

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 13th February 2019 at 7:30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

Present: Chair, M Edge, Vice Chair, P Kirkham, J Jessons, M Compton, J Turnbull, S Chambers, Clerk, A Martin.
Four members of the public.

PART 1. NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

13.2.1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register.

Apologies received from T Marshall. The councillors present signed the attendance register.

13.2.2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interest of Councillors.

M Edge. Agenda item 9. Planning Applications.

P Kirkham. Agenda item 13. Offer for land adjacent to Shaw Barn.

13.2.3 Minutes of the previous meeting.

The draft minutes of the meeting of 9 January 2019 had been forwarded to members in advance of the meeting, displayed on the Parish Council's website and in the local shop.

Resolved: To accept the draft minutes as a true record of proceedings.

13.2.4 Public speaking.

One member of the public spoke describing their concerns regarding the planning application at Bankside and difficulties that might be associated with vehicles accessing the site.

One member of the public spoke regarding their view that comments made by a councillor concerning the costs the Parish Council would bear in the event of a contested Parish Council election had given the impression that they were being discouraged from standing in the election. They asked if the Parish Council supported this view.

One member of the public presented their view on the manner in which the planned works on Pump Hill could be modified if it were necessary to work within the altered boundary described in the 'Notice of application for alteration of the register' received from the Land Registry (ref agenda item 10. Pump Hill).

13.2.5 Items from public speaking.

Regarding the comments made about election costs the Clerk advised.

- That as a statement of fact, it is correct that the additional cost of a contested election would be borne by the Parish Council.
- The correct way to make a complaint about the conduct of a Councillor is to the Monitoring Officer. (It was confirmed that this had been done).
- That regarding the question put to the Parish Council, this had not been placed on the agenda in advance of the meeting to give the councillors an opportunity to appraise themselves of the background to the issue or for the Clerk to provide them with more specific advice. Therefore they need not respond to the question at this meeting.
- The opportunity to stand for the Parish Council is open to all qualifying residents and this, and the process to be followed, will be described in the statutory notices to be published in due course.

A councillor, recognising that it was comments they had made that were being referred to, made this known to the meeting and apologised for the impression created.

Resolved: to bring forward items 9. Planning Applications and 10. Pump Hill from the agenda.

13.2.6 Planning Applications.

Councillor M. Edge, having declared an interest regarding this item remained in the meeting but did not participate. This item was chaired by Councillor P. Kirkham.

The issues regarding access to the site were discussed. These included

- Potential disruption and obstruction during construction work.
- Potential ongoing problems once the premises were occupied.
- Accounts of the historic use of Bankside by motor vehicles.

Resolved: To suspend Standing Orders to permit further comments by a resident.

Further representations were made regarding the difficulties vehicles might encounter at the junction between Bankside and Monsdale Lane and the problems these might cause. It was further suggested that a request might be made for Planning Permission to include a stipulation that the owner of the property could not own a car there.

Resolved: To reinstate Standing orders.

Further discussion followed regarding the points that the Clerk should make in response to the Peak District National Park (PDNPA) Planners request for comments.

Resolved: Clerk to respond that the Parish Council

- Supports the alterations to the scale of the extension to the property and use of materials for the car barn.
- Is in general pleased that the property should be restored to a condition of well-kept appearance and useful purpose.
- Requests that conditions be attached to any Permission granted to ensure that there is no obstruction to Monsdale Lane by construction traffic. (passed by four votes to one with one abstention).

A resolution to oppose the application unless improvements were made to the access to improve turning in and out of Monsdale Lane was defeated by five votes to nil with one abstention.

The remainder of the meeting was again chaired by M Edge.

The Council had received a request to participate in a trial in which notice of Planning Applications would be electronic only.

Resolved: That Clerk should respond that the Parish Council was willing to participate in the trial so long as documents greater than A4 in size (e.g. plans) would continue to be provided in paper form as there are not suitable printing, or viewing, facilities available to Councillors for larger documents.

13.2.7 Pump Hill.

Resolved: To suspend Standing Orders to permit the Council to ask questions of a resident who had prepared the plans for the layout of Pump Hill.

The potential revision to plans for entrances and layout at Pump Hill should the proposed boundary change take effect were reviewed.

Resolved: To reinstate Standing orders.

Resolved: That these are acceptable and that work on the layout and entrances can commence.

The need to prepare a response to the 'Notice of application for alteration of the register' received from the Land Registry was discussed. The line of wooden stakes had been moved to reflect the proposed boundary change in the notice.

Resolved: That in view of the need to discuss legal advice regarding the Notice it is in the public interest that discussion of this agenda item continue in the absence of the press and public. Continuation of the discussion was deferred until later in the meeting.

13.2.8 Clerk's report.

- Clerk's estimate of time ~7.5 hours per week.
 - New Councillor.
 - Added to website.
 - Declaration of interests sent to monitoring officer.
 - List of Councillors on noticeboard updated.
 - Assorted Election correspondence.
 - Reviewed renewal of one pavilion electricity contract. Offers received from existing broker and British Gas.
- Resolved:** that the Clerk should accept the lowest quote for a period of two years.
- Highways reply regarding speed limits and traffic calming published on blog.
 - Replied to the DDDC Rural Housing enabler and Peak District Rural Housing Association advising that their offers to speak to the Council about Community led housing would be reviewed after the Parish Council elections in May.
 - Tree survey. To be addressed when trees are in leaf.
 - Replacement of broken posts at Millennium Green in hand.
 - Installation of missing kerbs round Church Green in hand.
 - Reseeding of artificial wicket. Agreed purchase of fine topsoil to complete. Reseeding once weather is suitable.
 - Requested PDNPA support re deterioration of the Methodist Chapel. Request acknowledged but no further response.

Resolved: To send a further reminder seeking a response to this request.

13.2.9 Items of account.

Cq 1448	Memorial Hall	January hire	£15.00
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Resolved: To bring forward item 12. On the agenda. Village Road signs.

13.2.10 Village Road signs.

A response had been received from Derbyshire County Council regarding road signs in the village suggesting the relocation of existing signs. Comments had been received from several residents.

Relocation of 'Unsuitable for motors' signs at the top and bottom of Bankside.

Concern was expressed that this would create the impression that a large section of the village was not accessible by motor vehicles. This was considered misleading and likely to cause unnecessary problems with deliveries and people locating premises in the village that do not have an access problem.

The real concern is solely that drivers entering Kiln Lane from the west end should be warned that this should not be treated as a through route. Before entering it, they should be made aware that the only way to exit is by negotiating the difficult corner or by reversing back along the lane.

Resolved: The Clerk should request that signage be provided that addresses the concern raised without creating other problems. Failing that to request that the road be modified at the junction between Kiln Lane and Creamery Lane to address the issue. It having been noted that previous repairs were thought to have made the problem worse.

Relocation of Playground signs around Orchard View to approaches to Smithy Close playground.

Concern was raised that the relocation proposal seemed based on the view that there was no playground in the vicinity of Orchard view, which is incorrect.

Resolved: The Clerk should reply stating that the Parish Council

- Agrees with The Traffic and Road Safety Service that the greater risk in the village relates to the approaches to the Smithy Lane playground and that signage should be provided there.
- Does not support the removal of the existing playground signs which provide a useful warning regarding the entrance to Parsons Croft, which includes the multi user games area and football pitches, which are in regular use by the village primary school, children's football club and casual users.
- Does not consider the existing playground signs to be unnecessary road clutter.

13.2.11 Budget

A revised budget for 2019-20 had been circulated in advance of the meeting and was reviewed. The Parish Council considered the need to generate some surplus of regular income over regular expenditure. This is in order to maintain reserves at a level that would

- permit periodic spending on larger one-off items.
- provide sufficient revenue to maintain the village to the desired standard in the future should costs rise.
- Provide funds to meet unexpected expenses should they arise.

Resolved: To increase the precept to £9,255. (Approximately £2.38 per band D household per year).

13.2.12 Rented Land (Parwich Moor South)

Resolved: That in view of the need to discuss

- individual tenders for the tenancy containing personal information and,
- advice provided in confidence by Bagshaws to the Parish Council as their clients ,

that it is in the public interest that discussion of this agenda item continues in the absence of the press and public. This agenda item was deferred until later in the meeting.

13.2.13 Offer for land adjacent to Shaw Barn.

The Parish Council had received an offer to purchase this piece of land which matched the valuation placed on it for the Council in 2018.

Resolved: That the Council agrees in principle to sell this piece of land for the price of £5,000 subject to the following

- The outcome of the public consultation required by its Standing Orders when disposing of an asset.

- No issues relating to the current registration obstructing the sale.
- The Purchaser meeting the Parish Council's legal costs.
- Registration of charges on the purchaser, or any future owners, that they would
 - Maintain a stone wall and pedestrian entrance of similar height and construction to surrounding walls along the boundary created.
 - Use the area solely as a garden and not for general storage.
 - Not erect any structure on the site without the agreement of the Parish Council.

Resolved: That the Clerk should communicate the above to the prospective purchasers, along with estimates of the Council's legal costs. Should they wish to go ahead appropriate consultation should be arranged.

13.2.14 Format of PDNPA "Village Statements".

The Parish Council had been asked to respond with any comments regarding the proposed format of 'Village Statements'.

Resolved: That the clerk should respond noting a generally favourable response to the format but no specific comments.

13.2.15 Dog Fouling.

There have been continued problems with repeat fouling on Parson's Croft sports field which is used by both the school and the children's football group.

Resolved: That the Clerk should request the blog to post a statement to the effect that should this problem continue they would feel obliged to consider those measures that might be used to ban dogs from the area. It would also be noted that due to the unfairness of such a measure for responsible dog owners the Parish Council would very much prefer for it not to be necessary.

13.2.16 Use of Parson's Croft for Classic Car meeting.

The Parish Council had been requested to permit the use of Parson's Croft for a Talbot owners' Club Classic car meeting on the Sunday after Wakes. (7th July). To include the use of the pavilion and toilets.

Resolved: The Clerk to respond that the Parish Council agrees to the proposed use subject to

- An overnight fee of £6.50 per tent or caravan (the same as other campers using the site).
- Requesting a donation to support the upkeep of the site.
- Confirmation that the organisation carries its own third party insurance for the event.

13.2.17 Village Notice Boards.

The Parish Council had received a request for refurbishment of two village notice boards.

Resolved: That the Clerk should utilise the existing provision for minor maintenance to undertake this work.

13.2.18 Use of pavilion.

The Parish Council had received a request at short notice for the pavilion to be opened to allow a resident's children to use the Pool Table. This had been declined but it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Council for future guidance. (Note that the Pool table does not in any event belong to the Parish Council).

Resolved: That the pavilion should not be opened for ad hoc use at short notice. The Parish Council will however welcome proposals to use the pavilion, which should be made in time for them to be considered at a Council meeting, and for which a fee might be charged.

13.2.19 Millennium Oak.

The Parish Council had received a request for cosmetic pruning to be carried out on the Millenium Oak supported by a quotation.

Resolved: That as the work is not required for safety reasons at this time the Parish Council would prefer to wait for the possibility that a suitably qualified volunteer would become available to carry out the work free of charge. However if residents in the vicinity of the oak wished the work to be undertaken sooner at their own expense the Parish Council would permit this.

13.2.20 Correspondence and communication.

- Opening of toilet for archaeology day. 27th April. (to be dealt with by the Clerk)
- DCC. A515 road closure.
- DCC. Adult Social Care.
- DDC. Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum.
- DDDC. Area Community Forums. Feb 2019 x 2. (& cancellation)
- DDDC. Weather updates.
- DDDC. Older People's fund.
- DALC. Circulars 2 & 3 -2019.
- DALC. Election Training.

- DALC. Essential Law and Brexit Implications.
- PDNPA. Development management Policies consultation.
- Civic Voice. "Building better" questionnaire.
- Rural Action Derbyshire. Village Halls update x 2, Village Halls Week Poem(!)
- Keep Britain Tidy. Great British Spring Clean.
- Rural Services Network. Bulletin.
- Local Government Commercialisation x 2
- Schoolscapes. Playground Equipment.
- Government events. Combatting gang crime; Transforming Technology.
- Extreme Wheels Roadshows.
- Creative Play. x 2
- Sovereign Design. Playground equipment.
- Playforce. Playground Inspections.
- TWM Traffic controls

13.2.21 Items for the next agenda.

- Next village clean-up day
- Pavilion maintenance (interior)

13.2.22 Date of next meeting.

- Next Parish Council meeting proposed date of **20th March** 2019 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

PART 2. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

13.2.7 Pump Hill. (continued)

The Parish Council reviewed

- The 'Notice of application for alteration of the register' received from the Land Registry.
- Various documents and advice received from residents that might be of assistance in responding to it.
- What outcomes it considered might be desirable and the potential to realise them.

Resolved: That the Clerk should prepare a dossier of relevant material and a discussion of the Parish Council's preliminary intentions regarding the response so that an offer to provide legal advice could be taken up.

An application had been made to the Land Registry to alter the response deadline to permit the Parish Council to consider legal advice within its normal meeting cycle. Arrangements had also been requested to facilitate communication with the Chair of the Council in the absence of the Clerk.

13.2.12 Rented Land (Parwich Moor South) (continued)

A total of 13 applications to rent the land had been received. Councillors had reviewed an anonymised tabulation of these responses prepared by Bagshaws. A short list of four had been proposed from it.

Resolved: To consider in further detail only those applicants on the shortlist.

The applications of these four were reviewed in greater detail. Consideration was given to

- The rental tendered.
- The intentions reflected in the applications.
- Bagshaws knowledge of the farming practices of the applicants.
- Councillor's knowledge of the farming practices of the applicants.
- The potential stewardship of the ecological and historical features on the land.
- The potential amenity value of the visual appearance of the land during the tenancy.
- The potential impact on the residual value of the land following the tenancy.

Votes were held to determine the support for each of the shortlisted tenants. Only one tenant received a majority of votes in favour of their tenancy, being supported by three votes with one against and two abstentions.

Resolved: That the Clerk should contact Bagshaws advising them to approach the favoured tenant and

- Follow up the references provided.
- Seek written assurances regarding the stewardship grants they will commit to qualify for.
- And that should the above be satisfactory to draw up the tenancy agreement.

The meeting was closed at 10:50 pm.

A Martin
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council
14 February 2019