

Parwich Parish Council

A meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 17th September at 7.00 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

Present: R Bunting, M Harrison, J Bennett, N Linnell, E Yeomans, M Gerard-Pearse, the clerk, Mrs S Hampson, and 6 members of the public.

The chairman welcomed everyone.

Resolved: To suspend the proceedings to allow an interactive discussion with members of the public, flood wardens and members of the parish council.

Watercourse management

One of the Parwich flood wardens was present and suggested that flood management references be amended so that the term 'flood' is no longer used as this term could have detrimental effects. It would be preferable to use the terms of 'water course wardens' and 'water course management'. This was supported by parish council members.

Resolved: to write to the officers concerned at Derbyshire County Council to request the above changes in terminology.

Reference was made to a letter from DCC. No date for training has as yet been received but this would be welcomed as soon as possible. Provision of materials from DCC and costs involved were discussed together with the most appropriate storage facilities. Consideration was given to the shed near the toilets; the shed on the football pitch and the corner of Wash Meadow. DCC will need to confirm the size of the required storage facilities and clarify available equipment. Different types of sand bags; life of filled sand bags and time to fill the sand bags were also mentioned. Vulnerable people within the village were identified. Formal mapping needs to take place. DCC would like to produce maps but these have not been forthcoming

Resolved: DCC to be advised of names and addresses of identified vulnerable people.

Resolved: Clarification to be obtained from DCC of available equipment, costs and responsibility for costs.

Resolved: Training details to be obtained from DCC.

Resolved: Maps to be requested from DCC, as a matter of urgency and no later than within one month, and to be forwarded to water course wardens to enable the residencies of the identified vulnerable people to be marked on such maps, in addition to past affected areas.

Attendance by representatives from DCC at future parish council meetings was discussed in addition to the possibility of liaising with flood wardens from other parishes. Networking with other flood wardens would enable advice and tips to be shared for the benefit of the community of Parwich.

Resolved: DCC to be invited to attend the October parish council meeting.

Resolved: Details of other flood wardens to be requested from DCC.

A member of the public advised that culverts at Pitts Lane back up. Responsibility and ownership for this area was questioned. Severn Trent Water Authority laid pipes in this location. The group present were concerned about the pipes and the potential risk of further blockages at Pitts Lane, near the old water treatment works. This has been pointed out to Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) approximately 18 months ago.

Mrs Bennett expressed concern about large volumes of water which have travelled in front of the bus shelter and forced up tarmac due to culverts being unable to cope. The parish council has recently paid for clearance of the village ponds. Reference was also made to flooding at Ballidon Lane end.

Previous actions included DDDC personnel contacting riparian owners requesting that areas of the water course be cleared. The parish council organised a volunteer day to clear parts of the water course. Investigations using a camera have taken place; however, any breakages or the size of the culverts have not been established.

Resolved: Any responses received from DCC to be reported to the water course wardens.

The chairman re-convened the meeting of the parish council following the above item.

Part 1 – Non-confidential information to consider the following agenda items:

14.9.1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from Ms C Healy, County Councillor, S Spencer and District Councillor, Sir R Fitzherbert. Members duly completed the attendance register.

14.9.2 Declaration of personal/pecuniary interest of councillors

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

14.9.3 Minutes of the previous meeting and items from the minutes, minutes of the previous planning sub-committee.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been forwarded to members in advance of the meeting, had been displayed on the Blog and had been displayed in the shop. The planning sub-committee had not met since the previous meeting.

Resolved: The minutes were approved as a true record of proceedings and signed by the acting chairman in the meeting.

14.9.4 Public speaking

Some of the items raised during public speaking featured later in the agenda.

One member of the public stated that trees at Nethergreen were now an issue near the triangle, at the end of the football pitch, on the right. He further stated that the trees are also in the way of electric/communication wires and need topping. Members of the public thought that an excellent job had been carried out on the village ponds; however, rather a mess had been left behind. It was acknowledged that sufficient time would need to be allowed for adequate drainage and reseeded. Tree saplings are growing out of the wall of the sheepwash. Mrs Bennett reported that the contractor is to spray these. A resident offered to supply some irises for replanting in the pond. The same resident provided a letter regarding Nethergreen.

Resolved: Nethergreen trees to be placed on the next agenda.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to contact the contractor involved with work at the ponds to request that the area be tidied/cleaned up further and to advise the member of the public accordingly.

Resolved: In the winter the tree saplings will be removed from the walls of the sheep wash and the stumps painted. The contractor has offered to do this without payment.

14.9.5 Items from public speaking

Covered by the agenda

14.9.6 Parish Council and Flood Wardens - to include update from the flood wardens

Please see the opening item.

14.9.7 Update from District and County Councillor

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

14.9.8 Update from PCSO and dog fouling

New dog fouling notices had been received from DDDC and given to members for distribution around the village. The PCSO had advised the clerk that any names provided regarding offenders who permit their dogs to foul would be treated in the strictest confidence. The PCSO considered this method to be the most effective approach. The staff at the school remain very concerned about dog fouling and the health of vulnerable young children.

Resolved: The clerk to place an article on the blog regarding dog fouling.

Resolved: Mr Harrison to update the school on the action taken by the parish council.

14.9.9 Nethergreen and Land Registry Map

Derbyshire County Council had been unable to forward any further plans regarding the land at Nethergreen. The only map available is a copy from 1970. The clerk had written to the Land Registry following receipt of some information from DDDC. A response had been received, however, further action was required to enable the registration to take place. A land registration reference has been supplied. Pursuing this matter through a solicitor was discussed as the parish council has sufficient proof to do so.

Residents were thanked for repairing the fence at Nethergreen but it was reported that the fence posts at this location are being damaged by strimmers used by the mowing contractor.

Resolved: Mr Gerard-Pearse to liaise with the solicitors who have previously acted for the parish council regarding registration of the land at Nethergreen.

Resolved: Parwich Parish Council to proceed to the achievement of registration of the land in the name of Parwich Parish Council

Resolved: The clerk to write to the mowing contractor to advise him of the damage caused by strimming.

Resolved: Items regarding the land registry registration and fencing at Nethergreen to be placed on the next agenda.

An email had been received from another resident immediately before the meeting which was read in full by the chairman. Mrs Bennett made a statement clarifying some points raised in the resident's communication. Mrs Bennett had also seen an Enforcement Officer at Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA). References made by Mrs Bennett at the June parish council meeting stand. The enforcement officer advised that residents at Blanch Meadow are complying with the planning consent at their property. The monitoring officer at DDDC had advised the parish council regarding the time period to challenge decisions made by previous parish councils.

Resolved: To advise the resident that due process has been followed. In addition, horse boxes are safer parked on the car park than on the road. Any damage sustained at the car park has been rectified. In excess of 40 years has elapsed since a previous parish council registered the area as a village green and as such, the present parish council cannot challenge this decision.

14.9.10 Parish Council website

Mrs Bennett had forwarded some further information during the summer recess about registering a website for the parish council and the costs involved. Members discussed the benefits of having control of a dedicated website for the parish council together with the set up cost (£150) and ongoing yearly cost (£250). Careful consideration was given to the possible new parish council members in May 2015 prior to taking a final decision on this matter. Members took a vote by show of hands.

Resolved: By a majority of 5 to 1, to proceed with the process of establishing a dedicated website for Parwich Parish Council.

Resolved: The parish council clerk and future clerks will be responsible for placing material on the parish council website.

14.9.11 Sheep wash/Pond

Contractors had been deployed to clear the sheep wash/pond area during the summer recess. Unfortunately, some damage had been done to a pipe at the bottom of the pond. Material had been deposited at the rear of the football pitch. Mrs Bennett was thanked for her hard work in arranging this task to take place. A considerable improvement had been made. A resident had volunteered to plant irises in an appropriate manner with support from another with expert knowledge. A further resident offered to donate irises for the purpose of planting at this location.

Resolved: Clerk to write to the resident to confirm that the parish council would be delighted for him to proceed with planting iris.

14.9.12 Parsons Croft, usage by the school, car park, hard play area and bookings

A quote had been forwarded by the contractor assigned to manage Parsons Croft mowing for some additional work in this area, to include additional strimming and mowing, following a request from the primary school. The school needed some costs from the contractor to enable them to reach a decision.

Resolved: Mr Harrison to liaise with the school about this matter.

A quote for additional removal of weeds and strimming on the Parsons Croft car park and around the pavilion had also been provided.

Resolved: The clerk to instruct the contractor to proceed with weed killing and strimming in view of the small costs detailed by the contractor.

Resolved: The clerk to further instruct the contractor to attend to inside the tennis court area too.

It had been brought to the attention of the parish council that people may be using the hard play area without booking its use or paying for it. Lights not working at the hard play area had also been queried. Members discussed the use of the hard play area, bookings and costs involved. The lights had been switched off due to a lack of informed use.

Resolved: A new sign will be required to inform users of the hard play area of bookings procedures.

Resolved: Mr Bunting to provide the laminate board; visit a sign company to produce the required details on a sign and be reimbursed accordingly for costs. Appropriate details for the sign to be provided to Mr Bunting.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to obtain 3 sets of additional keys and be reimbursed accordingly for costs.

Resolved: The switch will be turned back on to enable users of the play area to have access to lights during booked periods.

Resolved: Mrs Linnell to liaise with the lady who kindly takes bookings for the hard play area.

The side panels bordering the perimeter of the tennis courts were discussed. These are now in a poor state of repair.

Resolved: Members to provide the clerk with details of qualified people to seek quotes to replace/repair and install panels at the tennis courts.

14.9.13 Caravan bookings

One further booking has been from a new caravan club with members due to arrive in October 2014. Fees for 2015 were discussed. Booking request forms have also been received from Notts DA and Sheffield DA for 2015

Resolved: Fees for 2015 for Notts DA to be £5.50 per unit per night for the wakes' period in view of their support to Parwich Wakes

Resolved: Fees for 2015 to be £6.50 per unit per night for all other users who have not already booked.

Resolved: Clerk to complete booking forms to acknowledge Notts DA and Sheffield DA can attend in 2015

14.9.14 Pump Hill

The clerk had written to the solicitors regarding the land agreement between the parish council and a resident in Parwich surrounding Pump Hill however, a reply had not been received in time for the meeting. The parish council would like to see this matter resolved prior to the elections next year.

Resolved: Mr Gerard-Pearse to liaise with the solicitors regarding this matter.

Resolved: Mrs Bennett to scan a hard copy agreement and forward to Mr Gerard-Pearse in connection with liaison with the solicitors.

14.9.15 Minor Maintenance Agreement (MMA)

The ranger service had strimmed a 2 metre wide stretch for 250 metres in length of footpath 1 in Parwich which was significantly overgrown. This cost £150 plus VAT. The clerk had prepared an invoice to reclaim this amount from DCC under the MMA scheme.

Resolved: Mr Bunting signed a document in support of this claim.

14.9.16 Councillors' training

Details had been forwarded to DALC offering to host an event at Parwich.

Resolved: To defer councillor training until after May 2015.

14.9.17 Parish Council policies

Mrs Bennett provided an update.

Resolved: The dates of the agreements of the policies need to be updated together with new review dates.

Resolved: Clerk to obtain an electronic version of the most up to date model complaints procedure and forward to members.

Resolved: To remove reference to producing an annual newsletter and to amend to producing one hard copy for display and an electronic version for the Blog.

Resolved: Standing orders to be amended with reference to recording/photographs during parish council meetings.

14.9.18 Outcome of external audit

The external audit had been completed during the summer recess. There were no matters to bring before the council. The invoice had been received.

Resolved: Notice of completion of the audit to be placed on the noticeboard

14.9.19 Items of account, clerk's monthly salary, contractors, British Gas contract

A new energy contract had been taken with British Gas. This will enable discussions to take place in 3 years to achieve one supplier for energy use at the pavilion and Parsons Croft.

Items of account included:

Cq 1209	Parwich Memorial Hall	Hire	£15.00*
Cq 1210	Grant Thornton UK LLP	External audit fee	£120.00 (VAT £20.00)
Cq 121	P Lownds	July mowing costs	£110.00
Cq 122	S Hampson	Reimb. of expenses	£14.01
Cq 1213	PDNPA	Footpath 1 clearance	£180.00 (VAT £30.00)
Cq 1214	HMRC	Quarter 2 income tax	£173.00
Cq 1215	S Hampson	Salary	£263.80
Cq 1216	P Lownds	August mowing costs	£110.00

* A cheque payable to Parwich Memorial Hall, previously reported as not received, had been presented by the Memorial Hall.

Resolved: Hire payment for the October meeting will, therefore, not be issued to compensate for this amount.

The clerk had issued rent reminders to tenants.

14.9.20 Planning applications and planning sub-committee

Supplementary planning documentation on shop fronts and alterations and extensions document had been received.

Resolved: Members did not wish to forward any comments on the above document

No further comments or alterations were submitted by the parish council in connection to a planning decision appeal, regarding the removal of a Section 73 clause, for Mr Gerard-Pearse, prior to the 12 September deadline.

There were no new planning applications to consider.

14.9.21 Correspondence and communication

Monsdale Lane was reported as being considerably overgrown.

Resolved: The clerk to report this area to DCC.

Consideration was given to a suggestion forwarded by Ms Healy regarding welcoming new residents. Ashbourne Community Transport would like to attend the next parish council meeting to discuss cutbacks. Mr J Scott, Senior Planner from PDNPA would be prepared to attend a future parish council meeting.

Other correspondence included: DALC circulars and 68th AGM, artsMATTERS, an email from Mr Tresidder; information regarding election of parish member appointments to the PDNPA; PDNPA updating local development plan policies map; DCC traffic regulation orders consultation; South Yorkshire Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) subscription request. A request for the Oddfellows to host a cricket match in Parwich had been received during the summer recess; however, subsequently, the Oddfellows had decided not to proceed this year with a cricket match.

Resolved: Clerk to invite Ashbourne Community Transport representative to attend the October meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to complete the update to the local development plan policies map for PDNPA

Resolved: Clerk to update method of contact for DCC's traffic regulation orders consultation

Resolved: The parish council were grateful for Mr Tresidder's email regarding Nether green but no formal response to be sent

Resolved: No subscription to be sent to South Yorkshire CPRE

Resolved: There will be no parish council meeting in December 2014; clerk to advise Blog team accordingly.

14.9.22 Items for the next agenda

Highway issues, DCC water course management and maps, Ashbourne Community Transport, Nethergreen and Land Registry, Nethergreen trees, Pump Hill, Pond/Sheep Wash planting, preliminary discussion on 2015-16 mowing tenders, list only of budget items for consideration at precept setting in November, hard play area sign and tennis court fencing, Parsons Croft weeding and strimming.

14.9.23. Date of the next meeting: 15th October 2014

Part 2 –Confidential Information

There was no confidential information to be addressed by the parish council members.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.00 pm

Mrs S Hampson
Clerk
Parwich Parish Council

24 September 2014