**CHURCH BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY 2022**

Those present: In attendance:

Councillor Spalton-Chairman Helena Steeples-Clerk

Councillor Pedley

Councillor Redfern

Councillor Woodhall

Councillor Thorpe

**137.0 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Speake, DCC Councillor Patten, & SDDC Councillors Lemon & Smith.

**138.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**139.0 OUTSIDE BODIES PARTICIPATION**

None.

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

Christmas card received from Heather Wheeler MP

Report from SDDC Councillors Smith & Lemmon: The New Year is the perfect time to make some changes to our health and wellbeing and for anyone who needs a little help and advice around healthy changes, such as stopping smoking, weight management or getting active it’s free at: livelifebetterderbyshire.org.uk

DDC have a mobile Safer Homes service which is operated by South Derbyshire CVS and available to any elderly or vulnerable South Derbyshire residents that are over 60. This service provides advice, information and also the installation of door and window locks and other safety equipment. To take advantage of this free service contact: safety@sdcvs.org.uk or telephone 01283 219761

SDDC Councillor Smith would also be interested to hear from anyone across the Parish who has had recent issues or problems with Wildlife crime such as poachers/hare coursing etc, Agricultural crime or other rural crime problems.

Please email peter in confidence at: peter.smith@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Covid – Infections Levels are high in South Derbyshire at the time of writing and residents need to continue to take care, take a test and get vaccinated to protect themselves and their friends, colleagues and families. Current government advice is to work from home if you are able to do so and limit social interaction. The SDDC website contains information about test centres, vaccination sites etc which is updated periodically.

The latest round of our Sports Pass and Grant scheme is now OPEN. In partnership with Active Nation, Sports Pass and Grant Scheme provides local athletes a free annual membership pass to Etwall Leisure Centre and Green Bank Leisure Centre and a small financial grant to assist with training, travel and equipment expenses. Application window closes on 1st February 2022.

For further information on the scheme and to apply, click the below link.

<https://eu-west-1.protection.sophos.com?d=southderbyshire.gov.uk&u=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc291dGhkZXJieXNoaXJlLmdvdi51ay9vdXItc2VydmljZXMvdGhpbmdzLXRvLWRvLWFuZC1wbGFjZXMtdG8tdmlzaXQvZ2V0LWFjdGl2ZS9zcG9ydHMtY2x1YnMtYW5kLWdyb3Vwcy9mdW5kaW5n&i=NjA5NWFhNTk0OTljZjI0ODM5OGE5M2Q1&t=aDIxTnZ1RVBxelFpdU02aldHVUZ1NFdtWGdha0pveHhIN3hFSFVDQk1xWT0=&h=8926c91baaf04e5380a1910423a55d5d>

**141.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd December were read, approved and signed. Proposed by Councillor Spalton & seconded by Councillor Pedley.

**142.0 MATTERS ARISING**

**142.1 COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

None

**142.2 METHODIST CHAPEL UPDATE**

Councillor Pedley advised that Andrew Hawkins Methodist Trustee and John Taylor, from Fidler Taylor at Ashbourne have confirmed that our offer for the Methodist Chapel has been received. We understand a new person is to be reviewing our offer at the Methodist Trust Head Office, hence the delay. Andrew Hawkins will chase the Methodist Trust next week and we hope to have a response to our bid by next meeting.

**142.3 RISK MANAGEMENT**

Amendments to apply:

 Councillor Woodhall is now the snow warden

 Delete PC meeting at annex at Barton Brook Farm

Clerk asked to contact lengthsmen and ask that leaves are cleared from footpaths along: Main Street; path leading from school to Holly Bush; & pathway leading from Main Street to Meadow Rise. ACTION: CLERK

**142.4 MISSING BOLLARD**

Not yet replaced.

**142.5 TREE ON MEADOW RISE**

Councillor Pedley advised that it is not clear on the Land Registry website who the tree belongs to.

Councillor Spalton to contact Mr Martin Spalton to ascertain if we still need to enquire who the tree belongs to.

Councillors suggested we could contact SDDC Open Space Officer who is looking at Auden Close and ask if they could make enquiries. Clerk confirmed Eugene Minogue is our contact at SDDC.

**142.6 AUDEN CLOSE**

No update received.

 Clerk to contact Councillor Patten/SDDC for an update

 ACTION: CLERK

**143.7 TAKING DOWN OF REMEBRANCE SOLDIERS**

Councillor Pedley has kindly taken down remembrance soldiers and stored in the rear of his garage. Councillor Pedley to find suitable plugs to prevent the tubes in the ground from becoming blocked with leaves and grass cuttings. ACTION COUNCILLOR PEDLEY

**143.8 BADWAY LANE SPRING WATER**

Clerk confirmed that Sue Harrison PA to DCC Patten has reported this also

 No work has been yet undertaken. ACTION: CLERK TOCHASE

**144.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**144.1 20’s PLENTY**

20’s plenty is a campaign group to change speed limits. Clerk asked to email expressing strong support on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillors wondered if the village would be able to have any flashing signs. Clerk asked to contact DCC & SDDC Councillors asking their assistance. ACTION: CLERK

**144.2 TRAINING REPORT ON PLANNING BY COUNCILLOR WOODHALL**

Councillor Woodhall advised that she had attended online training which was very beneficial. Documents emailed to Councillors for viewing,

**144.3 CVS EMAIL 20/12**

Contact information re helplines from the CVS. Clerk to display.

**145.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None.

**146.0 FINANCE**

**146.1 FINANCE REPORT**

A finance report as at 1st January 2022 had been circulated.

**146.2 CLERKS SALARY £204.16 LESS TAX = £163.36**

It was proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Pedley to pay the clerks salary. Cheque serial number 001300 issued.

**146.3 D WALLIS LENGTHSMAN £57.60**

It was proposed by Councillor Pedley and seconded by Councillor Spalton to pay Mr Wallis. Cheque serial number 001301 issued.

**146.4 B RUDGE LENGTHSMAN £12.50**

It was proposed by Councillor Pedley and seconded by Councillor Spalton to pay Mr Rudge. Cheque serial number 001302 issued.

**146.5 DONATION TO WINE & ROSES £100**

It was proposed by Councillor Spalton and seconded by Councillor Pedley to donation £100 towards the maintenance of the village tubs. Cheque serial number 001303 issued.

**146.6 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Mrs Lydon, on behalf of the Parish Council, has submitted an application for funds for the village to use in its celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Councillor Woodhall has kindly organised the planting of a tree for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. This has been paid for from the village show profits.

**147.7 PRECEPT**

Councillor Pedley and clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss the accounts and report back for the next meeting to allow the setting of the Precept by Monday 7th February

2022. Councillors will need to consider predicted expenditure, inflation & if the bid for the Methodist Chapel is accepted and future costs.

**147.8 AMOUNTS FOR THE CONCURRENT FUNTIONS 2022**

Clerk reminded Councillors that SDDC had allocated £2610.64 for the financial year 2021/22. 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 reminder for street cleansing. The allocation for 2022/23 has not been confirmed but it is understood to be slightly increased from 2021/22.

**147.9 REVIEW OF CLERKS SALARY**

Clerk had asked the Council to review her salary. Clerk advised that her salary was last reviewed in March 2019. NALC have not issued any pay awards since August 2020. The clerk left the room while discussions took place. The clerk undertakes 16 hours of duties per month.

It was agreed by all present to increase the Clerks salary by 10% to £14 per hour from 1st April 2022.

Clerk returned to the room and was advised.

**148.0 REPORTS**

**148.1 ROADS**

"Roads wise its was mostly covered in my previous email (although I've not had chance to look up every last road eg Twisses bank and Muse lane). Badway Lane looks to be getting washed away by the day but hopefully they are now looking at it. Furthermore regarding the general state I don't know what the feelings/responsibilty are for the road edges? These seem to be getting worse and I've heard of several people pulling over to let others pass and damaging the inner side of wheel rims. The double bends on Cote Bottom lane going out of the village are bad - I know they have been repaired once, but there are several areas like this. I think this may have been discussed when you met a representative last October on Longford lane.

Clerk advised the road repairs on Longford Lane are still on going.

**148.2 FOOTPATHS/MINOR MAINTENANCE**

Councillor Woodhall and clerk reporting items to DCC Patten & Sue Harrison PA to Councillor Patten.

**149.0 POLICIES**

None

**150.0 ITEMS FOR THE CALENDAR**

None.

**151.0 CHAIRMANS NOTICES**

Mr Robert Prince had enquired if the football team could use the football pitch again this year and also enquired about any agreements with the owners. Also, another club would like to share the pitch from the summer league. Councillor Spalton to contact Mr Prince and advise they may use the pitch with another team and co-ordinator who is to use and when. Also, all agreements are between SDDC and the owners. ACTION: COUNCILLOR SPALTON

A parishioner had contacted the Parish Council asking if BT were ceasing landlines. Councillor Patten received the following communication from Digital Derbyshire:

*Although Openreach’s overall plan is to turn off the phone lines by 2025, they do have to meet certain criteria before they can do this at certain exchanges.*

*In order for an exchange to go ahead with the switch off, it must have been upgraded to FTTP, with 75% of the exchange FTTP enabled. The reason for this is that the alternative to landlines will be VoiP (Voice over internet). Effectively, every landline customer will be given the opportunity to migrate their landline number and service over to an internet-based phone line. A decent broadband service is essential to allow the switch off to happen.*

*There is not a huge difference in service, and this will work just as a landline did. The main difference being the handset the person is using will plug into the back of their broadband router rather than their telephone socket, meaning each call will be made over the internet, similar to how like likes of WhatsApp and Skype works.*

*It does mean that in the instance of a power cut, and that the new phones rely on electricity, the user would be unable to make any calls. However, I am aware that plans are being made to tackle this issue by using battery back-ups and giving the elderly and vulnerable an option to opt out of the migration all together.*

*In terms of mobile signal Church Broughton doesn’t have the best coverage. 4G coverage for the area is mainly available outside rather than indoors. But this doesn’t mean the residents won’t be able to make phone calls, as their mobiles should still pick up a phone signal indoors, just not 4G coverage which gives them internet access.*

**152.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 3rd February 2022.