

**CHURCH BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY TELEPHONE ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2021**

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

In attendance:  
Helena Steeples-Clerk

**119.0 APOLOGIES**

None.

**120.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**121.0 OUTSIDE BODIES PARTICIPATION**

None.

**122.0 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS & POLICE**

DCC Patten reported that DCC have established a Flood Fund to aid people with flooding issues; no date has been given for the reopening of schools; & funds are available from her Community Fund to aid projects. As the Parish Council has already received funds this financial year, they would not be able to apply again for another 12 months but any local groups may apply.

Councillor Pedley informed DCC Patten of the Parish Councils proposed consultation bid to buy the Methodist Chapel. Councillor Pedley has been in contact with Ian Hey at SDDC to discuss possible funding streams and with DALC re Public Works Loans. DCC Patten offered to enquire about possible DCC funding streams. ACTION: DCC PATTEN

Clerk advised DCC Patten that the Parish Council had reported work to be undertaken on the footpath leading from Main Street to the school gate. Unfortunately, Derbyshire County Council did not have this footpath listed. Clerk to forward documentation to DCC Patten. ACTION: CLERK

Clerk advised that SDDC have not yet undertaken the work on the land at Auden Close which was reported last year. DCC Patten to chase.

**123.0 TO RECEIVE & APPROVE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FROM MEMBERS ON MATTERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A DISCLOSURABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

### **123.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were read, approved and signed. Proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Wallis.

### **124.0 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **124.1 COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE ON METHODIST CHAPEL**

Councillor Pedley had distributed a draft copy of the proposed distribution questionnaire which was based on a 10 year loan. Councillors queried why 10 years and why not have a loan over a longer period of repayment.

Councillor Pedley reminded councillors that the Methodist Chapel is listed as a Community Asset not a listed building; & an updated valuation has been received of £125,000.

Questions asked:

- 1) What percentage of parishioners would have to agree to the purchase? and was advised that it would be 50% of the people who voted.
- 2) Who gets the money if the Parish Council ever wish to sell? – the money can be used for a reinvestment for a new village hall
- 3) Why a 10 year loan and not a loan taken over a longer period? – Councillor Pedley advised there may be penalties on an early repayment but would make further enquiries prior to issuing questionnaire.
- 4) Could we organise a share holding via individual investors for the purchase? - It was agreed this would be less of a community venture. If the Parish Council fail to get backing, it is open for private individuals to buy shares via a share holding deal.
- 5) What will happen if the PC does not buy the Methodist Chapel and Schoolroom? - The building will be sold to a third party and all the activities which have been taking place there would cease. There is no other venue for the many daytime activities such as chair-based exercise classes, shop & café, social gatherings, soup and pud lunches, etc.
- 6) Does the shop pay for rental? – The shop pays a token donation for rental.

It was agreed to include increases in the precept in the future may only be necessary to cover inflation of other costs as normal.

Councillors asked Councillor Pedley to make further enquiries re the term of loan and advise Councillor Spalton prior to printing.

Clerk to organise printing and posting of questionnaires to parishioners out of main village. Councillor Pedley to organise with Community Plan team for delivers in village.

#### **124.2 RISK MANAGEMENT**

No further items to add.

**124.3 MISSING BOLLARD**

Not yet repaired.

**124.4 OVERGROWN HEDGES/VERGES**

The overgrown hedge on Tippers Lane still outstanding.

**124.5 READING ROOM LAND**

No update.

**125.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**126.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None.

**127.0 FINANCE**

**127.1 FINANCE REPORT**

A finance report as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 was circulated.

**127.2 CLERKS SALARY £204.16 LESS TAX**

It was proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Wallis to pay the Clerk. Cheque serial number 001236 issued.

**127.3 J HARDY LENGTHSMAN £41.20**

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis and seconded by Councillor Spalton to pay Mr Hardy. Cheque Serial number 001230 issued.

**127.4 D WALLIS LENGTHSMAN £69.80**

It was proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Wallis to pay |Mr Wallis. Cheque serial number 001231 issued.

**127.5 HMRC £119.00**

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis and seconded by Councillor Spalton to pay HMRC. Cheque serial number 001235 issued.

**127.6 Y LYDON WEBSITE EXPENSES £51.41**

It was proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Wallis to pay Mrs Lydon. Cheque serial number 001233 issued.

**127.7 R WOODHALL MINOR MAINTENANCE £475.00**

It was proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Wallis to pay Mr Woodhall for Minor Maintenance work undertaken. Cheque serial number 001234 issued.

**127.8 MINOR MAINTENANCE CLAIM**

Clerk had prepared the Minor Maintenance claim form for £430 from Derbyshire County Council. Councillor Spalton to sign. ACTION: CLERK

**127.9 CONCURRENT EXPENSES CLAIM FORM**

Form not completed at this time. ACTION: CLERK

**127.10 SET CONCURRENT FUNCTIONS 2021/2022**

Clerk reminded Councillors that SDDC had allocated £2559.46 for the financial year 2020/21. This money may be used towards the upkeep of burial grounds; bus shelters; car parks; playing fields; street cleansing; and a small proportion of administration expenses. Currently the Parish Council give £500 to the Parish church for upkeep of the original burial ground; £600 towards the upkeep of the playing field; & the remainder for street cleansing. The allocation for 2021/22 has not been confirmed but it is understood to be slightly increased from 2022/21.

Councillors queried who undertakes the upkeep of the graveyard as the church have working parties to tidy the graveyard. Councillor Wallis to contact Mr Charlton and make enquiries. ACTION: COUNCILLOR WALLIS

Councillors discussed the allocation's and all agreed for the limits to remain the same.

**128.0 REPORTS**

**128.1 ROADS**

Councillor Wallis advised it had been very difficult to monitor potholes due to flooding. Heath Top unnamed road has a crack down the centre of the road and there is a huge pothole in the middle of the carriageway. These items have been already reported to DCC Patten.

**128.2 FOOTPATHS/MINOR MAINTENANCE**

Minor maintenance work has been undertaken on Badway Lane and Littlefield Lane. A few stiles are damaged which will be reported to landowners.

**129.0 POLICIES**

**129.1 DISCUSS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY**

Councillor Pedley advised Councillors that many parishioners do not think Parish Councillors do anything and suggested that we amend the policy to reflect the duties Councillor undertake. It was agreed that this should take place. Councillor Pedley offered to prepare a document for the next meeting. ACTION: COUNCILLOR PEDLEY

**130.0 ITEMS FOR THE CALENDAR**

None.

**131.0 CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES**

None.

**132.0 ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

Councillor Pedley explained that once we have feedback for the consultation, Wendy Amis from DALC, has offered to attend a meeting to explain how a public works loan operates and how to apply

Councillor Pedley asked Councillors to review the proposed draft Parish Council section of the CLP questionnaire so this may be reviewed at the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

ACTION: ALL

**133.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021