

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025**

**Present:** Councillors Oppenheimer (Chair) Woodhead, Scott, Colleyshaw.

**Staff and Public in attendance:** County Councillor Muller, District Councillor Haines and Celia Bunston (Clerk).

**3105/2025 Apologies:** Councillor Bentley and Councillor Thornhill

**3106/2025 Declaration of Members Interests:** There were no declarations of interests.

**3107/2025 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.** No requests were received.

**3108/2025 Public Speaking:**

District Councillor Lowe sent his apologies.

- 1) County Councillor Muller reported.
  - a) DCC has still got a £28m shortfall in its budget, so cuts are being made, but DCC is still maintaining the current levels of spending for Adult Care and Children's Services.
  - b) There is nothing to report on the proposed Unity Authority.

Councillor Oppenheimer asked Councillor Muller what would happen if DCC cannot reach the required funding levels for a possible Unity Authority. Councillor Muller said that DCC would probably use reserves.

- c) A decision is still to be made about the possible postponing of elections in May.

- 2) District Councillor Haines reported.
  - a) To replace the damaged dog bin at Chapel Street, would the Parish Council prefer red dog bin or a full-sized litter bin. The Parish Council said its preference would be a full-sized litter bin, in which dog bags can be placed.
  - b) The Local Plan is due out in March. Part two of the plan will look at settlement boundaries.

Councillor Oppenheimer asked Councillor Haines if SDDC will also do a review of conservation areas. Councillor Haines said she would ask that question.

- c) Councillor Haines said that SDDC have not received a response from Star Pubs regarding the condition of the Wheel Inn.

**3109/2025 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.**

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

**3110/2025 Clerk's Report:**

- a) Dog Bin on Ingleby Lane/Chapel Street – A full-sized litter bin will replace the damaged dog bin.
- b) Defibrillator – the new defibrillator on Main Street is connected and is now live.
- c) Environmental Group -The Clerk is waiting for a report from the group.
- d) SID returned on 6<sup>th</sup> January – The SID was returned but has an intermittent fault. The Clerk will contact the company that put in place, to report the fault.
- e) Carols around Christmas tree collected £193.06.- Those who attended reported that it was a very good evening. The Parish Council would like to thank all the villagers who attended and the Methodist Chapel for providing refreshments afterwards. The amount collected is a record. It was agreed to make this amount up to £400 and donate £200 each to St. George's Church and Ticknall Methodist Chapel.
- f) Items for Newsletter –
  - i. An item to recruit members for the Speed Watch team will be put into the newsletter.
  - ii. An explanation of what drains have been cleared recently, so that villagers know that if flooding occurs water will quickly be taken down into the drains.

- iii. An article asking if villagers would like another village picnic similar to the one held for the coronation.
- g) Dame Catherine Harpur School – Request use of The Grange car park for fete in May - The Parish Council approved the use of The Grange car park.

#### **3111/2025 Lease of The Grange**

- a) Chris Worman, SDDC – offering sub-lease with proposed rent charge.

The Parish Council discussed the letter from Chris Worman, and it was decided to write to Mr. Worman to ask to meet him for further information.

#### **3112/2025 Approval of Receipts and Payments against Budget to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.**

**RESOLVED**]: Councillor Scott proposed, seconded by Councillor Woodhead and all agreed to approve the Receipts and Payments against Budget to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

#### **3113/2025 SDDC - Council Tax Support Scheme Grant**

In a letter from Tracy Bingham, Executive Director – Resources & Transformation at SDDC, she informed the Parish Council that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 the grant of £822 will no longer be awarded to the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED**: To note and to remove the grant from the Parish Council's budget for 2025-2026.

#### **3114/2025 Budget 2025-2026**

It was proposed by Councillor Colleyshaw, seconded by Councillor Scott and agreed by all to keep the Precept at £17000,00. With this alteration to the budget, it was approved.

**RESOLVED**: To keep the Precept at £17000 and approve the budget.

#### **3115/2025 Precept 2025 -2026**

Councillor Colleyshaw proposed, Councillor Scott seconded and all agreed to set the Precept at £17000.00

**RESOLVED**: To set the Precept at £17000,00.

#### **3116/2025 The Grange Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

The planning application for the crown lifting of a lime tree and the felling of a cherry tree at the Recreation Ground on Burton Road, Ticknall, has been approved.

#### **3117/2025 The Wheel Inn**

- a) Councillor Oppenheimer reported that on speaking to the enforcement officer at an SDDC Planning Forum, she reported that the officer would look into any progress made.

**RESOLVED**: To await further developments.

#### **3118/2025 – Drainage.**

Councillor Colleyshaw reported that when flooding has occurred recently, fortunately it hasn't entered properties, but he is frustrated by the lack of contact from DCC on the matter of drain clearing.

A list of 15 drains were reported and most of this list of drains that required attention have been cleared, but there are still two or three to attend to. Councillor Colleyshaw asked County Councillor Muller if it would be possible, that when reporting to DCC, a response from them could be given. Councillor Muller stated that there are issues with gully cleaning in South Derbyshire, but he will take these points to DCC. He said he would press for a list to be available to the Parish Council when future works are completed.

Councillor Colleyshaw reported that he had contacted Severn Trent and they confirmed that the main gully between Burton Road and Bantons Lane has been checked and is running clear. Severn Trent is committed to check the gully yearly.

### 3119/2024 Speed Watch.

An appeal for volunteers to start the programme in March will be put into the next newsletter.

### 3120/2025 Planning Matters

#### a) Planning Applications

DMOT/2024/1466 - The crown lifting of a Lime tree and the felling of a Cherry tree at Recreation Ground, Burton Road, Ticknall.

DMOT/2024 - The pruning of an apple tree at 2 High Street, Ticknall.

DMOT/2024/1622 - The pruning of cedar tree in a Conservation Area at 22 High Street, Ticknall.

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

#### b) Planning Decisions:

DMOT/2024/1541 – Works to trees in a conservation area at Archway House, Main Street, Ticknall. No objections.

DMOT/2024/1476 – The felling of an Ash tree in a conservation area at 3 Ingleby Lane, Ticknall. No objections.

DMOT/2024/1466 - The crown lifting of a Lime tree and the felling of a Cherry tree at Recreation Ground, Burton Road, Ticknall. No objections.

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

### 3121/2025 Finance

#### a) Receipts since last meeting to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

No receipts

#### b) Payments since last meeting to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Poppy Appeal – Donation for poppy wreath	£75.00 Chq.738
Adobe subscription for December £16.64, £3.33 VAT	£19.97 CARD
South Derbyshire CVS Foodbank – Donation	£500.00 BACS
C Bunston – Net pay for December	£360.14 BACS
C Bunston – Use of Clerk's home for December	£30.00 BACS
Curry's – Computer insurance for December	£9.00 DD
HSBC – Bank Charges for December	£8.00
HP – Ink Account HP – December £9.99, £2.00 VAT	£11.99 VISA

#### c) Balance of Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

HSBC Current Account	£15730.54
HSBC Money Manager Account	£12629.74
HSBC Reserve Account	£10363.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£38724.04</b>

#### d) Receipts since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

HSBC Money Manager Account-Bank Interest-January	£20.17
HSBC Reserve Account-Bank Interest-January	£16.55
Collection from Carol Singing	£193.06

#### e) Payments since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

H. Brandon – Cleaning pavilion, December	£30.00 BACS
O. Heap–Service Fire Alarm, £306.00, £61.20 VAT	£367.20 BACS
Ticknall Village Hall – Donation	£1500.00 BACS
Curry's – Computer Insurance – January	£9.70 DD
R1Electrics+ - Refit SID	£180.00 BACS

#### f) Balance of Accounts at 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

HSBC Current Account	£13836.70
HSBC Money Manager Account	£12649.91

HSBC Reserve Account £10380.31  
**TOTAL £36866.92**

g) Payments for approval:

St. George's Church – Donation from Carol Singing	£200.00
Ticknall Methodist Chapel – Donation from Carol Singing	£200.00
Starboard Systems Ltd – Scribe Renewal £345.60, £69.12 VAT	£414.72
Ferndale Garden Services – Erect and remove Christmas tree	£490.00

**RESOLVED:** To approve the payments.

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

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

**3122/2025 Correspondence:**

- a) R. Moore, South Derbyshire CVS Foodbank – email thanking the Parish Council for its donation of £500.00
- b) A. Kelly – email to Parish Council suggesting improvements and useful helplines in the village.
- c) Derbyshire County Council - Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 - The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan.
- d) Derbyshire County Council - Derbyshire County Council Developer Contributions Protocol consultation.
- e) SDDC – 2004 Polling District – Polling Places and Polling Station Reviews
- f) Severn Trent – Ticknall Waste Treatment Works.

**RESOLVED:** To note a), c), d), e), and f). b) To reply to A. Kelly to let her know about the current help for the elderly, the litter picking, the speed stickers and possible WhatsApp groups in the village.

**3123/2025 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** January Newsletter

**3124/2025 Reports to Note:** No reports.

**3125/2025 Reports from representatives to outside bodies and special duties:**

- a) Councillor Oppenheimer and Celia Bunston, the Clerk attended a Planning Forum in January.
- b) Councillor Woodhead asked how many times were the footways swept.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk will ask SDDC how many times the footways are swept.

**3125/2024 Date and time of next meeting.** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm.

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