

CHURCH BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023 AT
7PM

Those present:

Councillor Pedley-Chairman
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Speake
Councillor Thorpe
Councillor Warriner
Councillor Woodhall
SDDC Councillor Meghani
SDDC Councillor Andrew

In attendance:

Helena Steeples-Clerk

89.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from SDDC Councillor Davies and DCC Councillor Patten who were both attending council meetings.

90.0 REPORTS FOR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS & POLICE INCLUDING UPDATE ON TRAVELLERS SITE, SUTTON LANE

Report from DCC Patten

Parliamentary Boundaries

An update regarding the proposed new boundaries which will take effect from the day of the general election.

All of the northwest parishes which include Hilton, Hatton, Foston and Scropton, Church Broughton and Dalbury Lees will come under Derbyshire Dales for all matters where the local MP is involved and where issues arise which residents will need to contact their MP for advice and support.

Shop owner fined for selling illicit vape to underage person.

The owner of a Ripley shop has been fined a total of £3600 and ordered to pay £2500 costs and a £1440 victim surcharge after pleading guilty to selling a vape and for possession to supply vapes that do not comply with UK legislation.

Shine a Light Elvaston Castle

There is still time to book your tickets for this spectacular at Elvaston Castle on 8th, 9th and 10th December. It is a spectacular event of light and sound after dark, cutting edge projections and live music. And to get you in the Christmas spirit there will be a festive market, seasonal entertainment and street food on offer. Tickets are £10 for adults, £6 per child (4-12) free for under 3's and a family ticket £28 (2 adults and up to 3 children) Tickets can be obtained via the DCC website.

Report from District Councillors Jayne Davies & Grahame Andrew

Cllrs Davies and Andrew both active on a number of local Planning issues, both happy to support the position of this Parish Council with respect to the proposed development in Sapperton.



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Flooding follow up work – Both Cllrs have been involved in ensuring homes damaged have been assisted by the District Council.

Dog Fouling Fines – Cllr Andrew reported that 3x fixed penalty notices had been issued in the local area for “failing to pick up” after their dogs. He welcomed the announcement by the District Council.


Wellbrook Patient Participation Group – For those who use the Doctors Surgery in Hilton, Cllr Davies reported amendments to the new booking system, following significant problems with introducing the new weekly Friday 1:30pm unlocking of appointments for the next week. The Practice is now fully staffed, with 7 GP’s (3 are new), 2 Pharmacists, 3 Practice Nurses and 6 Reception Staff. The practice urges people for non-urgent appointments to use the call back system and not queue up in person, as phones now have greater capacity than the front desk and your place will be held by the system.

Report from SDDC Councillor Meghani

As ever, I’ve been working on completing casework for constituents who have specifically asked for my help. This includes a case concerning poor quality broadband in Hilton Valley, a case about some attractive floor paving having been replaced by some rather ugly tarmac, and an ongoing matter regarding overgrown grass and weeds on a well-used footpath in Scropton.

I’ve also recently been assisting a constituent who had raised a query in relation to flood boards. Specifically, my constituent wanted to know whether South Derbyshire District Council is able to provide flood boards and sandbags pre-emptively, in advance of future flooding.

- a. Recently, I had a conversation with a senior council officer, from whom I have learnt that sandbags are only really issued during a flooding event and are not hugely beneficial or effective.
- b. However, on a positive note, I’ve been told that a government funding scheme for remedial defence work around flooding – a scheme which was previously run in 2020 and had been administered by South Derbyshire District Council – has now been reopened, but this time the scheme is being administered by Derbyshire County Council.
- c. The government flood defence scheme being administered by the County Council will soon be available for individuals and households to apply.
- d. How it works is that a household would have to undergo an assessment by a qualified flooding assessor, who would evaluate the various risk factors and make recommendations. Eventually, building modifications and flood board defences would be installed by a relevant professional.
- e. The cost of that assessment and installation work would then need to be claimed-back from the government scheme, now being administered by Derbyshire County Council.
- f. Further details will be published by the County Council imminently I presume.


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And finally, at last month's Hilton Parish Council meeting a constituent raised the issue of Etwall Leisure Centre not provided sufficient pool usage open time for the general public to enjoy. I offered to take up this matter and liaise with council officers. I have been given the following 3 key points by way of an update, which may serve to alleviate the problem by the middle of next year.

Firstly, there was a pre-planned contract meeting on Monday 27th November between South Derbyshire District Council, John Port school, and Active Nation, who are contracted to run the leisure centre. I have been told that Active Nation and John Port school have been asked to investigate whether are any tweaks they can make to the current timetable calendar to generate a small amount of extra public pool time in the short term.

Secondly, I can confirm that a new leisure contractor and a new lease agreement are being arranged from April 2024 onwards – although the current timetable is for this academic year, so we might not see significant changes until June 2024 (just to manage expectations).

Thirdly, there is a project in the pipeline called 'Pools to Schools', and SDDC is working with DCC on better school swimming programming across district, the positive impact of which should be felt from May 2024 onwards.

91.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

92.0 OUTSIDE BODIES PARTICIPATION

None.

93.0 TO RECEIVE & APPROVE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION FROM MEMBERS ON WHICH THEY HAVE A DISCLOSURABLE PECUNINARY INTEREST * RECEIVE ANY OTHER DECLARAITON OF INTEREST

None declared.

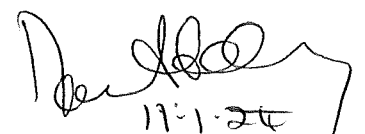
94.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2023

Clerk apologised for not issuing the minutes in time for the meeting. It was agreed that these would be brought to the meeting in January 2024 for approval when read. It was noted that the retrospective planning meeting was held on Tuesday 14th November not Thursday 16th November. Clerk to amend minutes and re-issue.
ACTION:CLERK

95.0 MATTERS ARISING

95.1 DOVE VALLEY PARK

Councillor Pedley advised that a meeting had taken place between Lukasz the Managing Director at MEG and Mark Henderson, a local resident, regarding the large foam bubbles which had been coming from large tanks at the site and floating in the air over the old airfield, pond and adjacent fields. It is understood that the foaming has taken place during the cleaning of the pipework as part of the site commissioning



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- g. Furthermore, I have been sent a link for a web page where individuals and households can apply for a Community Recovery Grant and a Council Tax Discount Scheme, both of which are being administered by South Derbyshire District Council.
- h. I know that Grahame has been working with constituents in Sutton along these lines.
- i. No doubt, one of us can provide the relevant web link to the parish council for further dissemination as appropriate.

In mid-November I hosted a meeting and local walkabout with St Modwen for myself, Charles Cuddington and Grahame Andrew. Julie Patten and Jayne Davies were also supporting this initiative, and I think generally this has been a good example of cross-party and cross-council collaboration, working together on behalf of local people.

As a result of that meeting, we managed to obtain a great deal of clarity in respect of St Modwen's remit and responsibilities, and I hope that we have greatly improved the working relationship between the parish council, the District Council, and St Modwen.

Representatives from St Modwen and several elected colleagues are going on a further walkabout tomorrow, Thursday 30th November, to specifically pick-out and confirm which trees and bushes along The Mease and adjacent roads will be cleared or pruned by St Modwen's tree specialists.

All of us have been surprised by the sudden emergence of plans to build a large new development on the periphery of Hilton village. For the benefit of anyone who isn't aware, a company called Trenport is now consulting on proposals for a development north of Derby Road, which includes a large new supermarket, a drive-through coffee shop, and multiple business units. This proposed development is entirely separate to the proposed relocation of the existing ALDI store, which, coincidentally, is seeking to move to a new site immediately adjacent to the Trenport development site.

A few weeks ago, I attended a consultation event held by Trenport in order to hear more about the proposals, as well as highlight my own concerns and queries in relation to the plans.

I know that my fellow district councillors and parish councillors also attended that presentation, and I understand this proposal is on the agenda for further discussion tonight.

Without wishing to pre-empt that later discussion, I wanted to mention that I have been conducting my own informal consultation with residents across Hilton.

The feedback I have been receiving is generally positive about the arrival of a new supermarket offer and a new coffee shop. However, local people are very concerned about the excessive traffic and additional congestion that will be created as a result of the proposed development.

I'm sure that this is a concern we all share, those of who hold political office in Hilton, and we will be doing all we can to explore and amend the plans being put forward to take account of local residents' concerns.



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process and is therefore unlikely to be a continuing problem. In any case, mitigating actions have already been initiated including plans to install a net over the tank to stop foam escaping in the future, and the possible use of additional anti foaming agent. It is also understood that the Environment Agency has been in contact with MEG. This has led to the instigation of a residents committee to liaise with MEG on behalf of the community. Mr Henderson has agreed to lead and an initial meeting on 14th December has been organised. Councillor Pedley will also join the first meeting. Items to be addressed: Lighting: screening (hedges have not grown); humming noise; pond water; footpath; & the foaming issue.

Mr McCardle has had meetings with Clowes and MEG; and discussions have been taking place with the possible tarmacking of south end of Chapel Lane where it meets Main Street. We have also been advised MEG have committed to cutting a way through the bund which is blocking a footpath at the north end of Dove Valley Park on the green field site which is owned by MEG.

SDDC Councillor Andrew to ask SDDC planning department to issue copy planning applications for the Dove Valley site to Church Broughton Parish Council.

95.2 COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

None.

95.3 COMMUNITY HALL UPDATE

None.

95.4 RISK MANAGEMENT

No amendments but refer to item 95.6

95.5 READING ROOM LAND. HAS ANY WORK BEEN CARRIED OUT SINCE LAST MEETING

Councillor Woodhall advised that a total of 5 hours was undertaken on 2nd December 2024.

95.6 LENGTHSMAN VACANCY

Councillor Pedley advised that there had been 1 applicant for the position of lengthsmen and it was agreed by the majority of councillors to offer Mr Roderick the position, subject to the agreement by Mr Roderick to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and follow any other requirements resulting from a risk assessment which would be carried out of the role. The lengthsmen duties to be reviewed and relevant paperwork to be issued from the PC accountants.

A risk assessment for the role to be undertaken. *ACTION COUNCILLOR SPEAKE PPE items (gloves and high visibility vests) to be ordered for both lengthsmen.

ACTION: CLERK & COUNCILLOR PEDLEY

Councillor Warriner strongly objected to a job being offered before completion of: a risk assessment, any mitigation actions, and an updated job description with any

** which would apply to both lengthsmen to ensure their safety*

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specific conditions (such as wearing Personal Protective Equipment) that the Council agrees are required.

96.0 FINANCE

96.1 FINANCE REPORT

Clerk advised that she had not yet received the bank statements but would issue a finance report as soon as possible.

96.2 CLERK SALARY £240.00 LESS TAX = £192.00

It was proposed by Councillor Woodhall and seconded by Councillor Speake to pay the clerks salary. Cheque serial number 001465

96.3 D WALLIS LENGTHSMAN £66.76

It was proposed by Councillor Speake and seconded by Councillor Woodhall to pay Mr Wallis. Cheque serial number 001466 issued.

96.4 HMRC £64.80

It was proposed by Councillor Woodhall and seconded by Councillor Speake to pay the HMRC. Cheque serial number 001471

96.5 DALC TRAINING FEE £168.00

It was proposed by Councillor Speake and seconded by Councillor Woodhall to pay DALC. Cheque serial number 001468 issued.

96.6 SIMON CHARLTON MOWING OF REAR OF GRAVEYARD £541.60

It was proposed by Councillor Woodhall and seconded by Councillor Speake to pay Mr Charlton for the annual mowing of the rear of the church yard. Cheque serial number 001469

96.7 M PARTRIDGE CHRISTMAS TREE FOR COMMUNITY HALL £34.99

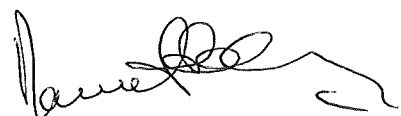
It was proposed by Councillor Speake and seconded by Councillor Woodhall to pay Malcolm Partridge. Cheque serial number 001472 issued.

96.8 CONSIDER MOVING TO ONLINE BANKING

Councillor Pedley advised that the Clerk has contacted Unity Trust Bank, and they offer current and savings accounts to Parish Councils for a charge of £6 per month which is taken quarterly. Regarding signatories on the account have to be in accordance with the Parish Council constitution.

Councillor Pedley also advised that we need to contact Lloyds Bank who operate an account for Parish Councils for further information. This will be brought to the next meeting.

97.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS



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97.1 OUTLINE APPLICATION INCLUDING ACCESS, LAYOUT & SCALE (MATTERS OF APPEARANCE & LANDSCAPING RESERVED FOR LATER CONSIDERATION) FOR THE ERECTION OF 2 DWELLING HOUSES ON LAND TO THE REAR & NORTH-WEST OF THE COTTAGE & 2 SAPPERTON LANE, CHURCH BROUGHTON

The Parish Council had previously commented on the above planning application which was reviewed and permission was refused by the District Council's Planning Committee on 28th November 2023. The Parish Council's objections in summary form were included in the Planning Officer's report to Committee.

98.0 REPORTS

98.1 ROADS

No report

98.2 MINOR MAINTENANCE/FOOTPATHS

No report

99.0 POLICIES

To be brought to the meeting in January

100.0 CHAIRMANS NOTICES

100.1 EMPTYING OF BINS ON THE CENTRAL PLAYING FIELD

It had been noted that dog waste was being placed in the bin near the original play equipment and it appears rodents may be accessing the bin. Due to the Health and Safety concern arising, it was agreed by all present to stop the Lengthsmen from emptying this bin with immediate effect and pay SDDC to empty it instead. The Parish Council already pays for the emptying of 4 dog waste bins and 3 refuse bins in the village. Clerk to contact Mr Grist at SDDC. ACTION: CLERK

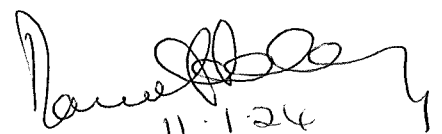
It was suggested the Parish Council may wish to consider having 1 commercial bin in the village. This would be cheaper than paying SDDC to empty the bins but would incur the lengthsmen having to empty bins and possibly coming into contact with dog faeces. To be discussed in the new year

101.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be held on Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7pm

102.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

7.30pm


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