

A Meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 21 September 2016 at 7:30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

**Present:** M Edge Chair, P Kirkham, T Marshall, J Jesson, J Barnett, M Compton, J Jones, the Clerk, Mr A Martin.  
Thirteen members of the public

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

No apologies were received. All Councillors duly signed the attendance register.

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

There was no need by any member present to complete an entry in the register.

**21.9.3 Minutes of the previous meeting and items from the minutes.**

The minutes 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 these as a true record of proceedings.

**21.9.4 Public speaking.**

Several members of the public spoke regarding the possibility of the Parish Council leasing land at Parson's Croft to Shared Access who had proposed building a mobile phone mast. Much of the comment related to concerns that there would be health risks if a mast were built. The appearance of the mast, the possibility of alternative locations and the potential benefits of improved mobile phone coverage were also raised.

**21.9.5 Items from public speaking (items may form part of subsequent agenda(s)).**

N/A.

**21.9.6 Mobile phone mast.**

The Clerk presented a summary of the feedback received from residents about the mobile phone mast over the past few weeks. Much of this had been via an online form but the members had also reviewed letters, e-mails, blog posts and verbal comments. The on-line response had included eleven opposed to leasing the land for a mast, nine in favour and one unsure.

Much of this comment related to health concerns. Others reflected the view that health issues should not be a concern. Conflicting sources of information were quoted and challenged. On the one hand it was claimed that the possibility of long term effects could not yet be ruled out, and on the other that as very large numbers of people have been exposed for many years a link would have been proven by now if there was one.

Some felt that the location and design were environmentally unacceptable, others that they were tolerable. *The Clerk advised that in response to an earlier question Shared Access had advised that the aerials as well as the mast would be painted green.*

The importance of mobile phone coverage for business and service provision (especially emergency services) had been highlighted.

Interest had been expressed in the possibility of alternative sites. *The Clerk advised that in response to an earlier question Shared Access had said that this was the only site they were proposing but that they could not say what course of action they would take if the proposal were rejected.*

Several replies commented on what they felt was a poor equivalent weekly payment for a 25 year lease. The possibility of revenue based payment was raised. *The Clerk advised that in response to an earlier question Shared Access had said that they would not offer a revenue based payment.*

The members of the Council discussed the issues raised, taking health, environment, benefits and finance in turn. Sympathy was expressed for the concerns about health felt by residents, including by members who did not share these concerns themselves. There was some disappointment at the relatively small number of residents responding to the survey in comparison to the size of the population. There was some discussion about the possibility of seeking more information and more feedback from residents before deciding on a course of action.

**Motion:** To defer a decision on leasing land at Parson's Croft to Shared Access for a mobile phone mast until the next meeting in order to allow more information to be gathered and more feedback sought.

This motion was defeated by four votes to three.

**Motion:** To agree, subject to satisfactory commercial negotiation and legal advice, to lease land at Parson's Croft to Shared Access for a mobile phone mast.

This motion was defeated by six votes to one.

### 21.9.7 Review and of Polices and Procedures.

Policy for dealing with the press and media. A Draft had been circulated.

**Resolved:** That J Jones and Clerk would consider revising these with stricter guidance.

### 21.9.8 Clerks report.

- Register of Interests for Jason Jones submitted to Derbyshire Dales District Council
- Final revision and publication of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations on website
- Update of Publications scheme (and appendices), Public Speaking Policy, Policy for dealing with repeated and vexatious requests for information and Code of Conduct all circulated. No requests having been received to discuss their content further at a subsequent meeting these have all been published on the website.
- Website
  - Councillor details corrected; Clerk's page added; Contact form removed; Location map corrected.
  - Councillors have been provided with unique login identities.
  - Members area for Councillors only has been established on the website.
  - Land registry documents and maps have been added to the Councillors web page.
- Blog
  - New content submitted for the Council page
  - Posts re Pothole reporting; Updates on mobile phone mast; Publicity for Health Service consultations; Publicity for Broadband subsidies; Notice of visit of Sheffield DA Caravan Club
- Liaison with Sheffield DA Caravan Club (19th to 21st August). £78 banked.
- VAT claim submitted for the claim to the end of August. (£2,300.46)
- Linking of accounts and on-line management set up with British Gas for Pavilion Electricity.
- Attended Memorial Hall Management meeting. 13<sup>th</sup> August and 7th September.
- Rent demands ( x 2 ) sent out for fields.
- HMRC return for August.
- Revised format for reconciliation of bank statements, cash book and budget variance circulated.
- Liaison with mowing contractor.
- Liaison with Ilkeston Fencing re alterations to hard court area fencing.  
**Resolved:** To write to Ilkeston Fencing offering to have their sign put on the fencing.
- Order placed for repair of wall at Nether Green and this has been completed.
- Order for pavilion repairs placed. Planned for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Using decking timber for exterior walkway.
- The Clerk's had made an estimate of time spent on Council business.

#### **Requests made but waiting a response**

- Land Registry Index Map Search for records of rented fields
- Copy of Memorial Hall electrical inspection certificate
- Replacement of picket fence at 1 West view. Spoke again with Dales Housing who will visit and review, but said they were unlikely to provide a wall as they had not removed one.
- Request for improved Wheelchair access to Bankside.  
(no formal response but Councillor Simon Spencer has said he will raise it).
- Request submitted for advice regarding lorry damage at Barn Cottage.
- (OLD) Highways
  - Wash Meadow Pothole. "Authorised".
  - Church Lane Pothole. "Enquiry noted".
  - B5056. "Enquiry noted".
  - Visibility of previous logged details requested
- (OLD) Severn Trent re condition of Kiln Lane

#### **Training planned**

- Finance for Councillors Training (September 29th)

### 21.9.9 Planning applications.

Diversion of footpath between Croft Avenue and Creamery Lane. Informal consultation.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to reply that the Council had no comment to make regarding the diversion described and would consider any formal application once it was submitted.

The following were brought to the attention of the Councillors over the summer. The next planned meeting fell after the consultation deadline. No request was received to hold an extraordinary meeting to consider them. Their receipt was acknowledged without comment.

- Rock Mount. Single storey extension.
- Bostern Grange Farm. Telecommunications upgrade.
- The Square. Removal of concrete coal store (retrospective)

**21.9.10 Items of account.**

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| Cq 1336 | I Pitts        | Repair to Nether Green Wall      | £75.00   |
| Cq 1337 | Grant Thornton | Audit Fee                        | £120.00  |
| Cq 1338 | A Martin       | Clerk's salary (July, Aug, Sept) | £302.22  |
| Cq 1339 | HMRC           | PAYE tax                         | £302.22  |
| Cq 1340 | Memorial Hall  | Aug £15, Sept £25 + £25)         | £65.00   |
| Cq 1341 | Earl Yeomans   | Mowing (July, August)            | £2352.00 |
| Cq 1342 | Earl Yeomans   | Mowing (September)               | £1176.00 |
| Cq 1343 | R Beach        | Hedge Cutting                    | £42.00   |

**21.9.11 Bonfire.**

The Carnival Committee has requested permission to hold a bonfire and fireworks display on Parson's Croft. Location and other arrangements to be as previous year.

**Resolved:** Clerk to advise Carnival Committee that this is approved subject to obtaining suitable insurance and taking responsibility for running, and clearing up after, the event.

**21.9.12 Brook and Ponds**

The Clerk had prepared a tender document indicating which areas of the brook and ponds might require clearance.

**Resolved:** To hold a community event to clear the brook on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. To be co-ordinated by T Marshall including publicity and food for participants. Budget of £50 agreed.

**Resolved:** J Jones to prepare a suitable risk assessment for the brook clearance.

**Resolved:** Clerk to prepare and issue a tender for the clearance of the pond at Nether Green and ditch behind the football pitch.

**21.9.13 Banking Arrangements.**

The Clerk had circulated a brief survey of alternative banking arrangements.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk should seek further information about the Barclays Community Account.

**21.9.14 Tennis court cleaning.**

**Resolved:** The Clerk to obtain quotes for cleaning.

**21.9.15 Rights of Way Minor Maintenance agreement.**

**Resolved:** The Clerk to submit a request based on the map provided by the Chairman following discussions with the mowing contractor.

**21.9.16 Playground surface.**

Several quotes had been obtained for repair to the playground surface.

**Resolved:** Clerk to follow up possible source of community funding or support "in kind" from Tarmac.

**Resolved:** Clerk to instruct the work to be carried out using the most cost effective option.

**21.9.17 Correspondence and communication.**

- DALC Circulars
- DDDC. Community Forums.
- DDDC. Survey of burial provision.
- Severn Trent. Water bill
- Zurich Insurance. Insurance tax rates.
- Alternative phone mast site suggested by resident.
- Digital Derbyshire. Fibre broadband and subsidies
- NHS Better Care closer to Home Consultation update.
- PAT testing training
- DigiHealth UK: Transforming Healthcare Delivery Conference.
- Peak Parks. Advance information in preparation for the publication of the Development Management Policies and subsequent consultation.
- DALC. Request for advice on ponds risk assessment.
- Peak Parks. Neighbourhood Planning Champion.
- Grant Thornton. Acceptance of accounts and invoice for auditing.
- DCC external venue tender.
- Request for hard court risk assessment
- Peak National Park Press Releases.
- District Council Community Forum coming to Parwich on 25th October
- HMRC re minimum wage

- DALC annual meetings
- Sport Facilities questionnaire. (Derbyshire Dales)
- Courses in Leicestershire and Rutland (forwarded by DALC)

**21.9.18 Items for the next agenda.**

- Pavilion maintenance and repairs.
- Hard court area
  - Flood lights. M Compton to retrieve previous quote information.
  - Charging policy
- Nether Green Car Park.
- Concrete table tennis table
- Maintenance and use of toilets
- Height of posts on the green
- Health and Safety Policy.
- Clerk's expenses policy.
- Review of time spent by Clerk

**21.9.19 Next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:30pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 in the Memorial Hall.

**The meeting was declared closed at 10.15 pm**

A Martin  
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council  
22 September 2016