

Parwich Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Tuesday, 17th January 2012 at 7.30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

Present: C Healy, N Linnell, M Harrison, J Bennett, B Walker, R Bunting, Acting Clerk, Mrs S Hampson and two members of the public

12.1.1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register

Apologies had been received from Mr S Dale

12.1.2 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest of councillors

There was no need, by any councillor present, to make an entry in the register.

12.1.3 Minutes of the previous minutes and items from the minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to minor amendments to clarify the location of the land where a tree may need felling (at Pump Hill) and the substance being used to preserve the pavilion (Ronseal total wood preserver).

12.1.4 Public speaking

A member of the public spoke positively about a meeting arranged by the parish council with personnel from Environmental Services, Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) and asked to be kept informed. He further suggested that the parish council could investigate obtaining indemnity for volunteers with regard to mowing. Advice from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) was reiterated. Reference was also made to the minutes and the tree at Pump Hill which may require felling.

Under 'Confidence and Admission of Strangers' the Chairman advised the members of the public that two items on the agenda were to be rerouted to the next items as it was desirable to treat the discussion of terms of tenders and terms of service related to agenda items 10 and 12 as confidential business at this time. This would enable members of the public to then return to very shortly and to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

Resolved: Agenda items 10 and 12 to be rerouted to the next items for discussion to enable members of the public to return for the remainder of the meeting.

The members of the public advised the councillors that they would not return for the remainder of the meeting.

12.1.5 Mowing contract

Advice had been sought from DALC regarding mowing in Parwich including the cricket field. A discussion took place regarding the existing contract.

Resolved: Clerk to amalgamate information, summarise discussion and forward electronically to all members before the next meeting.

12.1.6 Tree pruning

Mrs Linnell had looked at the problem tree at Pump Hill which is in the vicinity of the school playing field. Mrs Linnell believed this tree may need felling.

Resolved: Mrs Linnell to provide some information of methods used previously with regard to felling/pruning trees. Mrs Linnell to make contact with Mr D Goodwin, Peak Park forester, for further advice.

Resolved: Options for the land at Pump Hill to be discussed on a future agenda.

12.1.7 **Planning and planning sub-committee**

There were no new planning applications. It was reported that the recent application for a wind turbine within the parish had been to committee at the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) on 13 January 2012. The application had not been approved. It was further reported that information regarding the wind turbine application could be found on Parwich Blog.

12.1.8 **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Ms Healy advised members of the outcome of the joint meeting between some parish councillors with members of the Carnival and Recreation Committee to discuss the above event (Tuesday, 5 June 2012). Some of the ideas and items raised included: a tea time street party; a beacon (the Acting Clerk provided Ms Healy with recent correspondence from DDDC regarding lighting a beacon for the jubilee and beacon insurance); commemorative mugs for the children; mail drop to each house hold in respect of a donation; contacting all village committees. The clerk read information regarding temporary event licences related to jubilee events. Some reference was made to financing events.

Resolved: As many parish councillors as possible to attend the next jubilee meeting to take matters further (15.2.12 at 7.30 pm).

Resolved: Mrs Healy to draft a letter to chairs of all societies/groups within the village.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to place on open invitation on Parwich Blog.

12.1.9 **Parish Council representation on charity committee**

The matter was discussed.

Resolved: Five parish council members to now become representatives on the charity committee: Mrs Linnell and Mr Walker are existing members plus Mrs Healy, Mrs Bennett and Mr Harrison.

12.1.10 **Flood defences**

The acting clerk had written to Environmental Services at DDDC and Derbyshire County Council (DCC) regarding flooding issues in Parwich. Mr Braund from DDDC had liaised with the acting clerk and subsequently with Mrs Bennett. Mrs Bennett kindly arranged a site meeting with Mr Braund and some parish residents.

Mrs Bennett reported that the meeting was productive and that Mr Braund is to 'map' all the stream and land owners abutting it (likely to be riparian owners). He will subsequently advise the parish council where parish land is in relation to flood areas in the village. The stream does not fall under the jurisdiction of the environmental services but Mr Braund will see how DDDC can help with cleaning the stream and a gulley cleaning schedule for the village will be investigated in late spring. He will discuss increased gulley provision with DCC. He will also arrange for the area behind the recycling bins to be cleaned. It was further reported that highways drainage systems cannot always cope with the water. Consideration will also be given to whether a bid can be submitted to Defra for a flood grant to possibly fund some works in the village. Mr Braund suggested the parish council could act as co-ordinators regarding the flood issue. On a separate note, the jubilee pond is generally clear. DCC is not prepared to visit the village regarding the matter of flooding at this point in time.

Resolved: The parish council to act as co-ordinators and work with DDDC.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to be the point of contact and keep Mrs Healy and the acting clerk informed by email.

Resolved: The item to feature regularly on parish council agendas.

12.1.11 **Playground roundabout**

Resolved: Mr Harrison to view the item and report to members at the next parish council meeting.

12.1.12 **Parsons Croft**

Invoice received from the cleaner. Reopening the facilities at this location was discussed

Resolved: Mrs Linnell to ascertain if the self-employed cleaner is to continue carrying out duties.
Reopening the facilities to take place in time for Easter weekend.

12.1.13 **Severn Trent Water Authority (STWA) refund**

Following liaison with Mrs Linnell STWA had credited the parish council with monies related to a leak last year.

12.13.14 **EON**

Mrs Bennett reported her actions regarding the renegotiation of the electricity contract regarding the supply at the pavilion. The acting clerk had advised Mrs Bennett that the majority of the electricity bills related to the standing charge. Mrs Bennett had investigated terms from EON, British Gas and N Power and negotiated a favourable deal with British Gas which involved no standing charge.

Resolved: The electricity supply to be switched to British Gas for 2 years. Mrs Bennett to conclude the business following the meeting.

12.1.15 **Items of account**

Cq 1034	Parwich Memorial Hall	Hire
Cq 1035	S Hampson	Acting Clerk Services & expenses
Cq 1036	N Salt	Cleaning services

Income - Rent received in advance from tenant farmer

12.1.16 **Precept**

The acting clerk had prepared figures to date for each of the parish council's accounts with an estimated forecast until the financial year end (31.3.12) in addition to an estimated budget forecast for the following financial year. These documents had been electronically forwarded to all members in advance of the meeting. The clerk provided details of a tax base provided by DDDC to enable an estimate of the effect of the parish council's precept on Band D properties. Sources of income for the parish council were also discussed in addition that the Localism Bill may have an effect on future precepts after 2012/2013. The members considered the figures very carefully. The acting clerk had previously submitted a request to DDDC to increase the reimbursable expenditure related to mowing costs but DDDC will not increase this amount any further. Mrs Linnell advised members that the precept had not been increased for 4 years.

Resolved: The parish council precept for the next financial year 2012/13 to be £6,500 which represented a £2,000 increase. £1,501 to be reclaimed for reimbursable expenditure as in previous years.

Resolved: The acting clerk to draft an end of year report along with the year end accounts.

Resolved: Tenants of parish council land to be advised that rents will re-evaluated next year with a view to moderately increasing the rent. Professional advice to be sought to ensure fair rents are set.

12.1.17 **Highway issues**

DCC had acknowledged receipt of the acting clerk's letter regarding issues at Monsdale Lane. It was reported that a wall had collapsed near the STWA sign in the vicinity of Rathbone Hall near the junction of Kiln Lane and Creamery Lane.

Resolved: Acting clerk to advise DCC to investigate the issue of the collapsed wall.

12.1.18 **Correspondence and communication**

Correspondence included:

DALC circulars – index of most important circulars of 2011, local council review subscriber form, prayers at council meetings. DALC – breakdown of invoice related to previous members' training course. Parish and Town Council conference. Big Lottery workshop. Derbyshire Dales CVS meeting. Financial inclusion in Derbyshire. Quart newsletter. Off street parking order in Matlock. Rospa publicity for playground inspections.

Communication issues included: Safer Neighbourhood meeting and the Parish Council pages on the Parwich village website. Ms Healy reported that the council pages could be officially launched at the annual general meeting. Parish council meeting dates were also discussed.

Resolved: Mr Walker to try and attend the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting

Resolved: Regular parish council meeting date to become the third Wednesday each month.

12.1.19 **Items for next agenda**

Mowing contract, Tree surgery, Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Flood defences, Playground roundabout, Land at Pump Hill in addition to regular agenda items.

12.1.20 **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next parish council meeting will be Wednesday, 21 March 2012 with no full council meeting scheduled to take place in February. If necessary, a planning sub-committee meeting will take place on 21 February 2012.

There being no other parish council business, the meeting was declared closed at 10.20 pm.

S Hampson
Acting Clerk
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