

**A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Parwich Memorial Hall at 7:00pm.**

**Present:** Chair M Compton, M Edge, P Kirkham, J Turnbull, I Manning, L Coyne, Clerk A Martin.

Two members of the public.

This meeting was to have been preceded at 7:00pm by a presentation on Village plans by the Peak District National Park. Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled at very short notice for personal reasons. It will be rearranged for a suitable date in the future.

### **11-17-1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register.**

S Chambers had sent apologies which were accepted.

**Resolved:** The reasons S Chambers for non-attendance at this, and previous meetings this year, have been accepted.

**Resolved:** That the record of attendance should be completed on the Councillors' behalf by the Clerk to avoid circulating the attendance register in the meeting.

### **11-17-2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interests of Councillors.**

P Kirkham and M Edge declared a personal interests in the Planning Application for Orchard Farm (item 8) as they and/or their relatives neighbour the property.

### **11-17-3 Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The draft minutes of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> October had been forwarded to members in advance of the meeting and displayed on the Parish Council's website.

**Resolved:** To accept the draft minutes as a true record of proceedings after making a minor correction to one of the figures for payments. The Chair signed a copy of the minutes for the record.

### **11-17-4 Public speaking.**

One member of the public spoke to express their objection to the Planning Application for Orchard Farm on the grounds that the changes were not suited to the location of the property which falls in the conservation area.

A second member of the public echoed these concerns. They suggested that the Council consider questioning the Planning Permission granted previously as they considered that the

replacement of the Dutch barn with a garage may not have been properly considered by the Planning Authority and was not in accordance with the objectives of the Conservation Area.

### **11-17-5 Items from public speaking.**

The Clerk advised the meeting as follows. Questioning the existing planning permission granted may appear related to the revised application. But it is a separate matter to reviewing the new application which had been placed on the agenda. Discussion should therefore be limited to considering whether or not to place this matter on the agenda of a future meeting.

### **11-17-6 Clerk's report.**

Completed

1. Clerk's estimate of time 7.2 hours per week.
2. New Councillor
  - 2.1. Updated website.
  - 2.2. Updated e-mail circulation.
  - 2.3. Updated various templates and documents.
  - 2.4. Sent Declaration of Interests to Monitoring Officer.
3. Housing Needs survey.
  - 3.1. Provided information to Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) on populations of neighbouring parishes. It was confirmed that they believe that responses from them would be helpful.
  - 3.2. Wrote to Clerks of neighbouring Parish Councils asking them to raise support for affordable housing with their Councils. These have been acknowledged with confirmation that it is being raised with their Councils for discussions at their next meeting.
  - 3.3. Eaton Alsop & Newton Grange Parish Council have confirmed they are happy to take part.
4. Minor maintenance claim re submitted. Payment of £70 has been received.
5. Kerb weedkilling.
  - 5.1. Requested mowing contractor to complete suggested kerb weed killing as agreed. Not known to have been done. Not invoiced.
  - 5.2. Requested confirmation from Highways that October spray had taken place. They responded that they thought it has not happened in the past 6 years. But it can be done next year if wanted.
  - 5.3. Councillors believed that kerb weed spraying *has* taken place during this time.

**Resolved:** The Clerk To confirm that kerb weed spraying should take place next year.

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6. Risk assessment issued for Autumn clean-up day prepared and published.
7. Repair to pavilion roof requested. Should require local felt replacement only.
8. Pond clearance requested several times. Confirmed that this request does include the congested brook approach to the Jubilee Pond where it passes through the Parish Council's Land. This had been queried by a resident.
9. Replied to Horticultural Society pledging support for marquee to host Gardeners' Question Time.
10. Arranged use of toilets, including shutting off water before risk of freezing with Bowls Club, Carnival Committee and Parwich School.
11. Confirmed to the School and Carnival Committee that the bus shelter can be decorated for Christmas again this year.
12. Oddfellows benches.
  - 12.1. The Clerk had responded to queries from Peak District National Park the day before foundations were due to be completed. Councillors were briefed at the time.
  - 12.2. PDNPA confirmed that there is no statutory protection for historic material that might, or might not, have been affected by the installation. They requested that they be consulted regarding work in the Conservation Area. They also confirmed that there was no obligation to do so for works not requiring planning consent.
  - 12.3. Letter received from the Parwich Oddfellows. Included a copy of a letter sent to them by the Severn Trent Branch regarding telephone contact made with them by a person, unnamed, claiming to be a Parish Councillor. They requested that the concerns raised, and the ill feeling caused, be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
  - 12.4. The Clerk responded, guided by the Councils' complaints procedure, summarising what the Council might, and might not, be permitted to do in response. No reply received.
  - 12.5. The Clerk repeated his advice that there is little point in discussing this matter unless it is to make a decision which the Council is empowered to make. No suggestion as to what such a decision might be has been received.
13. Clerks's absence
  - 13.1. The Clerk will be absent from the village between the 20th November and 17th December.
  - 13.2. Minutes will be issued and published as usual.
  - 13.3. E-mail will be monitored.
  - 13.4. The Chair will be able to collect written correspondence.

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13.5. Councillors were invited to progress works such as the pond clearance and Pavilion repairs during the Clerk's absence.

In hand

14. Further tasks arising from the risk management review.

Waiting response or action

15. Repair to stone kerb between brook and path by Japonica in hand. Not known to have been done. Not invoiced.

16. Repair to drive gate onto Pump Hill.

17. Request for Playground signs (Highways)

18. Request to DDDC regarding reporting of Dog Fouling and visits by dog warden.

19. Response from Land Registry re registration of agricultural land.

**11-17-7 Items of account.**

On-line payments approved by Clerk since last meeting

Payee	Item	Amount
None	None	£ 0.00

On-line payments due.

Payee	Item	Amount
2 Commune	Website	£ 372.00
Parwich Memorial Hall	Room Hire. October. Waiting invoice.	£ 15.00

**Resolved:** This invoice was approved for payment. In future invoices received for Mowing and Hall Hire which the Council has incurred may be paid by the Clerk at his discretion to avoid undue delay. These will be recorded at the following meeting.

Receipts

Paid by	Item	Amount
Tenant	6 months' rent for Parwich Moor South.	£ 1630.00

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Derbyshire County Council.	Footpath minor maintenance.	£ 70.00
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- Balance at 10 November 21. £ 19,013.64.

At this point, noting that the meeting had started unexpectedly early, the Chair chose to bring forward certain items on the agenda in case further members of the public arrived with an interest in Planning Applications.

### 11-17-8 Parsons Croft.

The cutting of hedges has been completed.

**Resolved:** To record the Council's thanks to all who have helped the Carnival and Recreation Committee with clearing away after the bonfire.

### 11-17-9 Village Survey.

This has not been progressed.

**Resolved:** To remove this item from future agendas for the time being.

### 11-17-10 Planning applications.

NEW

Orchard Farm. P Kirkham and M Edge did not take part in this discussion or vote on the Council's decision.

An application has been made to vary the conditions of the currently approved application by

1. Mirroring the plan of the proposed garage to bring it closer to the house.
2. Enlarging the proposed garage.
3. Installing photovoltaic panels on the roof of the garage.

It was initially suggested in the meeting that a previous Planning Application had not made it clear that the historic Dutch Barn was to be replaced. However, during discussion, it was established, from the records of the Council's response at the time, that they had been aware that the application included the replacement of the barn and had objected to it.

**Resolved:** To reply making the following points.

1. In general
  - 1.1. The Council continues to regret the loss of the historic open Dutch barn from its location in the Conservation Area. It draws the Planning Authorities' attention to its previous comments to this effect.
  - 1.2. The Council continues to consider that the replacement garage is not suited to its location as it has a negative impact on the Conservation area in which it lies.
2. In particular in relation to this application the Council objects to
  - 2.1. The proposed further enlargement of the garage as this will adversely impact its perceived mass. This is already a concern as it replaces an open structure with a solid one.
  - 2.2. The mirroring of the garage from its currently approved location which will increase its perceived mass from the road.
  - 2.3. Any change to construct walls adjacent to the road boundary any higher, or closer to that boundary as these would increase its perceived mass from the road.
  - 2.4. The installation of photo voltaic panels on the garage roof which will be visible from other properties and public spaces, and out of keeping with the Conservation Area in which they would be situated. There are not believed to be any visible photovoltaic panels on the roofs of buildings in the conversation Area.

#### PREVIOUS

1. The Orchards. Supported dwelling extension. Decision date 9th November.
2. Parwich Lees. Supported orangery. Withdrawn.
3. The Old Smithy. Supported dwelling extension. Decision date 12th November.
4. Rookery House. Supported garden room and move of LPG tank. Decision date 18th November.
5. Court House. Creamery Lane. Supported single storey side extension. Decision date 26th November.

#### **11-17-11 Pump Hill Garden.**

Some progress with maintaining the site had been made during the recent clean-up day.

The Community Payback Team are interested in doing work in Parwich again. But currently this is not possible due to transport issues believed to be related to coronavirus.

A resident has drawn up a list of essential maintenance for looking after the area. A meeting is going to be arranged to discuss this with interested parties. (L Coyne).

A former resident has made a memorial donation to be used for Pump Hill. It was suggested that something permanent rather than planted might be appropriate.

**Resolved:** To request that specific suggestions be made prior to the next meeting.

### **11-17-12 Playground inspection.**

An on-site review of the annual PlaySafety report has taken place. A list of suggested actions had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

**Resolved:** To approve, and carry out, the proposed items as follows.

1. Two items will be queried with the climbing frame manufacturer by the Clerk.
2. The remaining items will be addressed by M Compton and P Kirkham.
3. Additionally, an attempt will be made to improve the surface immediately below the fire pole where concrete has been exposed. Possibly by using rubber matting which grass can grow through.

### **11-17-13 Ivy on walls at Nether Green.**

If this is left untreated there is concern that the walls may become damaged.

**Resolved:** L Coyne to request advice from the Council's contractor on removing ivy where possible and treating regrowth to keep it under control. Work may be authorised for up to half a day at the agreed rate as required.

### **11-17-14 Millennium Green maintenance.**

Concern was raised at the condition of the overgrown corner of the green by the road which is not maintained.

**Resolved:** M Compton and P Kirkham to discuss suitable maintenance with the Council's contractor. Priority to be given to overgrowth encroaching on to the road and access to the path through the overgrown area. Work may be authorised for up to a day at the agreed rate as required.

### **11-17-15 Parwich Carnival and Recreation Committee donation.**

It was suggested that the Council might consider using some of its Section 137 allowance to provide financial support to the Carnival and Recreation Committee for events in the village. Concern was also expressed that the Council should not create an expectation that it might be willing, or able, to provide financial support to numerous village organisations.

In particular it was noted that the cost of the recent firework display had increased. And that this was a free event enjoyed by a large number of residents.

**Resolved:** That the Council should await a request from the Carnival and Recreation Committee suggesting what support they might require, and when.

### **11-17-16 Dog Fouling.**

Residents have again raised concern about dog fouling with Councillors. There is particular concern about Parson's Croft which is used by Parwich School.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk should approach the school to establish

1. What their experience of this problem is.
2. If they would be willing to support a joint statement on the Blog
3. If they would be prepared to use their own channels of communication (e.g., website and newsletters) to highlight the issue and request support from residents.

### **11-17-17 State of road at Hilltop Farm.**

Residents have raised concerns about the safety and appearance of the road past Hilltop Farm due to the large amount of animal waste and mud which accumulates there.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to write to the owner highlighting these concerns and asking if measures can be taken to improve the situation.

### **11-17-18 State of the pavement at Croft Avenue.**

Residents have raised concerns about the safety and appearance of the pavements on Croft Avenue.

**Resolved:** The Council suggests that this should be reported to the Highways Authority (Derbyshire County Council) by as many residents as possible using their on-line reporting portal. This will be co-ordinated by I Manning.

### **11-17-19 Offer of historic Dutch barn.**

The Council has been offered the historic Dutch Barn from Orchard farm for relocation elsewhere in the village.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to decline this offer on the grounds that the Council would rather see it stay where it is.

At this point, The Chair, noting the commercially sensitive nature of discussion about the tenancy at Parwich Moor North, chose to bring forward other items on the agenda so that this item could be addressed after members of the public had left.

## **11-17-20 Correspondence and communication.**

Items not covered elsewhere

1. Planning Application for the Orchards. (X 3).
2. Tennis Court grants.
3. DDDC. Waste & recycling update. (X 11).
4. DDDC. Community safety Survey.
5. DDDC. Report from Citizens Advice.
6. DCC. Road closures (X 2).
7. DCC. Community news. (X 2).
8. DCC. Objects on the Highway. £100.
9. DCC. Mobile Library.
10. DALC. Newsletter.
11. DALC. AGM. (X 2).
12. DALC. Training Update.
13. PDNPA. Parishes Day Notes 2021
14. PDNPA. Appeal for Erewood Hall in the Goyt Valley.
15. Rural Services Network. Bulletins (X 5) + funding digest.
16. Rural Action Derbyshire. AGM.
17. Rural Action Derbyshire. Village halls.
18. PlayForce. Playground safety television programme.
19. The Farming Life Centre - Autumn Newsletter
20. Gallagher Insurance. Events, Webinar (X 2), Newsletter.

To reduce the amount of unwanted marketing material received by the Clerk and the Council the Clerk's e-mail address continues to be unsubscribed from a number of mailing lists.

## **11-17-21 Items for the next agenda.**

1. Village Plans speaker from PDNPA. To be rearranged.
2. Trees on the boundary of the Millennium Green.
3. Draft Budget.
4. Appointment of Auditor.

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The meeting considered other items raised through public speaking and correspondence but took no decision to identify them for inclusion on a future agenda at this time.

### **11-17-22 Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th January at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

**Resolved:** That due to the commercial nature of the business about to be discussed members of the public should leave the meeting.

### **11-17-23 Tenancy agreement. Parwich Moor North.**

Work by Nigel Davis Solicitors to prepare a written tenancy agreement for this land had identified the possibility of converting it from an '86 Act Tenancy to a Farm Business Tenancy. The possible benefits of such a change were discussed but no decision was taken pending confirmation of the advice and investigation into its effect.

The meeting was closed at 9:40 pm.

A Martin  
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council  
18 November 2021