

Parwich Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 18th April 2012 at 7.30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

Present: C Healy, N Linnell, J Bennett, S Dale, Mr R Bunting, the Clerk, Mrs S Hampson, and one member of the public

12.4.1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from Mr Walker and Mr Harrison. The remaining councillors completed the attendance register

12.4.2 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest of councillors

There was no need by any member present to declare a personal/prejudicial interest.

12.4.3 Appointment of permanent clerk

Following the advertisement Mrs Hampson had been appointed as clerk and responsible finance officer to Parwich Parish Council. The chairman welcomed Mrs Hampson at the meeting.

12.4.4 Minutes of the previous meeting and items from the minutes

The minutes had been electronically forwarded to all members in advance of the meeting.

Resolved: The minutes were approved and signed as a true copy of the proceedings.

12.4.5 Information from the District Councillor

The District Councillor was not present at the meeting

12.4.6 Public speaking

A member of the public provided an interesting account of the historical use of the village football field over the years and its importance in the community including the deterioration and eventual loss of the goal posts and nets. The resident asked if the parish council would consider funding replacement goal posts or applying for a grant to obtain replacements. A letter had also been received from a young resident representing Parwich teenagers and the younger generation asking for replacement goal posts on the football field.

Ms Healy proposed that item 16 (purchase of further goal posts) be moved and discussed at this point.

Resolved: Goal posts to be discussed at this point in the meeting.

The members considered the football field to be an important facility and were very pleased to receive communication about the facility. It was particularly pleasing to receive communication from young people in Parwich interested in encouraging physical activity in the community. Mrs Linnell provided information about the 7 aside pitch at Parsons Croft complete with goal posts. The members discussed the need to establish continuous use before investing in further goal posts. It was appreciated that there may be preference for playing on grass compared to playing on a hard court. Increased mowing, marking the pitch and funding for replacement goal posts were discussed.

Resolved: Mrs Linnell to establish the cost of replacement posts

Resolved: Clerk to find out if there any suitable grants are available for sporting facilities

Resolved: Mr Bunting and a resident to move existing goal posts from the hard court area to the football field.

12.4.7 Update from police community support officer and Safer Neighbourhood

The police community support officer was not present. Mrs Bennett reported that the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting was Thursday, 10th May at 7.30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

12.4.8 Pump Hill

It had not been established who had instructed the contractor to cut trees down on land at Pump Hill.

Resolved: Mr Bunting to approach the contractor directly.

Clarification of ownership of the land was discussed.

Resolved: Chairman to telephone a resident to obtain further information and to discuss the trees at Pump Hill.

Resolved: Item to be placed on a future agenda

12.4.9 Queen's Diamond Jubilee including contributions, arrangements, next meeting date

Chairman reiterated contributions/pledges received so far towards the arrangements:

£100 Tennis Club
£100 Horticultural Society
£100 Odd Fellows
£50 Mr Tressider
£50 Mr Pemberton

Mr Bunting had spoken to a resident who would like to see a quantity of fireworks to mark the occasion. Members wished to make it clear that the parish council would not be directly funding any fireworks. The torchlight procession was also discussed.

Resolved: Some rockets to be used to mark the occasion sourced from donated funds.

Resolved: Residents with animals/stock should be aware that some fireworks/rockets may be set off.

Resolved: Residents could bring their own 'torch/lamp/light' to the torchlight procession.

A very reasonable quote of £160 to cater for 200 people had been received. It was anticipated that residents should also 'Bring their own picnic' to supplement the provision. Tea, coffee, napkins and paper plates will be provided. If the weather is poor, the tea will be held in the Memorial Hall.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to kindly find further information about commemorative photographs and how these will be made available. A large photograph could be mounted, framed and possibly placed in the Memorial Hall.

A discussion took place regarding rewards for sporting activities.

Resolved: A sweet to be received by those participating in the activities.

The order for the commemorative mugs had been submitted outside of the parish council meeting by the Carnival and Recreation Committee.

Resolved: Ms Healy to be personally reimbursed for the cost of the mugs which she had paid for.

12.4.10 Stream clearance including volunteers

The church (as a riparian owner) had been approached and had promptly responded reporting that there was nothing adverse on 'their stretch'. Mrs Bennett had again spoken to Mr Braund at Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC). Mr Braund is awaiting final names of other riparian owners. Mrs Bennett sought clarification from other members on a prepared map. Parish Council portions were also identified. Mr

Braund will subsequently write to the riparian owners for their help. Methods of removal of the rubbish were discussed. A sufficient number of volunteers will be required to keep costs down. A further notice will be placed on the blog to advertise the stream clearance on 26th May, 10.30-12.30. Clerk provided the chairman with an exemplar risk assessment.

Resolved: Clerk to request a blank risk assessment template to be completed in advance of the day in May.

12.4.11 Cleaning of the public lavatories

Ms Hallam has very kindly offered to clean the public lavatories on a volunteer basis and has been given the key. A replacement toilet holder is required and the doors need preserving.

Resolved: The parish council would like to thank Ms Hallam for this kind offer and the work involved.

Resolved: Stain left over from the Pavilion could be used on the doors

Resolved: Mr Bunting to obtain a toilet holder, affix and be reimbursed for the cost of the toilet holder.

12.4.12 Playground roundabout

The two professional playground suppliers contacted by the clerk had both visited the playground. One reported that the bearings had collapsed and the identity of the original supplier would be required to ensure appropriate parts can be obtained.

The other supplier had met with Mrs Bennett on site and provided a report which stated the bearings were going. The gap between the base of the roundabout and the ground is 240mm. The deck of the roundabout is rotten, one seat is rotting. An estimate of £2,360 had been given for its removal, disposal of existing and replacement with a 'flying saucer' roundabout and tech mesh. A Whizabout roundabout would be £4,530 + VAT. Grants to replace the roundabout were discussed. ROSPA is due to assess the playground in May.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to email details of grant information to the clerk.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Derbyshire Rural Community Council to enquire about funding.

Resolved: Mr Dale to visit the roundabout to ascertain cost of making it safe, in respect of the gap between base and ground.

12.4.13 Stepping Stones Pre-School Nursery

Mrs Bennett advised members of an open meeting scheduled for the following week.

12.4.14 Broadband Initiative

Mrs Bennett further advised members of the £15 million pound initiative to improve broadband. Parish councillors had been approached to be broadband champions. Mrs Bennett would like a sub-group of the parish council to be formed in connection with this topic not a separate committee.

Resolved: A notice will appear on the Blog. Mrs Bennett and Mr Harrison to receive comments.

12.4.15 Rental income from parish land

The clerk had emailed details of income from tenants of parish council land. Tenants had been advised that an increase would take place from 2013. Obtaining a professional valuation was discussed to ensure the parish council receives the appropriate rent from the land.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Mr Hanson at Bagshaws who has previously valued the land.

Resolved: Mr Bunting to meet Mr Hanson at the land.

12.4.16 The Pavilion

Advice had been sought from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) and DDDC regarding the use of the Pavilion for a café.

Resolved: Residents proposing the change of use of the Pavilion to assess requirements

Resolved: Proposed rent and further advice from DDDC to be considered at the next meeting.

12.4.17 Parish Annual Meeting

The meeting of the parish involving the community to take place on 16th May. Village groups, PCSO Cleavelly and District Councillor to be invited. New village groups welcome.

Resolved: Clerk to provide Chairman with a resumé of the past 12 months' of the parish council from the minutes.

12.4.18 Items of account

Cq 1039	DALC	Subscription 2012/13	£150.42
Cq 1040	Parwich Memorial Hall	April meeting hire	£10.00
Cq 1041	S Hampson	Acting clerk's final invoice	£325.14
Cq 1042	I Hallam	Reimbursement for materials for toilets	£31.76
Cq 1043	C Healy	Reimbursement for purchase of jubilee mugs	£454.22

12.4.19 Highway Issues

A discussion regarding inappropriate parking on a footpath and action to be taken was discussed.

Resolved: Item to be deferred until May.

12.4.20 Planning applications and Planning Sub-Committee

There were no items to be reported on from the sub-committee. A new application had been received at Foulfinside. The members discussed the application.

Resolved: The members supported the application. Clerk to email the decision to Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA).

12.4.21 Other sub-committees

Clerk had sought advice on sub-committees involving non-parish council members. DALC reported that this was not a good idea but had electronically forwarded a legal topic note for further information.

12.4.22 Correspondence and communication

Clerk had received a telephone call from Notts DA regarding their booking for 2012 and enquiries for dates in 2013 including the carnival weekend. Members were uncertain of carnival dates during the meeting.

Resolved: Fees of £5 for Notts DA in 2013 were discussed. Carnival dates to be confirmed after the meeting.

12.4.23 Mowing Contract

Mr Dale had kindly 'topped' the cricket field and was thanked for his efforts with this. At the time of the meeting no volunteers had come forward to mow the area.

Additional quotes had been received from contractors regarding the mowing of the cricket pitch which varied considerably. The contractor providing the lowest quote had provided 3 options to cut and remove the grass; to cut and spread the grass cuttings near the pavilion; to cut the grass and leave cuttings on the field. The latter option was considerably cheaper than any other option by any of the contractors.

Resolved: Clerk to request the contractor providing the cheapest option of £45 per week to mow the cricket field and leave the cuttings on the field.

Resolved: Clerk to advise contractor that this contract will be from 1st May to end of July as a probationary period which will be reviewed.

12.4.24 Items for next agenda

Football goal posts, playground roundabout, Stepping Stones Pre-school, Broadband Initiative, Rental income, the Pavilion, stream clearance

12.4.25 Date of the next parish council meeting

Wednesday, 9th May. This will be annual parish council meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 16th May 2012

The meeting was declared closed at 11 pm

Mrs S Hampson
Clerk to Parwich Parish Council

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