

Parwich Parish Council

Minutes

A Meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 16th January 2013 at 7.30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

Present: Chairman, R Bunting, J Bennett, N Linnell, S Dale, M Harrison and the Clerk, Mrs S Hampson plus one member of the public.

13.1.1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from Ms C Healy and PCSO Cleavelly.

13.1.2 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest of councillors

There was no need by any member present to declare an interest in any items on the agenda.

13.1.3 Minutes and items from the previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting had been electronically forwarded to all members in advance of the meeting and had been placed on the Blog.

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

Resolved: A hard copy of the minutes will be placed in the village shop to enable residents, without electronic means, to access the parish council minutes.

Resolved: Mrs Linnell kindly offered to be responsible for placing the minutes in a folder in the shop.

From the previous minutes: a notice regarding trees at Nethergreen has placed enabling residents to express their preferences from given choices, electronically or on hard copies in the village shop. The consultation period will last for 4 weeks. Further professional advice will be obtained from Derwent Treescapes.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to meet with a member of Derwent Treescapes to obtain independent, professional advice.

Mr Yeomans (appointed tree surgeon for Nethergreen trees) was present and provided copies of his public liability insurance and chainsaw licence card, as requested.

13.1.4 Public speaking

No items were brought to the attention of the parish council during public speaking

13.1.5 Millennium pond

A reply from the Drainage Officer at Derbyshire County Council (DCC) had not been received in response to the clerk's letter in time for the meeting. Mr Braund from Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) will meet with Mrs Bennett on 21st January to assess the situation and take measurements. The resident who attended the previous meeting had been invited to attend. (See correspondence regarding a letter received from the resident on the same agenda item). DCC will shortly carry out clearance from the watercourse. Some debris will be deposited at the rear of the football pitch.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to place an advisory notice on the blog informing residents of the date of the clearance.

13.1.6 Village maintenance

The clerk had forward a list of possible maintenance items. Some of these were considered. The clerk had also obtained information from DDDC regarding litter bins and a from a company specialising in restoration of historic plaques. DDDC now only install litter bins on a replacement or repositioning basis to ensure emptying costs do not escalate. DDDC also like to install the same type of bin throughout the Derbyshire

Dales area costing £400 +VAT. Advice regarding no smoking signs in the bus shelter had been received from DCC.

Resolved: Clerk to order one replacement bin for the village green to replace the existing litter bin near the playground.

Resolved: Clerk to request gentleman from Leander Architectural for a professional opinion on the historic plaque in the bus shelter.

Resolved: As the bus shelter is not an enclosed shelter it was agreed not to proceed with new non-smoking signs in the shelter.

13.1.7 Budget items and precept 2013-14

The clerk had prepared budget items and accounts to date, to support the decision on the precept for the next financial year; these were discussed. The tax base provided by DDDC was given and explained in relation to band D properties in the parish. The members gave very careful consideration to the budget figures, administration and project costs for the forthcoming year and an appropriate figure for the next year's precept. The decision centred on either raising the precept and by how much or to precept for the same amount as the previous financial year. A vote took place.

Resolved: It was agreed to precept for the same amount as the previous financial year ie £6,500. A reimbursable expenditure claim to be submitted again during this period of time for £1,501.

Resolved: It was agreed that this course of action will erode the parish council's reserve funds.

13.1.8 Safer Neighbourhood and MPS Van

PCSO Wakefield was not in attendance, however, she had advised prior to the meeting that the mobile police speeding van (MPS) had been visited the village on two occasions during early morning and mid afternoon. During these visits no incidents of speed in excess of 30 mph had been recorded. The MPS van can revisit Parwich at a further point to establish if there is any seasonal change.

Resolved: Clerk to contact PCSO and request the MPS to revisit the village in June 2013, particularly during the afternoon.

13.1.9 Hedge cutting

Contact details of two suitable contractors and the location of hedge to be trimmed were supplied to the clerk. The hedge in question lies in the vicinity of the side of the cricket pitch and the road.

Resolved: Clerk to contact contractors for quotes.

13.1.10 Pump Hill

Future attention to Pump Hill was discussed. At present, the area in question has an overgrowth of ivy and a number of mature trees. Allotments were suggested as a possibility. Councillors will need to visit the area.

Resolved: Access issues will need investigating.

Resolved: Pump Hill to be an agenda item for the April meeting.

13.1.11 Items of account, general administration and clerk's salary

Cq 1089	Parwich Memorial Hall	£10.00	meeting hire
Cq 1090	S Hampson	£149.95	January clerk's salary
Cq 1091	S Hampson	£149.95	February clerk's salary
Cq 1092	S Hampson	£5.70	reimbursement of expenses

13.1.12 Planning and planning sub-committee

There was nothing to report from the planning sub-committee. There were no new applications.

Documentation now received for the application referred to in the previous minutes ie plans granted for two wind turbines at Hill Top Farm.

13.1.13 Correspondence and communication

Correspondence included: Victim support (request for donations). A letter from a resident was received regarding inconsiderate parking and its impact on access by emergency service vehicles.

Resolved: Clerk to advise the resident that his enquiry would be forwarded to DCC, Highways.

DCC had advised the clerk that the highway near Hill Top Farm had received their attention. The slippery surface had been attended to by the farmer. The pot holes at this location had not yet been resolved.

A further letter had been received from a resident enquiring about the Nethergreen trees.

Resolved: Clerk to advise the resident that the parish council is awaiting further professional advice at this stage.

Bagshaws had advised the clerk that action had not yet been taken regarding the pursuit of a rent view from the tenant farmers.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Bagshaws to ensure that the notice is served in time for the implementation of any rent increases in 2014.

Resolved: Clerk to issue rent reminders to tenant farmers.

A resident had written to the parish council expressing further concern regarding the level of the millennium pond and its impact on her land. The letter detailed issues discussed at previous parish council meetings including members visiting the pond; inviting a professional to visit the pond and the timescale involved. The resident reiterated her concerns of stagnant water lying on her land and its impact on her cattle. Four councillors had visited the pond at different times; awaiting professional communication from other agencies may take several months and in fact, the Head of Environmental Services at Derbyshire Dales District Council will visit the pond to meet with Mrs Bennett and the resident on 21st January 2013. Mrs Bennett had issued an invitation to the resident to attend this meeting, however, a reply had not been received from the resident in time for the meeting.

Mr Harrison provided some information from a recent Memorial Hall meeting. He reported the parish council owns the memorial hall and the land on which it stands. Insurance of the memorial hall was discussed and reconfirmed that this was not possible through the parish council. It was further reported that, following a recent task completed by Western Power, a bollard had not been reinstated and was lying on its side in the vicinity of the Memorial Hall.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Western Power.

Interest has been expressed in the vacant position on the council. The interested party has been invited to confirm this in writing in time for the next meeting.

The date of the parish annual meeting was discussed and provisionally assigned to 22 May 2013. This may be subject to change.

13.1.14 Items for next agenda

Co-option of councillor, hedge cutting, pond, rent reviews, tree surgery. Additional items to be compiled by the clerk

The meeting was declared closed at 9.05 pm.

Mrs S Hampson
Clerk to the Parish Council
18.1.13

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