

CHURCH BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY TELEPHONE ON THURSDAY 5TH
NOVEMBER 2020

Those present:
Councillor Spalton-Chairman
Councillor Pedley
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Wallis
Councillor Woodhall

In attendance:
Helena Steeples-Clerk

75.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor DCC Patten. Councillor Pedley enquired if DCC Councillor Patten was being invited to the meeting. Clerk confirmed the invite is issued each month and even though DCC Councillor Patten has been unable to attend any queries maybe sent directly to her.

76.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

77.0 OUTSIDE BODIES PARTICIPATION

None.

78.0 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND POLICE

None.

79.0 TO RECEIVE & APPROVE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FROM MEMBERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A DISCLOSURABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Spalton declared an interest in item 81.9.

80.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2020 were read and approved. Chairman to sign the minutes after the meeting. Approved by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Pedley.

81.0 MATTERS ARISING

81.1 COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE & METHODIST CHAPEL

The Community Plan team have met and will be re-issuing the questionnaire which was last issued in 2016. The new questionnaire will be slightly shorter than the original and the Parish Council have been asked if they wish to submit any questions. Questions to be submitted by the end of the year.

There has been no further update on the Methodist Chapel.

Councillor Spalton enquired if the village shop is paying rent and it is understood they are paying rent like the Parish Council did when using the Chapel for meetings.

Discussion took place on the unused increased Precept. Clerk reminded Councillors that at the meeting in January they will need to set the Precept for the forth coming financial year. Councillor to discuss use of Precept in December. ACTION:
COUNCILLORS

81.2 RISK MANAGEMENT

No additional items to add.

81.3 DROPPED KERBS

Clerk advised that DCC do not recommend any safe areas along Main Street to have dropped kerbs installed.

81.4 MISSING BOLLARD

This has not yet been replaced but Councillor Pedley advised that on the lane leading to Sapperton crossroads the barrier has been replaced.

81.5 NEW PLAYING FIELD BINS &

81.6 DOG WASTE BINS & STICKERS

Clerk advised Mansoor Swati of SDDC had delivered “No dog fouling” signs and advised “No dog” signs can only be erected if a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is placed on the land by SDDC. If a PSPO is placed on the land SDDC can prosecute dog owners who do not obey the ruling. After discussion it was agreed to ask SDDC to proceed with a Public Space Protection Order on the land next to the school as the Parish Council are receiving many complaints about dog waste being left on the playing field/football pitch. SDDC also advised that warning letters may be sent to households who do not clean up after their dogs have fouled anywhere.

Councillors agreed not to move the dog waste bin at the end of Badway Lane and also arrange for the hole in the hedge to be repaired. ACTION: WHO?

Councillor Spalton to erected “No fouling signs”. ACTION: COUNCILLOR SPALTON.

Councillor Pedley to draft note to be issued to residents advising that regrettably “No fouling” signs on the new playing field are to be erected as dogs are not taken onto this field as continual dog fouling on the playing field/football pitch is not acceptable.

81.7 OVERGROWN HEDGES/VERGES

No response had been received from the maintenance company who look at the Etchelles.

81.8 SEEDING OF VERGES

Councillor Redfern had sprayed off the grass on the verge leading to Sapperton Crossroads in preparation of wildflower seeds being sown. DCC Councillor Patten has placed Church Broughton Parish Council on her list of parishes who wish to be included in planting of wildflower seeds and as there is no indication on when seeds will be allotted, Councillor Redfern was asked to purchase and sow seeds in Spring. ACTION: Clerk to contact DCC Patten re seeds & Councillor Redfern to purchase seeds.

81.9 READING ROOM LAND

Councillor Woodhall enquired what is going to happen to the land opposite the Holly Bush now the wall has been repaired by the Parish Council. Is it Common Land – No; Who owns the land? – it is understood not to be registered to anyone. Could the area of land become a Community Asset, or could the Parish Council register it as Parish land? As a previous resident tried to register the land and the community was extremely unhappy about this, the Parish Council would have to be investigate very carefully what legally can be undertaken.

Councillor Spalton declared an interest as he had a conflict of interests and left the meeting for 10 minutes.

Councillors discussed the problem and felt the land should be kept for the village. Previously retired Councillor Henderson had been involved with this area of land previously and it was suggested he might be able to offer help. Councillor Pedley offered to investigate the history and options available. Councillor Woodhall to forward all her documentation to Councillor Pedley. Councillors were informed that a Ms Rebecca Shemans has kept a log of work undertaken on the land.

Councillor Spalton returned to the meeting.

81.10 REPLACEMENT OF XMAS TREE

DCC Councillor Patten had offered funds to replace the damaged Christmas tree outside the school. See minutes dated February 2020 – extract below

132.4 XMAS TREE OUTSIDE SCHOOL

DDC Patten offered to give the Parish Council £500 of her Community Grant which can be used to replace the damaged Christmas tree. Councillor Woodhall advised that trees from Woodgrow at Findern would cost approximately £36-£40 each and trees from Firs Farm approximately £30 each.

It was agreed that the Christmas tree would be removed at the time of planting the new tree.

Clerk asked to contact DCC Councillor Patten and enquire if the offer of funds from her Community Grant are still available.

ACTION: CLERK

82.0 CORRESPONDENCE

82.1 ADOPTION OF SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL GREEN SPACES PLAN

Notification from SDDC that the above was adopted on 24th September 2020.

82.2 SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

Clerk has registered Church Broughton in the Snow Warden scheme but before any grit can be distributed, the Parish Council needs to appoint a snow warden. Paperwork had been emailed to all Councillors. Councillor Woodhall offered to fill this role.

Clerk to prepare paperwork and enquire if we have insurance for this role

ACTION: CLERK

82.3 SDDC STREET TRADING POLICY

Documentation emailed to Councillors re consultation.

Councillors asked Clerk if this may affect May Day. Clerk advised the Street Trading Policy appears to mean street markets in Swadlincote and when May Day is to be held permission is sort separately to close Main Street for the occasion.

82.4 AUDEN CLOSE

The area of public open space in Auden Close was owned by Farmer and Ball Ltd who went into Receivership prior to 1997. SDDC proposed adopting the land and has been maintaining the land since then.

Upon asking SDDC to undertake maintenance work earlier this year, SDDC have been looking into the history of the land and issued the following:

Apologies for delay in responding to this. As you are aware there is quite a complicated background. We believe the land may belong to the Duchy of Lancaster and plan to check and make enquiries to establish if they would be interested in a transfer. Assuming the question of ownership is correct, and they would be interested in a transfer it would be helpful to establish the extent of the Parish interest. i.e. would the Parish be interested in the site being transferred to them rather than SDDC. I will leave with you to ascertain and advise.

Councillors discussed the matter and asked the Clerk to respond asking if the land could possibly be transferred into Church Broughton Parish Council ownership and if so what would they need to do; costs involved; and what responsibilities they would entail. ACTION: CLERK

83.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None.

84.0 FINANCE

84.1 FINANCE REPORT

Finance report as at 1st November 2020 had been distributed.

84.2 CLERKS SALARY £204.16 LESS TAX = £163.16

It was proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Wallis to pay the clerk. Cheque serial number 001212 issued.

84.3 J HARDY LENGTHSMAN £49.80

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis and seconded by Councillor Spalton to pay Mr Hardy. Cheque serial number 001213 issued.

84.4 D WALLIS LENGTHSMAN £69.80

It was proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Wallis to pay Mr Wallis. Cheque serial number 001214 issued.

84.5 HMRC £60.20

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis and seconded by Councillor Spalton to pay HMRC. Cheque serial number 001217 issued.

84.6 BRADLEY ACCOUNTING PLUS

It was proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Wallis to pay Bradley Accounting for quarterly payroll. Cheque serial number 001215 issued.

84.7 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION £200.00

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis and seconded by Councillor Spalton to give a donation on behalf of the community to the Royal British Legion. Cheque serial number 001216 issued.

84.0 REPORTS

84.1 ROADS

Councillor Wallis advised that several of the potholes on Heath Top had been repair.

84.2 FOOTPATHS/MINOR MAINTENANCE

Councillor Woodhall has not been advised of any problems.

Councillor Wallis advised that the footpath which runs between the land owned by the travellers on Sutton Lane has been obstructed. Councillor Woodhall to contact Mr Ian Redfern and ask for the footpaths map, so we can correctly advise the footpaths department of the correct number for the footpath which is obstructed. Notification of the obstructed footpath can be reported either by advising DCC Councillor Patten or online. ACTION: COUNCILLOR WOODHALL

85.0 POLICIES

85.1 ACCESSIBILTY STATEMENT

Councillor Pedley had worked alongside members of the village website group to draft a statement as below to be placed in the Parish Council section while the village website is more accessibility:

The Church Broughton PC acknowledges that in order to comply with relevant government legislation it needs to carry out an assessment of the website content to establish where the gaps are between existing website accessibility and the legislation requirements. The Work and Communications working group of the Church Broughton Community Plan, is planning to improve the current Parish Council pages on the existing website to improve their accessibility. The initial rework is intended to be complete before year end 2020. At this point members of the PC and Community Plan working group will carry out an assessment of the updated website content and document any remaining gaps. The intent is to complete this subsequent assessment by March 2021 at which time a plan for next steps will be established.

Councillor Pedley offered to place on the website. Councillors thanked Councillor Pedley for his efforts. ACTION: COUNCILLOR PEDLEY

86.0 ITEMS FOR THE CALENDAR

None.

87.0 CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES

87.1 WINE & ROSES

An email had been received asking if the Parish Council would kindly donate funds towards the maintenance of flower tubs. Item to be placed on the next agenda.

87.2 QUOTE FOR MOWING GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

A quote for mowing the graveyard extension next year had been received. Clerk to place on next agenda.

87.3 STANDARDS MATTER 2 – PUBLIC CONSULTATION BY 4TH DEC 2020

Councillor discussed this item. Councillor Pedley thought parishioners should be aware and offered to place on the main website.

87.4 COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS

Several complaints have been raised regarding someone placing their rubbish in someone else's waste bin without the permission of the household. This is not acceptable. The situation will be monitored,

It has been brought to the attention of Councillors that vehicles which have Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN) are parked on the highway and also being driven on the highway. Police to be notified

88.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held on Thursday 3rd December 2020 by telephone.