

Parwich Parish Council

Minutes

A Meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 19th September 2012 at 7.30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

Present: Chairman, R Bunting, J Bennett, M Harrison, N Linnell, the Clerk, Mrs S Hampson and two members of the public.

12.9.1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register

Apologies were received in advance from C Healy, S Dale and District Councillor, Sir R Fitzherbert. Members present completed the attendance register.

12.9.2 Declaration of acceptance of office of all members

Mr Walker tendered his resignation at the beginning of the meeting, therefore, this item was not applicable.

12.9.3 Personal/Prejudicial interest

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

12.9.4 Minutes and items from the minutes

Resolved: The minutes were accepted as a true record of proceedings and were signed by the Chairman in the meeting.

Resolved: To reroute aspects of item 12 and item 18 to this point in the meeting.

12.9.5 Public speaking

One member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the agenda item of flooding. (See item 12.9.6). The other member of the public answered questions in connection with his planning application for a wind turbine (see item 12.9.7)

12.9.6 Millennium pond and flooding

A member of the public reported recent flooding at his property. It was reported that flooding between the area of Dam Farm and the public house remains an ongoing problem. Mrs Bennett advised the resident of previous action taken by Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) and that photographic evidence of areas of pooled water was required by DDDC. Drains were cleared in May and were scheduled for November but intermediate intervention had taken place. The culverts are not capable of taking large volumes of water. Installing a kerb at this location was also discussed.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Mr Braund at DDDC again to request a prompt visit to Parwich to meet with the resident and Mrs Bennett to view the area concerned. The resident agreed to being contacted directly by Mr Braund.

Resolved: Clerk to request more frequent clearances of drains and a meeting with the resident and Mrs Bennett.

Mrs Bennett further advised that two residents have kindly partially cleared the millennium pond.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain estimates from local people to 'scoop out' and remove debris from the millennium pond.

12.9.7 Planning applications and planning sub-committee

The rationale behind a revised application for two smaller wind turbines had been explained to members and included: the two turbines would provide 15% in excess of need at the farm; surplus electricity to the National Grid. Tree planting would take place. The height of the turbines was compared to the height of

Parwich church spire. Painting the turbines dark grey was also discussed. A comparison and illustrations of a similar sized wind turbine in an alternative area was also provided.

The members gave very serious consideration to the application. The effectiveness of the tree planting was questioned; the time taken for the trees to reach maturity or what would happen if either the trees died or failed to grow was also discussed. The members still considered two structures at this locality to be a detriment at this location but appreciated that the turbines could not be seen from all directions. Members voted on the proposal.

Resolved: By majority, the parish council supported the application. Clerk to advise PDNPA accordingly.

A recent application for solar panels at Parwich Lees has been granted along with the conversion of a barn to open market dwelling at Foufinside Farm. The planning applications considered by the sub-committee were as follows:

Agricultural building at Dam Lane Farm - supported by the parish council.

Installation of air to air units at the Smithy Close and Rathborne Croft - not supported by the parish council

12.9.8 District Councillor update

The district councillor had electronically forwarded apologies in advance of the meeting; however, he submitted a press release regarding changes to the household refuse collections with effect from October 2012. Resident will receive information on these changes very shortly. Mrs Bennett advised that information regarding some of these changes already featured on Parwich Blog.

12.9.9 PCSO and Safer Neighbourhood

PCSO Cleveley was not in attendance. Mrs Bennett reported some information from the most recent Safer Neighbourhood meeting and also from some residents in village. Concern has been expressed regarding speeding in the village; a few local motorists and some general delivery drivers are not adhering to the speed limit. The main area of concern is the stretch of highway near the football pitch. A mobile speed camera van and flashing speed signs were discussed.

Resolved: Clerk to contact PCSO Cleveley to discuss the way forward with this issue.

12.9.10 Playground equipment and football pitch

Mr Harrison reported that, thanks to the considerable efforts of Mr Wayne and Mr Yeomans, the repairs to the roundabout were almost complete. Mr Harrison has arranged for the old bearings to be removed and replacement bearings have been purchased. The ground surface still requires attention and grass crete type product purchased. It was agreed that the restoration costs will now be considerably less than the quotes from the professional companies.

Resolved: The parish council would like to express their thanks to all the individuals who have worked so hard to restore the roundabout.

Resolved: Mr Harrison to investigate and purchase appropriate grass crete product for the ground surface under the roundabout.

Resolved: Reimbursement to be made on the production of invoices/receipts from the individuals involved with the restoration of the roundabout.

The football pitch is now marked out and well used. A risk assessment had been prepared for the resident working under the direction of the parish council on the football pitch. Insurance in place.

Resolved: Minor adjustments to be made to the risk assessment which has to be forwarded to the person concerned.

Another mole problem on the football had been reported to the Chairman.

Resolved: Chairman to contact contractor to take action against the moles.

12.9.11 Rental income from parish land

Clerk had contacted Baghaws Valuers and Auctioneers again regarding this matter and further contact had been made with the Chairman who reported that a valuation would take place in the next few days. The Chairman advised members of the timescale of the last rent review and that the last rent increase was 6 years ago.

Resolved: Chairman to establish with Bagshaws the open market rental value for the land in question for comparison purposes.

12.9.12 Broadband initiative

Mr Harrison provided an update. Derbyshire County Council are leading the programme. Faster broadband for everyone should be in place by 2015.

Resolved: Mr Harrison to attend the next meeting on 9th October.

Information from a recent circular regarding a community connection programme was discussed.

Resolved: No action to be taken by the parish council at this stage.

12.9.13 Millennium pond, flooding and trees

See item 12.9.6 above.

The horse chestnut trees opposite the football pitch were declared diseased and in need of removing some years ago. In recognition of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee members reported that replacement trees should be planted at this location. Members discussed some options for the complete removal of the diseased trees.

Resolved: A notice to be prepared for the Blog seeking a person with a chainsaw licence, adequate public liability insurance and experience to cut down and remove all wood and debris from the site.

Resolved: Clerk to contact the forestry officer at the PDNPA for advice on the most appropriate replacement trees, the most suitable number of trees for the location and if they could be provided free of charge by PDNPA.

12.9.13 Bank mandate

Mandate documentation partially completed by those present and taken away to complete and return to the council's bank.

A recent circular provided some details about on line banking.

Resolved: Clerk to find out further information from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC).

12.9.14 Items of account, general administration, the clerk, HMRC and external auditor

Cq 1066	Parwich Memorial Hall	Jubilee meeting hire	£20
Cq 1067	Parwich Memorial Hall	Hire July and September	£20
Cq 1068	S Hampson	September salary	£149.95
Cq 1069	HMRC	Second quarter income tax	£112.60
Cq 1070	T Moorcroft	Mowing	£1,968
Cq 1071	Audit Commission	External audit fee	£162
Cq 1072	R P Lownds	Mowing	£162
Cq 1073	S Hampson	Reimbursement of expenses	£15.70
Cq 1074	I Hallam	Reimbursement of expenses	£6.88
Cq 1075	A J Wayne	Roundabout repairs	£268.03

12.9.15 Highway issues including Pump Hill to Kiln Lane, Monsdale Road to Highway Lane

No reply received from DCC in time for the meeting regarding the above. Mrs Bennett confirmed the above named areas were in a dreadful state. The clerk referred to the Minor Maintenance Scheme (MMA). The clerk has registered for the sum of £430 available from DCC. Creamery Lane to Kiln Lane also in poor state

Resolved: Clerk to contact DCC to identify a path number for Pump Hill to Kiln Lane and to ascertain if the MMA scheme could be utilised for Pump Hill to Kiln Lane.

A large pot hole was reported at the junction of Parwich with the B5056.

Resolved: Clerk to contact DCC, Highways Department

Two serious pot holes which have the potential to damage vehicles were reported near Hill Top Farm. It was further reported that livestock foul the road surface and it is never cleaned. This may have contributed to the serious deterioration of the road surface.

Resolved: Clerk to provide information to PCSO Cleaveley

12.9.16 MMA and walling

See item on MMA above. Mr Harrison reported that a stretch of wall had collapsed on Kiln Lane near the junction of Creamery Lane. Mr Harrison to contact property owner concerned.

12.9.17 Tennis court refuse bins and water meter

DDDC had issued a work order to ensure the refuse bins were emptied at the tennis courts. Mrs Linnell confirmed there was a tiny leak at the meter.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Severn Trent Water Authority to ascertain if it is their responsibility and whether the leak can be fixed free of charge. If not, to pursue contact with local tradesman.

12.9.18 Correspondence and communication

Correspondence included: DALC Circulars, Playground newsletter, Kompan playground equipment, Lexis Nexis communications, DALC Annual Report and minutes of previous annual meeting. Mrs Linnell reported that the Memorial Hall had received an enquiry from a caravan club for October.

Resolved: Clerk to contact the Derbyshire Caravan Centre.

Resolved: At this point in time, it was agreed not to meeting in February.

Resolved: New style agenda to be considered after further consultation with DALC.

Resolved: Advertisement for the co-option of a new parish councillor to be prepared.

The members of the parish council acknowledged the many years service of Mr Walker on the parish council.

12.9.19 Items for the next agenda

Consideration of items for precept, Local Development Plan (PDNPA), co-option of new councillor. Further agenda items to be compiled by the clerk.

12.9.20 Date of the next meeting

17th October 2012

The meeting was declared closed at 9.45 pm

S Hampson
Clerk to the Parish Council
20th September 2012