

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL ON 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

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

**Staff and Public in attendance:** District Councillor Haines, County Councillor Muller, Stewart Alcock, one member of the public and Celia Bunston (Clerk).

**3145/2025 Apologies:** Councillor Scott

**3146/2025 Declaration of Members Interests:** There were no declarations of interests.

**3147/2025 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.** No requests were received.

**3148/2025 Public Speaking:**

District Councillor Lowe sent apologies.

Councillor Haines:

- 1) No Mow May will now be known as the Grass Management Strategy, the intention of which is to take it over a longer period than May.

The Parish Council supports No Mow May, but asked that the grass verge on the bend on Scaddows Lane be mowed because of vision problems occurring when turning right onto Repton Road. Also, the Parish Council asked that the mowers mow around public seats that are on grass, around bins and pathways.

- 2) Fly tipping enforcement. The District Council has prosecuted and fined a culprit.
- 3) The District Council has raised the council tax this year by 2.99%.

Stewart Alcock, Calke Park.

- 1) Tree planting has taken place over the winter at Pistern Hill, and Tadsor Farm, a large proportion of which are blossom trees.
- 2) On 1<sup>st</sup> March the house opened to the public and the park was very busy. They made sure that steps were taken when the traffic backed up towards Ticknall, and will continue to do this over the summer.
- 3) Stewart Alcock reported that Calke Park supports No Mow May, and will adhere to this system on the Market Place, but ensuring that the areas around seats, and the path are mowed.
- 4) A planning application will go in from Calke to increase the hard standing at their main car park and Calke Explore. There will be no extension of the car parks, but to install hard standing where previously there was none.
- 5) A planning application will go in to extend the kitchen facilities.
- 6) There will be a change on how local residents receive their pass into Calke Park.

A member of the public asked Stewart if he would prune trees on the corner of Coal Lane, which cause vision problems. He agreed to look into it.

Councillor Colleyshaw also said that a number of gates in the Calke estate need attention.

Councillor Oppenheimer thanked Councillor Muller for his help in getting the police agree that traffic cones can be placed, on Ingleby Lane on the day of the fete on 5<sup>th</sup> May. The police agreed that cones can be placed but these are not enforceable.

**3149/2025 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.**

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

**3150/2025 Clerk's Report:**

- a) The Clerk completed the 3-yearly Pensions Regulator form on behalf of the Parish Council.

- b) Internal Audit. The documents are with the Auditor.
- c) No Mow May. The Parish Council supports this initiative, and asked Councillor Haines to report our requirements, above in Minute Number 3148/1) above.

**3151/2025 Lease of The Grange**

This is still in progress.

**RESOLVED:** To contact Mather Jamie after Easter for a progress report.

**3152/2025 The Grange Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

- a) A clock has been purchased.
- b) DALC is holding a Playground Inspection Course in May. Councillor Oppenheimer suggested that we could ask Councillor Scott to attend.

**RESOLVED:** To confirm that Councillor Scott can attend the course.

**3153/2025 The Wheel Inn**

A planning application has been put in by the applicants for refurbishments to The Wheel Inn.

**RESOLVED:** To await further developments.

**3154/2025 – Drainage:** No report.

**3155/2025 Speed Watch**

Sessions will start soon if enough volunteers can be found.

**3156/2025 Planning Matters**

- a) Planning Applications
  - DMPA/2025/0252 - Listed Building Consent for internal alterations (flooring, panelling, additional timber screen, new brick slips and new wall light position) and external alterations (lighting to rear beer garden and external decoration to main frontage and side elevation) at 50 Main Street, Ticknall.
  - DMPA/2025/0321 - Loft conversion, front extension, garage conversion and new front canopy at 8 Ashby Road.

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

- b) Planning Decisions:
  - DMPA/2025/0069 – The felling and pruning of trees including ivy severance in a conservation area at 87 Main Street, Ticknall. No objections.

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

**3157/2025 Finance**

a) Receipts since last meeting to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	
HSBC – Bank Interest, Money Manager Account, March	£17.11
HSBC – Reserve Account, March	£14.04
b) Payments since last meeting to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	
Ticknall Village Hall – Hall bookings	£50.00 BACS
SDDC – Rate Demand - £1846.30 minus	
Small Business Rate Relief £1846.30	£0.00
H. Brandon – Cleaning pavilion – March	£30.00 BACS
T.H. Heath – Work on The Grange £775.00, £155.00	£930.00 BACS
Adobe – Monthly Account for March, £16.64, £3.33 VAT	£19.97 CARD
HP – Ink Account for March, £9.99, £2.00 VAT	£11.99 CARD
HSBC – Bank Charges for March	£8.00
C. Bunston – Net pay for March	£360.14 BACS
C. Bunston – Use of Clerk’s home as office in March	£30.00 BACS

S. Buxton – Rose Garden maintenance	£70.00 BACS
J. Woodward – Travel expenses for meeting in Matlock	£42.90 BACS

c) Balance of Accounts at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	
HSBC Current Account	£11152.02
HSBC Money Manager Account	£12686.84
HSBC Reserve Account	£10410.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£34249.48</b>

d) Approval of year-end Receipts & Payments against Budget – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor Colleyshaw, seconded by Councillor Bentley, agreed to approve the year-end Receipts & Payments.

e) Receipts since 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
SDDC - ½ year Precept 2025-5026	£8500.00
HSBC – Bank Interest, Money Manager Account, April	£18.96
HSBC – Bank Interest, Reserve Account, April	£15.56
HMRC – VAT Reimbursement	£938.69

f) Payments since 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
Curry’s – Computer Insurance cover – April	£9.70 DD
GPA Technologies – Mail Host 2025-2026	£42.00 BACS
H. Brandon – Cleaning pavilion April – 4 hrs	£60.00 BACS

g) Balance of Accounts to 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025.	
HSBC Current Account	£20479.01
HSBC Money Manager Account	£12705.80
HSBC Money Manager Account	£10426.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£43610.99</b>

h) Payments for approval	
Ticknall Village Hall	£1500.00

Councillor Oppenheimer asked Paul Colleyshaw, as treasurer of the Village Hall, if he would present the Village Hall’s accounts to the Parish Council. Paul said that the accounts are currently with the auditor and he will give these to the Parish Council when they have been audited. He also reported that bookings are looking a little better.

**RESOLVED:** Paul Colleyshaw would give the Parish Council the Village Hall’s audited accounts when they become available. Councillor Oppenheimer proposed, was seconded by Councillor Thornhill and all agreed to pay the village hall £1500.00.

i) Since agenda:	
Tree & Garden Services – Stoning of footpath No. 7, £320.00, £64.00 VAT	£384.00 BACS
Wayne Lawrence Electoral Contractor, repair of Alarm in pavilion, £50.00, £10.00 VAT	£60.00 BACS
Tesco – postage stamps	£20.88 CARD
H. Brandon – cleaning pavilion April	£30.00 BACS

**RESOLVED:** To approve the payments.

**3158/2025 Correspondence:**

- a) Samantha Niblett MP – Quarterly via Teams.
- b) East Midlands Airport - Draft Sustainable Development Plan Consultation 2025.
- c) SDDC – Charitable Collections Policy 2025.
- d) Ministry of Defence V80 Business Meeting.

- e) DCC - Council Plan 2025-2029.
- f) SDDC – Briefing note on Postal Voting.

**RESOLVED:** To note the Correspondence.

**3159/2025 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** April Newsletter

**3160/2025 Reports to Note:** No reports.

**3161/2025 Reports from representatives to outside bodies and special duties:**

- 1) Councillors Woodhead and Thornhill attended the Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum and reported that it was very informative.
  - a) Derbyshire County Council reported, regarding the plans for a devolved council, that they had no plans to extend Derbyshire County Council boundary into Manchester. The final decision on what form the devolved council take will be made by November.
  - b) The Parish Councils in attendance were generally anti the dissolution of District Councils.
  - c) Alison and Jen talked to the recycling people that were there, which proved very interesting, and hopefully a visit to a recycling centre could be arranged.
- 2) Councillor Bentley reported that he was unable to find anyone to restore some of the seats in Ticknall.

Councillor Colleyshaw suggested that we purchase a seat from The Bothy, and attached the original dedication plate from the old seat onto it, to install on The Green.

He said that he would try to find someone to revarnish the seats at the bottom of Ingleby Lane.

**3162/2025 Date and time of next meeting:** Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025, at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm in Ticknall Village Hall.

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