

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2023

Present: Councillor Paul Colleyshaw (Chair), Councillor Christina Oppenheimer (Vice Chair), Councillor John Bentley, Councillor Alison Thornhill, Councillor Jen Woodhead

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

2885/2023 Apologies: Councillor David Scott

2886/2023 Declaration of Members Interests: None

2887/2023 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. No requests were received.

2888/2023 Public Speaking:

County Councillor David Muller sent his apologies:

- 1) District Councillor Lowe reported:
 - a) East Staffordshire & South Derbyshire business awards 2023 – closing date 22nd Sept. All businesses eligible to submit across 11 categories for type of business.
 - b) Heritage open days are running across the district from 8th to 17th Sept – details available from the SDDC website, Calke Abbey, Sharpe’s Pottery and Hartshorne Church to be showcased among many other sites.
- 2) District Councillor Haines reported:
 - a) The next Repton Area Forum Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th September, at 6.30pm in Willington Old School.
 - b) SDDC will start forming its new Council plan later this month which will set out the priorities across the District for 2024-2028. It is expected that the first draft will be ready before Christmas.
 - c) A new software programme is being installed to optimise the Bin Lorry Collection Routes. Councillor Haines will let us know if it affects our area.
- 3) Councillor Thornhill reported that she had been asked by the people who look after the vineyard to ask for Parish Council support for plans to remove the surface of the land in the vineyard, so that wild flowers can be planted by the public. In future they hoped that local people would want to come into the vineyard to enjoy its surroundings,

The Council said, although they are not opposed to the plan, permission for this would have to be granted by Mather Jamie.

Councillor Thornhill said that she would look into this and report back at the next meeting.

- 4) Councillor Colleyshaw asked District Councillor Haines if there has been any progress on the Freeport. She responded that she has no further information at the moment.
- 5) Councillor Oppenheimer asked Councillor Haines if there are any funds available for community projects. Councillor Haines said that there is money available from the Shared Prosperity Fund.

2889/2023 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th July 2023.

RESOLVED: To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2023.

2890/2023 Completion of Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The Clerk reported that the External Auditor certified that they had completed their review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged their responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The Return will be posted into the notice board and onto the website on 6th September 2023.

RESOLVED: To Note.

2891/2023 Clerk's Report: There were no matters arising from the last meeting other than those in listed in specific items in these minutes.

2892/2023 Risk Assessment (Insurance)

It was proposed by Councillor Oppenheimer, seconded by Councillor Woodhead and agreed by all to approve the Risk Assessment for 2023-2024.

RESOLVED: To Approve the Risk Assessment.

2893/2023 Approval of Asset Register

It was proposed by Councillor Woodhead, Seconded by Councillor Bentley and agreed by all to approve the Asset Register for 2023-2024.

RESOLVED: To approve the Asset Register.

2894/2023 WI Request to decorate Ticknall Taps as part of the 'Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife' Campaign

Councillor Oppenheimer, in her role as President of the Ticknall22 WI, reported that the branch proposes to 'yard bomb' the Ticknall taps over the period of half term. There will be a Trail around the taps, which will be both fun and educational.

2895/2023 The Grange Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Councillor Colleyshaw reported that we have had a survey done on the premises, which showed up some minor items that need attention, primarily on the changing room.

A building inspector has also looked around the premises, and some changes will be made to the patio area.

It was reported that the Melbourne Girls Football Team intends to play again on The Grange this coming season. We are pleased to see that a goal post was left out by the football team and some local youths have been using it.

Councillor Scott is looking into the possibility of a men's walking football team this year.

2896/2023 Drainage – Nothing to report

2897/2023 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications:

DMOT/2023/0847 - Works to trees in a conservation area at 154 Main Street, Ticknall.

b) Planning Decisions:

DMOT/2023/0943 – The approval of details reserved by conditions 5, 6, 7 & 8 relating to planning permission ref: DMPA/20230074 at 24 High Street, Ticknall. Approved.

DMOT/2023/0774 – Felling of 2 cherry trees in a conservation area at 31 Chapel Street, Ticknall. No objections

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions.

2898/2023 Finance

a) Receipts since last meeting:

Ticknall Cricket Club – 2nd quarter fees	£900.00
DCC – Grant towards the defibrillator	£1000.00

b) Payments since last meeting:

Heath Pest Control–Contract 01.08.23 – 31.10.23	£201.00 BACS
£167.50, £33.50 VAT	
HSBC – Bank charges for July	£8.00
Post Office – Postage	£33.60 VISA
H. Brandon – Cleaning July	£40.50 BACS
Homeware (H. Brandon) Cleaning materials	£9.25 BACS
Curry's – Computer insurance	£8.30 VISA
Marks & Spencer – Refreshments for defib meeting	£4.20 VISA
PKF Littlejohn LLP – External Audit £210, £42 VAT	£252.00 BACS
Zurich Insurance 2023-2024	£1108.59 BACS
Zurich Insurance 2023-2024 Defibrillator & Climbing Frame	£61.49 BACS
P. Scrimshaw – spraying outfield on The Grange	£179.00 BACS
Bradgate Plumbing – Boiler Service	£120.00 BACS
C. Bunston – Use of home as office August	£26.00 SO
Adobe – Monthly cover for August £16.64, £3.33 VAT	£19.97 VISA
H. Brandon – pavilion cleaning – 3 hrs August	£40.50 BACS
The Community Heartbeat Trust – purchase of replacement Defibrillator £2720.00, £544.00 VAT	£3264.00 BACS
C. Bunston – Net pay for August	£324.50 BACS
H. Brandon – pavilion cleaning – 2 hrs August	£27.00 BACS
HP – Printing ink monthly charge £8.32, £1.67 VAT	£9.99 VISA
HSBC – Bank charges August	£8.00
TUK Rural Ltd – Assess Compliancy of pavilion with Building Regulations £ 150.00, £30.00 VAT	£180.00 BACS

c) Balance of Accounts at 30th August 2023

HSBC Current Account	£15774.02
HSBC Money Manager Account	£12308.84
HSBC Reserve Account	£10100.44
TOTAL	£38183.30

d) Payments for approval:

Since Agenda:

S. Buxton – Rose Garden Maintenance	£60.00 BACS
Currys – Computer Insurance – September	£8.30 DD
C.J. Lewis – Printing Leaflets	£38.00 BACS

RESOLVED: To approve the payments.

e) Internal Audit - Checking of bank statement against invoices:

Councillor Oppenheimer and Councillor Thornhill checked and signed the bank statement against invoices.

2899/2023 Correspondence:

- Councillor Kerry Haines – query from resident.
- M. Fagan – The Community Heartbeat Trust
- The Community Heartbeat Trust – Confirming BT Free Connection to power source.

The Parish Council discussed the above 3 items which all concerned the defibrillator, its cabinet and the power source into the red telephone box, which is used to heat the cabinet. The Parish Council

instructed the Clerk to contact Martin Fagan, to ask for more details about the electricity connection before a decision is made.

RESOLVED – To contact Martin Fagan and report back to the Parish Council.

2900/2023 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:

a) August Newsletter: b) September Newsletter

2901/2023 Reports to Note: No reports.

2902/2023 Reports from representatives to outside bodies and special duties:

- a) It was reported that the drop-in session held on 5th September to gauge interest in the proposed Free Digital Skills/IT Sessions to be held in the autumn, was very successful. As a result, the first session will be held between 2pm and 4pm on Tuesday 10th October.
- b) Councillor Colleyshaw reported that Mr. Johnson the owner of the Harpur Crewe Estate is currently in the UK, and he attended the Coffee Club's coffee morning on 5th September in the village hall.
- c) It was with some disappointment to the Parish Council that the committee of the Ticknall Annual Produce Show decided that, because of declining entries, to end the show this year. The Parish Council is disappointed because they would like to see more community activities.

It was decided to write to the committee to ask them to reconsider their decision.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will contact the committee.

2903/2023 Date and time of next meeting. Tuesday 24th October 2023

THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.