

Parwich Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Thursday, 19th December 2013 at 7.30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

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

13.12.1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from Mr Bunting. Members present completed the attendance register. Ms Healy advised members that she understood Mr Dale had resigned his position as councillor.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Mr Dale to thank him for his years of dedicated service to the parish council.

Resolved: Co-option of a new councillor to be placed on the next agenda.

13.12.2 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.

13.12.3 Public speaking

There were two members of the public in attendance who were made aware of the public speaking policy and provided details for the register. Serious concerns were expressed by the members of the public regarding public transport services in Parwich, including the bus links between Parwich and Ashbourne and Parwich and Bakewell plus links with other services, for example, to Derby. Reference was made to rumours from the bus drivers regarding the end dates of present contracts, future policy and the support of the parish council.

Resolved: Public transport in Parwich to be included on the January 2014 agenda.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Derbyshire County Council (DCC) for further input and to arrange an open public meeting regarding public transport.

Resolved: Clerk to make enquiries about the official review date on public transport in Parwich.

Reference was also made to an area of the highway which persistently floods near Ballidon.

Resolved: Clerk to contact DCC, Highways Department to report the issue which the parish council has done on a number of previous occasions.

Mrs Bennett provided some information about a flood warden scheme and contact with DCC and Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) regarding flooding in Parwich.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to liaise with the above outside agencies to arrange a public meeting in Parwich regarding flood warning/management on Tuesday, 24 February 2014 at 7.30 pm.

13.12.4 Items of account: general administration, clerk's salary and HMRC

Cq 1155	Parwich Memorial Hall	Hire for meeting	£15.00
Cq 1156	S Hampson	December net salary	£214.20
Cq 1157	S Hampson	Reimbursement of expenses	£8.60
Cq 1158	HMRC	Quarter 3 income tax	£160.60
Cq 1158	Derwent Treescapes Lrd	Alder trees and planting	£447.55

A request had been received from the parish council's bank to review councillors' details.

Resolved: The clerk to complete necessary information and return.

13.12.5 2014-15 Precept

The clerk had forwarded the accounts to date and items of expenditure to be considered during 2014-15 to members in advance of the meeting. The clerk provided a verbal summary of the expenditure to date and the rationale for this expenditure. Members gave very careful consideration to: necessary budget items for the next financial year; maintenance items which could be deferred for a further year; monetary amounts necessary for each of the budget items which could not be deferred; erosion of capital reserves; different precept figures and the impact on residents. The council has spent a considerable sum during 2013-14 on village maintenance items such as repairs to the pavilion; repairs to the bus shelter; health and safety issues at the playground; the village water course, mowing, tree surgery and following public consultation with members of the village, the planting of an avenue of alder trees at Nethergreen. Members discussed the merits of moderate increases to the precept each year. The members also discussed the possibility of reducing the precept figure when all necessary maintenance programmes have been completed. The clerk continues to submit a claim to Derbyshire Dales District Council for reimbursable expenditure each year to off set mowing costs.

Resolved: The parish council precept for 2014-15 will be £9,500.

Resolved: The clerk will continue to submit reimbursable expenditure claims to off set mowing costs.

Resolved: Ms Healy and the clerk to liaise regarding the production of a newsletter to advise residents of the parish council's immediate and future plans linked to the precept.

Precept budget items requiring further input:

The maintenance of the public car park near Blanche Meadow; a parish council website; energy contracts; playground slide; the footbridge near the playground.

Resolved: Members of the parish council to attend a site meeting at the car park to view necessary maintenance prior to the next parish council meeting.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to make enquiries with the Blog team regarding management of a parish council section on the Blog.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to pursue the achievement of the best electricity contract possible prior to 9th January 2014.

Resolved: Accurate prices to be obtained for a replacement slide on the children's playground to accompany the ROSPA inspection report.

Resolved: Clerk to ascertain definitive responsibility for the footbridge maintenance.

Resolved: Mr Yeomans to view the condition of the footbridge.

13.12.7 Planning applications and Planning sub-committee

There were no new planning applications. A planning services bulletin had been received and information regarding a parish council satisfaction survey.

13.12.8 Sheep grazing tenders at Parsons Croft (confidential item)

From the previous minutes, two advertisements had been placed on the Blog seeking interest to place sheep to graze on the former cricket pitch at Parsons Croft. By the deadline dates and times no written expressions of interest had been received. Verbal interest had been received however, this had not been followed by confirmation in writing. In view of no written applications being received this matter was not considered as a confidential item.

Resolved: In view of a lack of written interest the members decided not to pursue this at this time.

13.12.19 Items for next agenda

Public meeting regarding flood prevention and flood warden scheme, public transport in Parwich and public meeting, co-option of parish councillor. Additional items to be compiled by the clerk.

13.11.20 Date of next meeting

15th January 2014

The meeting was declared closed at 9.55 pm with an exchange of seasonal greetings.

Mrs S Hampson,
Clerk to the Parish Council
20th December 2013

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