

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7:30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

**Present:** Chair M Edge, P Kirkham, J Jesson, J Turnbull, F Hadfield, L Coyne, Clerk A Martin.  
One member of the public.

**15.1.1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register.**

Apologies accepted from M Compton. All councillors present signed the attendance register.

**15.1.2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interest of Councillors.**

P Kirkham declared a personal interest in respect of item 16. Sale of land adjacent to Shaw Barn.

**15.1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The draft minutes of the meeting of 20th November 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.

**15.1.4 Public speaking.**

A member of the public expressed their concern about vehicle speed and damage to verges in the village.

**15.1.5 Items from public speaking.**

**Resolved:** To bring forward item 15 on the agenda. **Road safety issues.**

**15.1.6 Road safety issues**

Unightly damage to verges has been a regular problem on narrow roads which can be difficult to negotiate. It was also pointed out that the access to more remote parts of the village is important to those living there and that many drivers exercise sufficient care and skill to avoid any problem. The Council does not have any powers to restrict access, even if it wished to. Anyone witnessing damage occurring may be able to raise it with the driver, or their employer, if it is clear who this is.

The Council had again raised its concerns about road safety issues in the village with the Highways Authority; this time via our County Councillor. A reply had been received.

- Turning from Kiln Lane into Creamery Lane. The Highways authority response, again, was that there is no suitable signage possible to address this problem.
- 20 mph speed limit. Also rejected again, largely on the grounds that they believe trials and research to have shown that there would be no beneficial improvement in road safety from introducing a 20mph limit.
- Improved signage for the approach to the playground on the The Green. A willingness to review this as workload and finance permit. Probably as part of a broader review involving the removal of some signs which might be considered unnecessary.

**Resolved:** To reply expressing disappointment that more could not be done to address residents' concerns.

**Resolved:** To ask for the response to be published in full on the Blog.

**Resolved:** To review the positioning of posts along the boundary of the Millennium Green to see if these can be used to help drivers to see how to safely negotiate the sharp turn.

**Resolved:** To discuss with the First Responders modifying the maps on the approaches to the village to warn anyone consulting them of narrow roads and difficult turns.

**Resolved:** To send a representative to a meeting to be held in Bonsal regarding 20mph speed limits.

**Resolved:** To attempt to identify other villages with concerns about speed limits through a request to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

Separately it was reported that comments received about the village gates on the approaches to Brassington were not thought to have been helpful in reducing speeds in the village.

**15.1.7 Clerk's report.**

- Clerk's estimate of time (6.0) hours per week.
- Attended Village Hall management meeting.
  - Agreed to display Councillor of the Year certificate in meeting room.
  - Agreed to look into public calendar for Hall bookings.
- Rented land. Confirmation received via Bagshaws that planned building will be a "Tenants Fixture". Permission is not being sought and the Council will not be obliged to compensate for any residual value if it is left on site at the end of the tenancy.
- Bagshaws. Requested advice regarding charges. Requested that in future confirmation should be sought before further charges are sought. Reply received.

- Advised intention to invoice for advice concerning planning and registration.

**Resolved:** To request this invoice for payment.

- Provided quotation for serving notice of, and conducting a rent review for Parwich Moor North..

**Resolved:** To accept this quotation and request the review.

- HMRC submissions done.
- Reported Grit bin knocked over on Kiln Lane. Appears to have been stood back up and DCC website says "Fully completed". The bin is however damaged and not at the top of the hill where it would be most useful.

**Resolved:** To request replacement or repair and relocation.

- Made two reports of potholes on Bradbourne Lane in to village. These have been filled; but some very poorly.

**Resolved:** To request an improved repair.

- Decking plinth built in base of open climbing frame tower to provide safer play surface.
- Blog post alerting residents to vandalism at the pavilion.
- Various election notices posted.
- Posted mobile library times.
- Pavilion meter readings taken.
- Replacement of posts on Millennium Green. Completed. An offer to add three more posts free of charge has been accepted with thanks.
- No further progress had been made with the required overall assessment of risks facing the Council.

**Resolved:** The Chair and Clerk to walk around the village reviewing this in the near future.

#### 15.1.8 Items of account.

Cq 1486	Memorial Hall.	November hire	£15.00
Cq 1487	Clerk.	Decking timber for climbing frame	£26.87
Cq 1488	Clerk.	Salary (Oct Nov/Dec)	£690.24
Cq 1489	HMRC.	PAYE	£36.20
Cq 1490	Contractor	Millennium Green posts	£190.00

#### 15.1.9 Planning Applications.

- Note General Development Order application for new building at Sitterlow Farm. No consultation requested.
- The site of a proposed footpath diversion at Low Moor Farm had been visited by two councillors.

**Resolved:** To respond to the request for comment from the Peak District National Park Authority Rights of Way Officer stating that

- The proposed route of the diversion was satisfactory.
- Concern had been noted about the risk of run off from the nearby slurry pit entering water courses.

#### 15.1.10 Bank reconciliation.

A reconciliation between the latest bank statement and the accounts ledger had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

**Resolved:** That the Chair should sign the bank statement to confirm that the latest balance matched the ledger.

#### 15.1.11 Budget.

A year end estimate (31<sup>st</sup> March 2020) and draft budget for 2020-21 had been circulated in advance of the meeting for discussion. This highlighted regular expenditure and income similar to the current year as well as identifying funds that could be allocated to significant one-off projects or held in reserve.

Possible new areas of expenditure were discussed including.

- Regular planned clearance of the Jubilee pond and sheep wash.
- Clearance around the boundary of the tennis courts including the removal of any obstruction to watercourses.
- Cleaning of the tennis courts.
- Clearance of debris that has accumulated behind the Pavilion.
- Development of Pump Hill.

This list is not exhaustive. The Council is not bound to follow the budget should it identify other spending priorities so long as it operates within the funds available to it and maintains such reserves as it considers prudent.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to update the draft budget to reflect the latest suggestions.

The precept for 2019-20 will be confirmed at the February meeting.

#### 15.1.12 Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme.

A revised claim, excluding hedge cutting, and an invoice from the Council had been prepared.

**Resolved:** To submit the revised invoice.

A proposal for work on the path above Gibbons Bank which had been affected by livestock was considered.

**Resolved:** Not to instruct this work due to concerns that it might not be effective and might not be covered by the scheme.

Further work and claims using this scheme may be possible if instructed soon.

**Resolved.** Councillors to identify to the Clerk using a map any paths that might be usefully cleared. The Clerk will confirm if the work would be covered by the scheme. And if so, attempt to have it completed in time to make a claim before the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

#### 15.1.13 Pump Hill. (Improvements).

Work on clearing the route for paths and completing the entrances has continued.

A revised plan has been published on the Parish Council website.

L Coyne reported that,

- A concern raised by a resident regarding the route of the paths has been resolved.
- Following a site visit dates are being sought for visits by the Community Safety Team, primarily to work on the paths.
- A well-attended meeting of residents neighbouring Pump Hill had been held to discuss implementing the plans.
- The meeting has organised a further work day to take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January from 10:30.
- The meeting proposed that the paths be constructed by laying a membrane in a dug trench and filling with suitable compacted stone.
- A source of suitably 'rustic' benches was being investigated.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to provide a risk assessment for the workday.

**Resolved:** To accept the recommendation regarding the construction of the paths.

**Resolved:** To authorise expenditure of up to £200 on plants at the discretion of L.Coyne.

A paper had been circulated advance of the meeting outlining

- the responsibilities of the Council regarding the development and use of the site.
- what volunteers are authorised to do.
- what issues should be referred to the Council before action is taken.

**Resolved:** To note, and work to, the principles in this document.

#### 15.1.14 Village clean-up days.

Tasks outstanding.

- Clearance of Jubilee Pond.
- Removal of residue from sheep wash. P Kirkham volunteered to attempt this on Sunday the 19th January.
- Preplacement of swing shackles.
- Tidying of Pavilion.

**Resolved:** To select a date for the next clean-up day at February's meeting.

#### 15.1.15 Pond and Sheep-wash.

A request had been posted on the blog for ducks to populate the Sheep-wash.

**Resolved:** To review any offers once weed which ducks can feed on re-appears.

#### 15.1.16 Sale of land adjacent to Shaw Barn.

The Council has received a

- Land Registry "Transfer of part of registered title" for two Councillors to sign and the Clerk to Witness.
- A statement of truth regarding a small unregistered strip of land between the Parish Council's land and Shaw Barn for the Clerk to sign.

**Resolved:** For the forms to be signed and returned to the solicitors handling the sale.

#### 15.1.17 Affordable Housing.

A planned visit by speakers from Derbyshire Dales District Council Rural Housing Enabler and the Peak District Rural Housing Association on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of January had been cancelled due to a clash over the use of the Hall.

**Resolved:** To accept the offer from the Derbyshire Dales District Council Rural Housing Enabler to attend the next Parish Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February instead.

#### 15.1.18 Village Planning.

The Parish Council had requested advice from the Peak District National Park Authority on the possible preparation and use of

- Village Plans,
- Neighbourhood Plans,
- Conservation Area Management Plans

**Resolved:** To accept an offer of a speaker and invite them to the Parish Council meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March.

#### 15.1.19 Flooding.

The availability of sand and sandbags at the Sycamore has been confirmed. This was highlighted on the blog along with a reminder of advice to, and responsibilities of, landowners regarding watercourses on their land. The flow of water across the tennis courts and onto Parsons's Croft has been monitored and the Council's responsibilities reviewed.

**Resolved:** That the Council will consider taking such measures as are permitted, on land which it owns, to mitigate the effects of water flowing on to it.

#### 15.1.20 Correspondence and communication.

- Further photographs of verge damage.
- White van damage to verge and building.
- Memorial Hall. VE day meeting.
- PDNPA. Request to sign 'Organised Events' code of conduct.
- Power for People. Support for local electricity bill.
- DDDC. Christmas and New Year waste.
- PDNPA. Xmas message.
- PDNPA. Parishes day summary.
- DCC. Road salt orders.
- DCC. Digital MOT link.
- DALC. Circulars 12, 13 and 14.
- DALC. Armed Forces Covenant.
- DALC. Climate Emergency workshop.
- Rural Services Network. Bulletin. (x 9)
- Rural Service network. Funding Digest.
- Rural Action Derbyshire. Halls conference feedback.
- Rural Action Derbyshire. National open day.
- East Midlands Community-led Housing. Seminar.
- East Midlands Community-led Housing. Xmas message.
- Came and Company. Xmas message.
- Derbyshire Law Centre. EU Settlement scheme.
- Playforce. Playground equipment. (x2)
- SJL Landscapes. Grounds Maintenance.

#### 15.1.21 Items for the next agenda.

None in addition to those identified above.

#### 15.1.22 Dates of next meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday February 19th 2020 at **7:00pm** in Parwich Memorial Hall.

*(Note that is a change from the normal time to accommodate the attendance of Derbyshire Dales District Council Rural Housing Enabler).*

#### 15.1.23 Pump Hill Boundary

No members of the Public remained in the meeting at this time.

An account of the Parish Council's handling of the recent application to amend the southern general boundary on the title map for Pump Hill had been published. It had been downloaded 83 times.

The council reviewed advice and proposals regarding the alteration to the boundary.

**Resolved:** That research and preparation of options available should continue.

The meeting was closed at 22:20pm.

A Martin  
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council  
16 January 2020