**CHURCH BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2022**

Those present: In attendance:

Councillor Pedley-Chairman Helena Steeples-Clerk

Councillor Redfern

Councillor Speake

Councillor Thorpe

Councillor Warriner

Councillor Woodhall

DCC Councillor Patten

SDDC Councillor Smith

**95.0 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from SDDC Councillor Lemmon.

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

**Recent Scam Alerts**

There has been an increase in scams concerning PayPal. There has also been concern raised about a scammer contacting housing residents asking for bank account details. If you hear from residents about any concerns, please report to SDDC. This is a particular concern for our elderly and vulnerable residents.

**CVS Food Bank – Christmas**

There is an ask from CVS to ‘fill a fire engine full of food’ for their foodbank service. You can take any donations to Morrisons Car Park in Swadlincote between 10 AM and 4 PM on Tuesday 13th December if any residents want to make a donation. Any financial donations would also be most welcome.

**Planning Applications – Notifications**

It has come to our attention that some planning application notifications are not coming through on the email to the PC. This has been notified but, in the meantime, I will keep an eye on applications and send them through to PC even if this is a duplication.

***SDDC Cllr Peter Smith***

**Emerging Local Plan**

The recent consultation and the 2 ‘local’ drop-in events regarding the Emerging Local Plan Update (Etwall run by SDDC, and Hilton run by the PC) were very, very well attended. Despite the efforts of Julie, Gillian and I to seek further rural events the Chairman of Environmental and Development Services refused to agree to these. However, the three of us will continue to lobby of more rural events at the next stage of this process which should be summer 2023.

**New Strategic Director**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Heidi McDougall to the position of Strategic Director for Service Delivery. Heidi has already joined the SDDC Management Team for 2-3 days a week (whilst she works her notice) until she joins fulltime in the New Year. Heidi has taken on the role vacated by Allison Thomas when she left the Council to become the new Chief Executive of North West Leicestershire.

**EV Charging Points**

Hatton now has 8 new electric vehicle fast charging points in the SDDC public car park in Station Road.

**Christmas Events**

The SDDC Christmas lights were switched on, on Saturday 26th November in Swadlincote Town Centre. A ‘Santa Passport Trail’ has begun where residents look for baubles in the retails shops to claim their prizes. A Final draw will be made to win in the Big Prize Draw.

Saturday 10th December

* Festive Market in Swadlincote 10am – 2pm
* Breakfast with Father Christmas 9am – 12 noon (Book via website)
* Hedge laying Training Whistlewood Common, Melbourne 10.30am – 3pm

Sunday 11th

* Breakfast with Santa – Ski Slope 9am – 11am
* Antiques in the Street 10 – 3pm
* Royal British Legion Repton Christmas Market 1pm – 4pm

Saturday 17th

Yours to Mine, Christmas Craft Market, Hilton 11am – 1pm

**Report from DCC Cllr Julie Patten**

**Gritting -** Primary routes will be treated both day and evening, and secondary routes will be treated during the day, as there are less parked cars enabling the gritter to carry out their job. Just for information Derbyshire has 10000 miles of primary routes and 550 miles of secondary routes!

**Avian Flu -** Cases have been identified in Hatton. There is a 3km protection zone and a 10km surveillance zone around the area. Restrictions are in place for all birds which must be kept indoors. Any sightings of dead birds, swans, geese etc must be reported to DEFRA on 03459 335577.

Councillor Patten advised that she had been speaking with the legal officer at SDDC re the land at Auden Close. Harris Watson Services Ltd were the administrative receivers on behalf of the developer Farmer & Ball Ltd. The land is now understood to be owned by the Crown, and they are technically liable for maintenance. SDDC have been in contact with the Crown, and they are willing to sell the land to SDDC for a fee of £10,000.00 plus legal fees. DCC Councillor Patten has referred this item to Heather Wheeler, our member of parliament for South Derbyshire, for her to investigate and attempt to get the land transfer fee reduced to a “peppercorn” amount. SDDC have advised that the deadline for withdrawal of maintenance of the site is in 3 months’ time, but SDDC will retain maintenance of the trees for a further period. SDDC would like the residents of Auden Close to re-consider forming a management company as SDDC do not have the funds to purchase this land. Neither does the Parish Council have any surplus funds. Concerns were raised over where liabilities lie in the meantime or in the event of a failure to agree, especially as SDDC have been maintaining the land for over 10 years. Also, would there be a nominal fee for transferring the title of the land. This item is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

SDDC Councillor Smith will follow up the email regarding light pollution from a resident. Councillor Warriner to contact resident and inform what is happening.

ACTION: COUNICLLOR WARRINER

Warm Hub Grants – the Parish Council may apply for a grant. Councillor Pedley to investigate. ACTION: COUNCIILOR PEDLEY

**97.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**98.0 OUTSIDE BODIES PARTICIPATION**

None.

**99.0 TO RECEIVE & APPROVE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION FROM MEMBERS IN WHCICH THEY HAVE A DISCLOSURAVEL PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Woodhall 103.9

**100.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 3rd November were read, approved and signed. Proposed by Councillor Pedley and seconded by Councillor Thorpe.

**101.0 MATTERS ARISING**

**101.1 COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

None.

**101.2 COMMUNITY HALL**

An Open Day was held in November and was very well supported. Money raised from donations for refreshments was over £400.00.

Councillor Pedley advised that the organ has been sold for £800.00

A quote had been received for the purchase an installation of a sign for the Community Hall at a cost of £240.00 from Design Wall. Councillors granted approval for the purchase of the sign.

The door to the Community Hall is in a bad state of repair and 3 quotes are being sought and will be presented in the January meeting.

**101.3 RISK MANAGEMENT**

The risk management document has been reviewed, updated and issued to all Councillors.

**101.4 AUDEN CLOSE**

See item 96.0

**101.5 READING ROOM LAND, ADVERSE POSSESSION**

Clerk to review minutes to establish when work any work was undertaken on the land. ACTION: CLERK

Councillor Warriner has received no reply to his enquiry with Marston’s.

Item to be discussed at the meeting in January.

**102.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**102.1 DMPA/2022/1091 – INSTALLATION OF 20 ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) PANELS (7.3W DOMESTIC SOLAR SYSTEM) & BATTERY STORAGE AT BARLEYCORN BARN, LODGE HILL, CHURCH BROUGHTON**

No objections.

**102.2 DMPA/2022/1075 – PROPOSED CONVERSION & CHANGE OF USE OF FORMER CART HOVEL TO OFFICE (B1a) AT SAPPERTON LANE, CHURCH BROUGHTON**

No objections.

**102.3 DMPA/2022/1495 – LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR PROPOSED CONVERSION & CHANGE OF USE OF FORMER CART HOVEL TO OFFICE (B1a) AT SAPPERTON LANE, CHURCH BROUGHTON.**

No objections

**103.0 FINANCE**

**103.1 FINANCE REPORT**

A finance report as at 1st December 2022 was circulated.

**103.2 CLERKS SALARY £224.00 LESS TAX = £179.20**

It was proposed by Councillor Woodhall and seconded by Councillor Thorpe to pay the Clerks salary. Cheque serial number 001317 issued.

**103.3 D WALLIS LENGTHSMAN £60.80**

It was proposed by Councillor Thorpe and seconded by Councillor Woodhall to pay Mr Wallis £60.80. Cheque serial number 001318 issued.

**103.4 B RUDGE LENGTHSMAN £15.00**

It was proposed by Councillor Thorpe and seconded by Councillor Woodhall to pay Mr Rudge £15.00. Cheque serial number 001319 issued.

**103.5 MR CHARLTON £528.75**

It was proposed by Councillor Woodhall and seconded by Councillor Thorpe to pay Mr Charlton for mowing the rear graveyard as per quote. Cheque serial number issued

**103.6 MRS TWELLS EXPENSESE COMMUNITY HALL £56.16**

It was proposed by Councillor Thorpe and seconded by Councillor Woodhall to reimburse Mrs Twells for expenses in relation to the Community Hall. Cheque serial number 001322 issued.

**103.7 JULIA WILLIAMS COMMUNITY HALL EXPENSES £147.55**

It was proposed by Councillor Thorpe and seconded by Councillor Woodhall to reimburse Julia Williams for expenses in relation to the Community Hall. Cheque serial number 001323 issued.

**103.8 BANK MANDATE**

Councillor Pedley advised that the bank mandate has been updated and while at the bank a transfer of funds of £4625.00 was made to the savings account as per the minutes of 3rd November 2022 where it had been agreed to place £24,000.00 of the cash reserves into the savings account and this would be earmarked for the refurbishment and upgrade of the Community Hall.

**103.9 MINOR MAINTENANCE**

Clerk advised that she had signed the Parish Council up to the Minor Maintenance scheme for this financial year. The Parish Council may claim up to £430.00 (this figure is set by DCC) and is to be spent on clearance of surface vegetation and minor surfacing work on public footpaths. Work has been ongoing during this financial year on Badway Lane & Little Meadow Lane by Mr Raymond Woodhall. Councillors agreed to review footpaths at the next meeting.

**104.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**104.1 THANK YOU LETTER**

A thank you letter had been received from the Poppy Appeal for the donation from the Parish Council on behalf of the parish.

**105.0 CHAIRMAN’S NOTICES**

Councillor Pedley suggested that the Parish Council employees should receive a Christmas gift. Councillors gave their approval. Councillor Pedley to purchase gifts.

**106.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7pm.

**107.0 CLOSE OF MEETING**

Meeting closed at 8pm.