the absence of a request for an election the vacancy may be filled by co-option".

Frank B McArdle
Returning Officer
Civic Offices
Civic Way

Swadlincote
Derbyshire
DE11 0AH

2478/21 Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Chairman said that if no request for an election was received by SDDC, then the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option. He said that we would wait until there were any requests from the public requesting to be considered for the vacancy, and report at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

2479/2021 Clerk's Report

- a) Refurbishment and reopening of the toilets in the village hall car park. See public speaking above, (2475/21/a)1).
- b) Response from DCC regarding traffic restrictions opposite Ingleby Lane and Bantons Lane, including reply from Richard Handbury. No response has been received, but we expect one by March 2021.
- c) Heather Wheeler MP – We have written to Heather Wheeler requesting that she writes to the Police and to Derbyshire County Council in support of the Parish Council requests for some traffic calming measures.
- d) Inspector Thornhill, parking, staying local and government guidelines during Covid-19. The Parish Council wrote to the police asking for some presence in Ticknall to help with the problem of inconsiderate parking that we have in the village. Inspector Thornhill responded that unless an offence was committed there was little the police could do, but they would attend the village regularly, His full response was put onto the Notice Board and the Parish Council website.
- e) Ticknall Taps, Hand Pump, Lock up. The Harpur Crewe Estate has removed some ivy and ferns around the Lock-up. Further work is planned to cut down some branches from a neighbouring tree that overhangs the Lock-up. The taps and hand pump will be monitored.
- f) The Census – This will be digital, with no face-to-face help provided. Each address in the country will be sent a 12-digit household access code to enter at www.census.gov.uk It will be possible to get help to complete the Census online or by contacting the ONS Contact Centre: 0800 141 2021.

2480/2021 Drainage

- a) Councillor Colleyshaw reported that although the rainfall this year was higher than at this time last year, the drains coped well.
- b) In the week of 15th to 19th February all of the drains were surveyed by Severn Trent.

2481/2021 The Grange and pavilion

- a) The Review of Regular Use of The Grange and Pavilion rules. This is still being worked on and will be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- b) There has been no request yet from Ticknall Cricket Club to erect more advertising boards on The Grange.

2482/2021 Planning Matters

- a) Planning Applications.
DMPA/2020/0444 - Change of use from storage building to public house with the use of outdoor courtyard for seating area and the retention of hardstanding to form associated parking area at Unit 1, Southwood House Farm, Staunton Lane, Calke, Ashby De La Zouch, LE65 1RG
DMOT/2021/011 – The felling and pruning of trees at Archway House, 103 Main Street, Ticknall, DE73
DMOT/2021/0168 – The pruning of willow tree at 5 the Green, Ticknall, DE73 7GY

RESOLVED: No comments on the above applications.

Planning Decisions: No Planning Decisions.

2483/2021 Finance

a) Receipts since last meeting:		
HSBC – Bank Interest for February		£0.10
b) Payments since last meeting:		
O. Heap – Service Fire Alarm and materials £233.48, £46.70 VAT		£280.18 BACS
C. Bunston–monthly payment for use of home as office – January		£26.00 SO
Adobe – Monthly cover for January £12.64, £2.53 VAT		£15.17 VISA
HP – Ink account for January £8.32, £1.67 VAT		£9.99 VISA
C. Bunston – Net pay for January		£297.22 BACS
H. Brandon – cleaning pavilion for January		£25.00 BACS
Eon – pavilion electricity - £299.42, £14.97 VAT		£314.39 DD
S. Buxton – Rose Garden maintenance		£60.00 BACS
Heath Pest Control – pest control at pavilion and Village Hall £167.50, £33.50		£201.00 BACS
Ferndale Garden Services – Remove Christmas lights and recycle tree		£60.00 BACS
C. Bunston-monthly payment for use of home as office – February		£26.00 SO
Trend Micro – 2-year security cover £83.25, £16.65 VAT		£99.90 VISA
H. Brandon – cleaning pavilion – February		£25.00 BACS
Waterplus – Pavilion water		£1.53 DD

RESOLVED: To approve the payments.

c) Cashbook Balance to 15 th February 2021		
HSBC Current Account	£22444.77	
HSBC Money Manager Account	£12185.99	
HSBC Savings Account	0.10	
TOTAL	£34630.86	

Payments for approval:		
C. Bunston – net pay for February		£297.22

Since agenda;		
Tree & Garden Services – work on Footpath 7 £100, £20.00 VAT		£120.00
DALC – Accounts Course		£30.00
DALC – Social Media Course		£30.00

RESOLVED: To approve the payments.

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

2484/2021 Applications for Grants

Ticknall Methodist Chapel – Grant towards works on the Chapel.

The Clerk reported that the Methodist Chapel has funding for the repair of the roof and pointing of the walls, but still needs money to install a boiler, and refurbish the kitchen and toilet facilities. The Parish Council agreed award a grant of £2500 from the current year's budget, and will consider awarding more out of next year's budget if the Methodist Chapel put in another request. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Methodist Chapel to advise that they should also apply for a community grant from South Derbyshire District Council.

Councillor Picken proposed and Councillor Browne seconded and all agreed to award Ticknall Methodist Chapel a grant of £2500.00.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £2500 for the refurbishments required.

2485/2021 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 may not need the full £10000.00 that the Parish Council budgeted to assist the Village Hall, because it had received another grant from SDDC. However, the Trustees do not know yet what bookings they will receive during 2021-22. The Trustees will contact the Parish Council again during 2021-2022 if further financial assistance is required.

2486/2021 Correspondence:

- a. Paul Patten, Case Worker to Heather Wheeler MP who has offered support to the Parish Council regarding inconsiderate parking.
- b. 20's Plenty Campaign – speeding campaign
- c. Police – asking the public to use social media channels to relieve the 101 line.
- d. M. Hirst – Email of thanks to Parish Council for gift of £200.

RESOLVED: To note the correspondence.

Since Agenda:

M. Wardle – email and photo about inappropriate parking on Main Street. The Parish Council looked at the photos, and bearing in mind the police advice that no offences had been committed, to note the correspondence.

2487/2021 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- g) Climate Action Support, b) Training courses for 2021

RESOLVED: To Note.

2488/2021 Reports to Note: None

2489/2021 Reports from representatives to outside bodies and special duties. None

2490/2021 Date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7.30pm to be held remotely via Zoom.

THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.