

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL ON 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

**Present:** Councillors Oppenheimer (Chair), Scott, Colleyshaw, Bentley and Thornhill

**Staff and Public in attendance:** District Councillor Haines, 3 members of the public and Celia Bunston (Clerk).

**3045/2024 Apologies:** Councillor Woodhead.

**3046/2024 Declaration of Members Interests:** There were no declarations of interests.

**3047/2024 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.** No requests were received.

**3048/2024 Public Speaking:**

District Councillor Lowe and County Councillor Muller sent their apologies.

1) County Councillor Muller sent this report:

- a) I have attended an initial briefing meeting to discuss the proposed high voltage power lines from Chesterfield to Willington. There will be a Consultation but it seems the preferred routing will be along the East side of Derby and back along the A50 corridor into Willington. This could include Aston on Trent, Weston on Trent and Findern.

I understand there will be approx. 180 new pylons along the 60k route, some being twice the height of existing pylons!

We are still at early days of the project and the New Administration in Westminster have still to make the final decision. The consultation actually finishes on the 17<sup>th</sup> Sept.

- b) The Freeport is now proceeding (slowly) with a decision made to de-commission Ratcliffe Power Station in the next few weeks. The site will be transformed into a High-tech Industrial Area and possibly a Commercial Hydrogen Production plant. The second phase at East Midlands Airport is at the planning stage with some resistance from the village of Diseworth, objecting to the land usage between their village and the M1 Motorway. The area by the A50 at Toyota is still being discussed with some plans for a Rail Head Junction being constructed at the A38/Toyota end of the site.

Again, they are a long way off making any final decisions about this final Freeport area.

- c) Derbyshire has just started a trial of a new type of pothole repairing material. They are using Roadmender Asphalt which is produced in Sheffield. The repair material has a high recycled rubber content (from old HGV tyres) and is more elastic than traditional asphalt. The material can be applied direct into roads in need of repair and creates a waterproof top layer.
- d) We are now issuing Gold Card Companion bus passes for people who need assistance when travelling in and around Derbyshire. Another person can travel for free with the eligible disabled person.

More information is on the Derbyshire web site.

- d) I think locally all the Potholes, overgrown pathways and hedges have been reported and reference numbers obtained. I know how frustrating some progress is but I will keep pressing Matlock when necessary.
- 2) District Councillor Haines reported:

a) Your Local Plan

The Local Plan review part 1 is now at the draft stage and SDDC will be undertaking a consultation to get views from residents about its planning policies and proposals for new development. The plan details existing housing allocations which have been carried forward from the previous plan plus any new allocated sites required to address some of the District's housing and employment need.

The consultation document will shortly be available to view on the Councils' website so please have a look and give us your views.

b) Free Tree Scheme

The scheme will be running again in October this year and the available trees will be Cherry plum, Downy birch, Goat willow and Guelder rose. Further details will be available shortly.

c) The Wheel Inn

Councillor Haines has no more information from the planning department on status of The Wheel Inn, but will continue to consult and update the Parish Council on the matter.

d) She has no further information on the Ticknall Recreation Ground Lease but will continue to consult with the relevant department at SDDC and report back to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council told Councillor Haines that they have had no further progress on the replacement of the dog bin on Ingleby Lane, the damaged bus shelter on Main Street, or the replacement of a bin in front of Ticknall Stores. Councillor Haines said she would look into these matters.

3) Members of the Public:

a) A member of the public reported that the dog bin at the bus shelter, opposite the limyeyards, on Main Street hasn't been emptied.

The Clerk will report this and Councillor Haines will follow this up.

b) A member of the public came to the meeting to express his disappointment that the goal posts that were available on recreation field have been taken down. They were removed and replaced at the opposite side of the field.

Councillor Colleyshaw explained that we had had reports that many young people were using the goal posts which had caused the ground on that area to be chopped up. The young people had also left a lot a litter, even though there is a litter bin nearby. Because it wasn't the football season it was decided to remove the posts to give the ground time to recover. When they were taken down, they were found to be damaged, so needed repair. They were repaired and the decision was made to move them to the opposite side of the recreation ground until the ground recovered. They will remain there for now, and will be moved around as and when the ground is chopped up.

The Parish Council has no objections to young people coming to the recreation ground for a kickabout, and would like to see more young people there for sport and recreation.

Councillor Oppenheimer said that it would be a useful addition to have a netball net installed as well.

c) Local resident Gethin Davies came to the meeting to propose that an Environmental Group be set up in the village. He has been in discussions with Councillor Thornhill about this. They would like to make bodies like the Parish Council, The Harpur Crewe Estate, Ticknall Village Hall, St. George's Church, Ticknall Methodist Chapel, Dame Catherine Harpur School, the pubs and individuals to reduce recycle, reuse and rethink- how to reduce our carbon footprint, reduce costs and improve biodiversity.

It was proposed that Councillor Thornhill be the Parish Council's representative on the group and lead it with Gethin. It is planned to arrange monthly meetings with interest parties in the pub.

Gethin will write a piece to be put into the November newsletter.

**3049/2024 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.**

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

**3050/2024 Clerk's Report:**

a) Commemorative seats at The Green and the Market Place. The Clerk reported that Ticknall Preservation & Historical Society has agreed to award a grant towards the project.

**RESOLVED:** To ask for a quote from the carpenter for refurbishing. If the cost is too high, it was agreed to replace with a hardwood seat.

- b) Hartshorne Parish Council – removal and reinstating the SID.

The Parish Council wrote to Hartshorne Parish Council to say that we agree to the removal and re-instatement of the SID, but rather than do as they suggested, moving it every 3 months, to move it 6 times over two years.

The Parish Council received a response from Hartshorne Parish Council turning down the offer to move the SID 6 times in two years. They want to keep the contract at moving the SID every 3 months.

The Parish Council agreed, that for the time being, until funding becomes available to purchase a new SID, it would agree to Hartshorne Parish Council's contract of moving the SID every 3 months and sharing the cost.

**RESOLVED:** To agree to the contract of moving the SID every 3 months and sharing the cost.

- a) PLACE Traffic Management, DCC, SIDS  
Regarding traffic speeds being excessively high. They have looked at the junction of the A514 Main Street with Church Lane and can see that the junction visibility splay is forward of the alignment such that approaching traffic can be seen from either direction. The recorded personal injury collision history over the latest 5-year period shows 0 recorded collisions along the A514 through Ticknall. In respect of a concealed entrance sign this is not possible as these signs are not prescribed signs within the TSRGD 2016 and so they are not something the Highway Authority can provide.

**RESOLVED:** To note.

- b) Dog Bin on Ingleby Lane. There has been no progress on the request for a replacement, larger, dog bin. District Councillor Haines will ask for any progress on the request for a replacement.  
c) Bus shelter on Main Street. There has been no progress on the request for the bus shelter to be repaired. District Councillor Haines will ask for what progress has been made on the repair of the bus shelter.  
d) Replacement bin outside of the old Village Store building. There has been no progress on the replacement of a litter bin at this site. District Councillor Haines will ask what has happened to the replacement of the bin.

**RESOLVED:** To wait for a progress report from District Councillor Haines, on items b), c) and d).

### **3051/2024 Ticknall Village Hall - Audited Accounts**

The treasurer of Ticknall Village Hall produced the accounts for 2023-2024 to the council. He reported that the balance of accounts is poor this year, due to a couple of wedding cancellations. Hopefully the outlook is more positive for 2024-2025. The village hall will still require financial help from the Parish Council during 2025-2026.

### **3052/2024 First Look at Budget 2025-2026**

The Council agreed that the budget is acceptable. The Clerk was asked to add £500.00 for the purchase of speed watch equipment. The final decision on the budget will be made at the January 2025 meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To add £500.00 to the budget for the purchase of speed watch equipment review the budget until a decision at the meeting in January.

### **3053/2024 Lease of The Grange**

The Parish Council reported that we have had no more information from SDDC about this matter. District Councillor Haines will investigate further.

**RESOLVED:** To keep the matter on the agenda

### **3054/2024 The Grange Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

- a) Complaint received regarding removal of goal post. This matter was discussed in Public Speaking. Public Speaking minute number 3048/2024 3b) above

**RESOLVED:** To note.

### **3055/2024 Speed Watch**

We continue to hold 2 sessions each week, weather and volunteers permitting. The entrance to the village from Stanton is where we catch the majority of speeding vehicles. On average we are reporting 20 vehicles in the hour, that are exceeding our parameters, some by quite a dangerous margin. With winter approaching sessions may well be reduced as we are advised for safety reasons not to go out. The equipment we use is on loan to us from Derbyshire Police, and at some point they will recall it. If we are to continue, we will need to find the £500.00 to purchase the necessary equipment. Thanks again to the small band of volunteers, more would be very welcome.

**RESOLVED:** To note, and to add £500.00 to the 2025-2026 budget to cover the cost of speed watch equipment.

### **3056/2024 - The Wheel Inn**

District Councillor Haines has contacted the Conservation and Enforcement Officer about the matter. They plan to have a meeting with the brewery to discuss the following points.

- Offer to meet with a rep from the brewery
- Emphasise that condition of the building as property owner is their responsibility, not await a new tenant
- We do need to see some positive steps to improve visual appearance
- We do need to specific timescales and what action is being taken to secure an end user
- The condition now is a negative aspect for the Conservation Area
- May need to add to the Heritage at Risk list
- Remains at risk when vacant, and fundamental repair/maintenance to the LB is not being undertaken
- Require a schedule of works as a building owner to get the building ready to let

**RESOLVED:** to wait for a response from the Conservation and Enforcement officers.

3036/2024 Matters brought from Public Participation at the May meeting: Environmental Group  
This matter was discussed in Public Participation. Minute Number 3048/2024 3c) above.

### **3057/2024 – Drainage**

The Parish Council has approached DCC, SDDC, and Severn Trent to look at the condition of the gutters, drains and culverts. Councillor Colleyshaw highlighted the areas that need attention on Ashby Road and High Street, where several drains are blocked. The Parish Council asked District Councillor Haines to see if there has been any progress.

The underground culvert on Burton Road to Bantons Lane has still not been cleared, despite a promise to do so.

The Parish Council wants the agencies to get together to solve the problems. Councillor Colleyshaw will continue to monitor the drain and culvert at the bottom of Stanton Hill.

**RESOLVED:** To continue to monitor the situation.

### **3058/2024 Planning Matters**

- a) Planning Applications

DMPA/2024/0570 - The installation of two dormer windows and the erection of a porch to the front elevation and a dormer extension to the rear at 31 Ashby Road, Ticknall

The above application has been amended. The amendments are summarised as amended plans.

DMOT/2024/1075 - The pruning of trees at 26 High Street, Ticknall.

DMPN/2024/1094 - Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for change of use from campsite to seasonal wedding venue on Land off Ingleby Lane, Ticknall.  
 DMOT/2024/1120 - The felling of the cedar tree at Lawn Cottage, 20 Ashby Road, Ticknall.  
 DMPA/2024/1101 - The erection of extensions, raising the roof height to create additional living space, creation of a balcony and installation of dormer windows at 8 Grange Close, Ticknall.

**RESOLVED:** No comments on the above applications.

b) Planning Decisions:

DMPA/2024/0716 – Replacement of sliding sash elements within existing box sash frame windows at 56 Main Street, Ticknall. Approved subject to 3 conditions.

DMPA/2024/0656 – Repair works to the joinery workshop and smithy forge at Calke Abbey, Ticknall. Approved subject to 2 conditions.

DMPA/2024/0618 – Listed building consent for repair works at Calke Abbey, Ticknall. Approved subject to 2 conditions.

DMPA/2024/0570 – The installation of two dormer windows and the erection of a porch to the front elevation and a dormer extension to the rear at 31 Ashby Road, Ticknall. Approved subject to 2 conditions.

DMPA/2024/0542 – Listed building consent for the replacement of the front door at 11 High Street, Ticknall.

Approved subject to 2 conditions.

DMPA/2024/0530 – The replacement of the front door 11 High Street, Ticknall. Approved subject to 2 conditions.

DMOT/2024/0876 – The felling of an Ash tree in a Conservation Area at Dame Catherine Harpurs School, Rose Lane, Ticknall. No objections.

DMOT/2024/0849 – The pruning of a Copper Beech tree covered by South Derbyshire District Council Tree Preservation Order No. 373 at 7 Church Lane, Ticknall. Approved subject to 2 conditions.

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

**3059/2024 Finance**

a) Receipts since last meeting:

HSBC Money Manager Account-Bank Interest–August	£20.64
HSBC Reserve Account–Bank Interest–August	£16.94
HSBC Money Manager Account–Bank Interest-September	£20.68
HSBC Reserve Account-Bank Interest-September	£16.97

a) Payments since last meeting:

Post Office – Excess post	£1.50 VISA
H. Brandon – Cleaning, July	£30.00 BACS
PKF – Professional Services in connection to the AGAR Return for year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 £210, £42 VAT	£252.00 BACS
Post Office – Postage Stamps	£32.40 VISA
Post Office – Envelopes £2.49, £0.50	£2.99 VISA
Heath Pest Control – to 31.10.24 £167.50, £33.50 VAT	£201.00 BACS
Currys – Computer insurance for August	£9.00 VISA
H. Brandon – Cleaning August	£30.00 BACS
Poppy Shop – lamp post poppies £83.33, £16.67 VAT	£100.00 VISA
Cuttlefish – Website License & Email Account £285.00, £57.00 VAT	£342.00 BACS
Ferndale Garden Services – Strimming Footpath 14	£40.00 BACS
H. Brandon – Cleaning pavilion – August	£30.00 BACS
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HSBC – Bank Charges for August	£8.00
Adobe – Monthly contract for August £16.64, £3.33 VAT	£19.97 VISA
C Bunston – Net pay for August	£346.50 BACS

C Bunston – Use of Clerk’s home for August	£30.00 BACS
HP – Ink Account HP – August £9.99, £2.00 VAT	£11.99 VISA
S. Buxton – Rose Garden maintenance	£80.00 BACS
Ticknall Village Hall – Hall hire	£50.00 BACS
H. Brandon – Cleaning pavilion – September	£30.00 BACS

Since agenda:

Wayne Lawrence–2-year service of burglar alarm contract £120.00, £24.00 vat	£144.00 BACS
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**RESOLVED:** To approve the payments.

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

**RESOLVED:** Councillors Scott and Thornhill checked and signed the bank statement against invoices.

**3060/2024 Correspondence:**

- a) Councillor James Lowe – UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- b) Elections, SDDC – Polling District and Polling Places Review.

Since agenda:

c) Susan Hallifield – Concern about open farm gates.

The Parish Council received an email from the above Sue Hallifield which stated that she suspected farm gates were being deliberately opened at night, where there is livestock. She had received a phone call to let her know that the gate was open and 20 Longhorn cattle were on the track. She feared for her safety as the cattle were in a state of panic. She is concerned that somebody will be seriously injured. She asked that an article be put into the next newsletter asking people not to leave the gates open. She also is concerned that the National Trust is not maintaining their hand gates.

**RESOLVED:** To put an article in the newsletter, and to write to Stewart Alcock about her concerns.

**3061/2024 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** August and September newsletters.

**3062/2024 Reports to Note:** No reports.

**3063/2024 Reports from representatives to outside bodies and special duties:**

- a) Councillor Scott asked if the recent Produce Show was successful. The committee has sent a report for the newsletter thanking everyone for taking part. Numbers of entries were up.

**RESOLVED;** The Clerk was asked to write to committee to congratulate them on the success of the show.

**3064/2024 Date and time of next meeting.** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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