

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL ON 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**Present:** Councillors Paul Colleyshaw (Chair), Councillor Christina Oppenheimer (Vice Chair), Councillor Nigel Picken, Councillor Alan Buxton, Councillor Susan Browne.

**Staff and Public in attendance:** District Councillor Andrew Churchill, Stewart Alcock (Calke Park), 2 members of the public and Celia Bunston (Clerk).

**2785/2023 Apologies:** Councillor Bentley.

**2786/2023 Declaration of Members Interests:** None

**2787/2023 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.** No requests were received.

**2788/2023 Public Speaking:**

County Councillor Muller and District Councillor Haines sent their apologies.

- a) A member of the public came to the meeting to comment on Planning Application:

**DMPA/2023/0074** - The erection of a single storey front, side & rear extension, widened site entrance, replacement of roof covering, doors and windows & render finish to all elevations and the installation of photovoltaic panels at 24 High Street, Ticknall.

She said that although there are very positive parts of the plans, she has concerns that the side extension will come up to their boundary, and the extension which may have deep footings may affect the foundations of their property which is a Grade II listed building.

She also has concerns about the extractor fan on the side of the building facing their property.

- b) A second member of the public asked the Parish Council why we no longer have speed watch teams in the village. The Chair said that although we had tried to get a team, we were short of volunteers. CREST is a body that does speed checks and can be found on [www.crestderbyshire.org](http://www.crestderbyshire.org).

The Chair asked Councillor Oppenheimer to request at the Area Forum meeting, that CREST comes to Ticknall to carry out some speed checks.

- c) District Councillor Andrew Churchill reported:
- Area Forum Meeting at Findern on 14<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm, everyone welcome
  - Photo ID will be required for the local elections
- d) County Councillor Muller sent this report:
- Potholes. Every year we fix about 100,000 potholes across the County. We have just over 2000 defects waiting to be fixed. There are 18 dedicated maintenance gangs that work from various depots and these will be increased to 31 gangs. These gangs will work extended hours and weekends to fix as many as possible in the next few months. 650 defects are being fixed each week and with the extra resources this should increase. Potholes can be reported at [derbyshire.gov.uk/reportit](http://derbyshire.gov.uk/reportit).
  - Our B and C roads are inspected each year but we have been asked that Parish Councils report any local problems with secondary roads in their area. Over the next few months, I will catalogue any problem roads in my Melbourne District and report to Highways.
  - I still have some money left in my Community Fund and I am looking for local projects to support. We are waiting to hear if any additional funds are available to support the King's Coronation celebrations.

- Freeport. Nothing new to report.
  - Devolution. Ongoing. Will report at your next meeting.
- e) Stewart Alcock, Calke Park:
- The park has had a positive year – numbers are good and the trust is pleased that these have not caused any local issues.
  - They have signed a 25-year lease with Severn Trent to oversee Foremark and Staunton Harold reservoirs. This involves building a volunteer team. They share land boundaries and rights of way with these reservoirs and in future years they have aims and ambitions to create connections between all site to benefit nature and public access.
  - The year ahead is uncertain due to the global situation and impact of cost of living and what this means for visitor attractions like Calke
  - They have engaged with the local community with the creation of the community orchard. The trees are thriving and there is more planting to do.

**2789/2023 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

#### **2790/2023 Clerk's Report**

- a) DCC – Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – The works still have not been completed.
- b) Speed Indicator Devices – there is nothing to report on this matter.
- c) SDDC Guide to the estimated cost of election - £2500 per Parish.
- d) SDDC – Briefing notes and posters regarding voter identification for all electors wishing to vote in person.

#### **2791/2023 King Charles' coronation.**

- a) The Staff of Life – Garden party from 4pm on 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- b) Parish – update on events.

Councillor Oppenheimer reported that the committee had met and decided to televise the coronation on a screen in the village hall and serve a brunch to those attending.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May it is planning to hold a village picnic on the village hall grounds.

#### **2792/2024 Community Orchard**

The Parish Council has been granted £3000 from The National Forest for the creation of the Orchard. The National Trust has kindly granted the use of its land off Bantons Lane for the orchard. Trees have been planted with more to be planted soon by National Trust rangers. Two seats have been purchased. Plans are ready to create a pedestrian gate and to erect a sign into the orchard.

#### **2793/2023 The Grange and pavilion**

Melbourne Dynamo FC girls' team has now finished its season on The Grange. The Cricket Club's square, which is maintained by its groundsmen, is considered to be the best in Derbyshire.

**2794/2023 Drainage** – there is nothing to report.

#### **2795/2023 Parish Map Arts Project**

The organiser, Alison Thornhill has reported that she has received an interest in the project, from four local people. The Chair asked the Clerk to invite Alison to the Parish Council meeting to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, to come and report any progress.

#### **2796/2023 Planning Matters**

- a) Planning Applications:

**DMPA/2023/0074** - The erection of a single storey front, side & rear extension, widened site entrance, replacement of roof covering, doors and windows & render finish to all elevations and the installation of photovoltaic panels at 24 High Street, Ticknall.

The Parish Council **OBJECTS** to the application for the following reason:

- The building is too close to its neighbouring property. The Parish Council's concern is that the extension's foundations may encroach on and interfere with the foundations of number 26 High Street, which is a Grade II listed building.

However, the Parish Council has no objections to the other matters in the application, provided that the Planning Authority is mindful that the applicants' property at 24 High Street, is within the Ticknall Conservation Area, and adjacent to a Grade II listed building.

Since agenda:

**DMOT/2023/0081** – Felling of 9no. trees (unprotected trees in a conservation area) 7 Chapel Street, Ticknall.

**RESOLVED:** There were no objections to the above application.

b) Planning Decisions:

**DMOT/2022/1542** – Felling of a conifer and pruning of trees at 11 Ashby Road, Ticknall. Approved.

**RESOLVED:** To note the planning decisions.

#### **2797/2023 Finance**

a) Receipts since last meeting:

Ticknall Cricket Club – quarterly rent – final payment	£875.00
National Forest – grant	£1223.03
SDDC – S136 Concurrent Expenses 2022-2023	£3803.19

b) Payments since last meeting:

Sainsburys – postage stamps	£22.80 VISA
Adobe monthly cover for January £12.64, £2.53 VAT	£15.17 VISA
C. Bunston – Salary for January	£324.50 BACS
C.J. Lewis – printing of newsletter	£82.50 BACS
HSBC – Bank Charges – January	£12.67

Since agenda:

Heath Pest Control – contract £167.50, £33.50 VAT	£201.00 BACS
H. Brandon – cleaning pavilion – February	£26.00 BACS

c) Balance of Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

HSBC – Current Account	£16296.32
HSBC – Money Manager Account	£12214.22
HSBC – Savings Account	£10022.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£38533.34</b>

d) **RESOLVED:** To approve the payments.

e) Checking of bank statement against invoices: There were no recent bank statements.

#### **2798/2023 Correspondence:**

- a) M. Hirst., St. George's Church – Thanks to the Parish Council for the donation from the Carol singing of £200.
- b) The treasure of The Methodist Chapel thanked the Parish Council for its donation of £200 from the Carol singing.

**RESOLVED:** To note the correspondence.

**2799/2023 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** February newsletter.

**2800/2023 Reports to Note:** No reports.

**2801/2023 Reports from representatives to outside bodies and special duties:**

Councillor Oppenheimer reported that Dame Catherine Harpur School has a full role and is financially secure.

**2802/2023 Date and time of next meeting.** 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Ticknall Village Hall.

**THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**