

Parwich Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 20th November 2013 at 7.30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

Present: C Healy, M Harrison, J Bennett, N Linnell, R Bunting, E Yeomans and the Clerk, Mrs S Hampson.

13.11.1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from Mr S Dale, County Councillor, Mr S Spencer and District Councillor, Sir R Fitzherbert. Members present completed the attendance register.

13.11.2 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest of councillors

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

13.11.3 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 were accepted as a true record of proceedings and signed in the meeting by the Chairman.

13.11.4 Public speaking

There were no members of the public in attendance.

13.11.5 Items from public speaking

No items

13.11.6 Update from District Councillor and County Councillor

Apologies had been received in advance from both the District and County Councillors.

13.11.7 Parsons Croft

Thanks had been forwarded from a resident for the work of the clerk and the council with regard to actions undertaken to date to resolve some issues at Parsons Croft. Correspondence had also been received from Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) regarding permitted development at Parsons Croft. As a public body, the parish council would be able to erect a restricted height barrier at Parsons Croft (height limit not to exceed 4 metres). Mrs Bennett had obtained a range of costs for the purchase of height barriers and fitting charges. Members considered this option and the option of advisory signs.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to establish an accurate fitting charge for the cheapest height barrier.

Resolved: An appropriate amount to be included in precept calculations, to enable the introduction of a height barrier, if the parish council should decide to proceed with this course of action

Resolved: The parish council will make a decision at a future meeting.

The mower has been removed from the vicinity of the pavilion, stored under cover and locked away.

A lot of grass remains on the cricket field after the end of the seasonal mowing contract. The parish council discussed the introduction of sheep grazing on the cricket field over winter with a time limit to reduce grass levels and to provide a small income. Seeking approaches from interested parties on equal terms will be essential.

Resolved: Members of the parish council will consider applications from interested parties at an extra ordinary meeting.

Resolved: Time limited grazing rights document to be drawn up.

Resolved: Invitation to tender for the grazing to be placed on the Blog with a short deadline.

13.11.8 Parwich Memorial Hall

Using information from the Memorial Hall's insurance schedule, the clerk had approached the parish council's insurance company to enquire about the possibility of a combined policy to cover both the parish council and the Memorial Hall. The distinct nature of two separate bodies operating here and the charitable status of the Memorial Hall has a clear influence on the ability of the parish council's insurance company to provide a combined quote. The merits of charitable status for the Memorial Hall were briefly discussed.

Resolved: Clerk to contact the parish council's insurance company further. Clerk to enquire if the Memorial Hall was considered a council building under one committee would a quote be possible and as a consequence, the insurance cost.

13.11.9 Trees

Mrs Bennett advised that the avenue of trees will be planted on 2nd December.

13.11.10 Standing Orders

Model Standing Orders had been carefully studied in advance of the meeting by Mrs Bennett and Ms Healy, with some input from the clerk, in regard to some of the optional portions. All members had accessed these documents prior to the meeting. A further discussion took place, followed by a vote, regarding their publication, bearing in mind advice regarding document publication from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC).

Resolved: The standing orders were adopted and will be reviewed annually .

Resolved: By majority decision, the parish council procedures will be available from the clerk and to view at the shop/public house.

13.11.11 Village maintenance, including playground, car park surface alongside the football pitch and waste bins, stream management

Stream management

Communication had been received from a concerned resident about flood risks in Parwich. This had been acknowledge by Ms Healy. Mr Harrison reported that drains on Creamery Lane had been vacuum emptied. Surface water remains problematic. Mrs Linnell and her 'helpers' were thanked for their hard work in partially clearing the streams. Mrs Linnell reported the foul smell from the clearance. Water continues to come up through tarmac in front of the post office. This matter has been reported to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) by the clerk. Drains may not cope. Mr Yeomans referred again to a local digger driver who could clear the stream for reasonable cost not exceeding £150. There is no restricted flow of the streams at present.

Resolved: Stream and bog garden clearance to become a 2014 budget item.

Resolved: Mr Yeomans to approach a local digger driver to request further stream clearance (price not to exceed the amount referred to above) to remove all weed from the Millennium pond but not to de-silt. The weir must not be touched. Silt needs to removed from the sheep wash.

Mrs Bennett provided details of a community flood warden scheme and the possibility of a meeting 'fronted' by DCC, DDDC and the Environment Agency. Parwich is being held as a model for being proactive regarding flooding. Mrs Bennett could be a link to the flood warden(s).

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to approach residents most affected by potential flooding in Parwich regarding the flood warden scheme.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to approach outside agencies regarding a meeting and to subsequently place a notice on the Blog.

Village tidying

At the annual parish council meeting representatives of the Odd Fellows offered to help in any way they could. Members discussed an approach to both the Odd Fellows and the Horticultural Society in regard to tidying the village before some key events.

Resolved: Clerk to contact representatives of the Odd Fellows and the Horticultural Society regarding the possibility of a working party to assist with a tidy up of the village before the Open Gardens and the wakes.

Resolved: Item to be incorporated into the parish council's annual planning document.

Car park surface

Communication had been received from residents expressing concern over the surface of the car park near Blanche Meadow. Following an enquiry, the car park does not fall under the jurisdiction of Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC). Repairs to the car park will, therefore, be the responsibility of the parish council. Local resident has suggestions for the car park repairs.

Resolved: Car park repairs to be a precept item for 2014/15

Resolved: Clerk to approach resident for suggested repair details.

Resolved: After ascertaining requirements for the car park it will be necessary to obtain quotes.

Litter bin at the football pitch

No response had been received to the clerk's request to replace the bin at the football pitch.

Resolved: Clerk to chase DDDC with regard to the request.

Playground

Hedgerow needs cutting back at the playground. Possible new equipment was discussed. The footbridge needs attention and the playground surface needs additional sealant in some places.

Resolved: Mr Yeomans to attend to the hedgerow and the sealant.

Resolved: Some new equipment prices to be obtained.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to approach a local tradesman regarding the footbridge

Public toilet renovation

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to approach a local tradesman regarding any necessary renovations.

13.11.12 Tenancy agreements

Bagshaws had forwarded a copy of the formal tenancy agreement which they had drawn up and sent to the tenant and also enquired about future rent reviews in 2016. Mr Bunting viewed the content and confirmed its contents were appropriate.

Resolved: Clerk to confirm agreement with Bagshaws regarding the tenancy agreement and also to request a reminder only to the council in 2016 regarding tenants rent reviews.

Resolved: Clerk to continue to collect tenants' rents.

13.11.13 Identification and costs of forthcoming village events/projects (part of annual planning)

Renovations to the public toilets were discussed along with electricity meters at the pavilion.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to approach a tradesman about renovations to the toilets.

13.11.14 Highway and footpaths

Communication had been received from a resident regarding the question of a footpath. Enquiries had been made through DCC. DCC had provided some information together with maps which were subject to copyright laws.

Resolved: Clerk to forward a letter agreed by council members to the resident.

The school is presently making further enquiries through DCC regarding the possible use of Pump Hill. Village grit bins were also discussed.

Resolved: Mr Harrison will continue to monitor stocks of grit in the village grit bins for appropriate use during the coming months.

13.11.15 Items of account, clerk's salary, contractors and HMRC

Cq 1150	DALC	Planning Seminar fees (J Bennett attended 8.10.13)	£25.00
Cq 1151	Parwich Memorial Hall	Hire	£15.00
Cq 1152	S Hampson	November salary	£214.40
Cq 1153	S Hampson	Reimbursement of expenses	£14.70
Cq 1154	T Moorcroft	Mowing	£1,680.00

13.11.16 Consideration of items for 2014-15 precept (to be set at the December meeting)

Members discussed some items to include in the forthcoming precept discussion in December. These included the car park repairs and height barriers referred to above and the introduction of a parish council website. The parish council is trying to be as pro-active as possible in carrying out necessary repairs, renovations and programmes of work to improve village matters. This means that capital reserves have been eroded and unfortunately, this practice cannot continue.

13.11.17 Planning applications and Planning sub-committee

An application had been received for Stable Cottage.

Resolved: Members supported the proposal; clerk to advise Peak District National Park Authority.

13.11.18 Correspondence and communication, including electronic communication

Members discussed recording the reason for a councillor's absence at meetings. Further consideration was also given to publishing minutes two weeks after the meeting to enable further requests to be received for subsequent agendas.

Other correspondence included: War Memorials Trust, Give Children of Derbyshire a Break, Proludic sports publicity, Wickstead SPorts publicity

13.11.19 Items for next agenda

Sheep grazing on Parsons Croft and the Precept

13.11.20 Date of next meeting

19th December 2013

The meeting was declared closed at 10.05 pm.

Mrs S Hampson,
Clerk to the Parish Council
22nd November 2013

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