**CHURCH BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNICL MEETING, HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7PM**

Those present: In attendance:

Councillor Pedley-Chairman Helena Steeples-Clerk

Councillor Redfern

Councillor Speake

Councillor Thorpe

Councillor Warriner

Councillor Woodhall

SDDC Councillor Sundip

DCC Councillor Patten

1 Parishioner

**75.0 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from SDDC Councillor Andrew.

**76.0 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS & POLICE INCLUDING UPDATE ON TRAVELLERS SITE SUTTON LANE**

**REPORT FROM CLLR SUNDIP MEGHANI**

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

I want to start by thanking my colleagues on the Parish Council for their sterling efforts during the flooding crisis in October, as well as council officers and other officials from SDDC and DCC who worked hard to restore order.

In Hilton we’ve recently had several nighttime burglaries and attempted burglaries by what appear to be opportunistic thieves. As I continue to work closely with the Police, to crack down on crime and anti-social behaviour, I want to encourage all households to urgently review and improve their home security systems.

I have organised a meeting for myself and several colleagues in mid-November to meet with local land developer, St Modwen, to discuss dead trees and other similar issues plaguing our area.

In relation to bus services, it’s fair to say local residents are up in arms about the poor service from Trent Barton. Many residents have shared anecdotes of buses not arriving at all, buses being late and even shooting past a bus stop without stopping. I’ve also received complaints about the buses being in a poor condition and breaking down.

As a result, I have asked Trent Barton bus company to be called in by the District Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee to answer questions about the poor service residents are experiencing and held to account for what seems to be a poor and deteriorating bus service.

**REPORT FROM CLLR JULIE PATTEN**

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

We have experienced an unprecedented amount of flash and heavy flooding in recent weeks which has had a devastating impact on residents in Derbyshire, and for us in Hilton and Scropton. Local parish councils, SDDC and DCC pulled together to support residents in this difficult time. Clean up operations are under way in many areas, and sadly we have had further landslips in other parts of Derbyshire which require immediate action to enable residents to go about their daily lives.

**Derby Road Crossing**

I I have received a further update stating that our target date of the end of October will now be November – December weather dependant. This will include all works including signage and new road markings as well as the crossing furniture.

**B Line**

From 1st November we have introduced £1.50 single fares for young people across Derby and Derbyshire. Those aged 11-19 will need a B Line care to be able to get the discounted fare. The cards are free and available through the website.

**Primary School Applications Open**

Parents can now apply to us for their child’s infant, junior or primary school place for September 2024. Applications for children who were born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 opened on Monday 6th November and will close at midnight on Monday 15th January 2024. Parents can also apply during the same period for junior schools’ places for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 who are currently in Year 2 at an infant school and will transfer on to other schools in September 2024.

**Cold Calling**

There have been some reports of cold calling in neighbourhoods, we would advise not to engage with anyone on the doorstep and to use DCC Trusted Trader Scheme. Any concerns please report to Police on 101.

**Warm Spaces Scheme**

DCC are offering groups and parishes up to £1000 who are willing and able to offer a warm space, a cuppa and a biscuit, sandwich, to those residents who not only want to meet up in a warm space but socialise during the winter months which can be very isolating. Please see our website for details and how to apply for funding.

**Derbyshire County Council Budget**

There is a questionnaire on the website inviting residents to comment on how we should shape the County budget for 2024/2025 It runs until 17th December, and I would urge residents to take part.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year!

Sundip and Julie

**REPORT FROM CLLR JANE DAVIES**

**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

SDDC Councillor Davies advised that the planning applications for Badway Lane for the bunds has been refused and the planning application of the maintenance track is to be taken to the planning meeting on Thursday 16th November. The retrospective planning applications for the traveller’s site on Sutton Lane are also to be taken to planning on Tuesday 14th November.

Surgeries in Hilton are to be held in the New Year in Hilton and SDDC Councillor Davies asked if any could be held at Church Broughton. Councillor Pedley suggested that they might like to visit the Community Hall open event when the Christmas lights are lit on Friday 1st December. SDDC Councillor Davies to advise if they are able to attend.

Parish Councillors advised:

1. The hedge by the travellers site badly needs to be cut by the owners as it over hangs the road.
2. Could the CCTV camera installed by travellers’ site be investigated.
3. As it would appear planning are allowing the retrospective planning application for another site on Sutton Lane near a bend in the road, could a dropped kerb be installed on Main Street to allow easier access for disabled residents to dismount the kerb. ACTION: CLERK
4. Flooding on Ashbourne Road caused by damaged drains. A parishioner raised this item with DCC Councillor Patten who asked the photographs and videos be forwarded to her for investigation. ACTION: CLERK
5. Councillors asked if DDC Councillor Patten could investigate getting Midland Classic buses to pick up residents in our village. Clerk to send email to DCC Councillor Patten. ACTION: CLERK

It was suggested that people’s opinions are canvassed at the Community Hall open event on 1st December and then consider sending an email to all residents to ascertain the level of interest there would be for this service. ACTION: COUNCILLOR PEDLEY

1. A missing road sign on the junction of Boggy Lane and Old Hall Lane had been reported and Councillors were advised that this will be repaired 6-8 after SDDC visit the site.

Councillors and parishioner left at 7.45pm

**77.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

See item 76.0

**78.0 OUTSIDE BODIES PARTICIPATION**

None

**79.0 TO RECEIVE & APPROVE REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION FROM MEMBERS ON WHICH THEY HAVE A DISCLOSURABLE PECUNICARY INTEREST & RECEIVE ANY OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Woodhall declared an interest in 82.4

**80.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD 05/10/23**

Councillors had read and approved the minutes. Proposed by Councillor Pedley and seconded by Councillor Speake.

**81.0 MATTERS ARISING**

**81.1 DOVE VALLEY PARK**

Councillor Pedley advised that Councillor Woodhall and himself had met with Frank McCardle and Gillian Minogue from Clowes Developments at Dove Valley Park, where they had walked the footpaths. It was agreed that a better access from Heath Top to Dove Valley Park is required. The new bottling plant is now owned and operated by “MEG” and Councillor Pedley and Councillor Woodhall had emphasized to Clowes that further planting would help local residents with noise and light pollution. Mr McCardle is willing to talk to the companies to aid this. When walking the perimeter footpath, a footpath closed sign was seen and there is no indication as to when this will open.

Mr McCardle offered to facilitate a meeting with the Parish Council and “MEG” to seek their help in possible tarmacking of an area at the top of Chapel Lane and any other possible help the parish may require.

The final area of land to be developed just to the East of the existing development will need a planning application and it was suggested that they be asked to install more planting.

Councillors to enquire as to who will be responsible for the footpath through Penny Waste Wood.

It is understood that a management company will be set up to maintain the footpaths and planting areas around Dove Valley Park.

Councillors to discuss what items may be asked for and a collaborative response to be issued. ACTION: Councillor Woodhall to take the lead on this with support from other Councillors.

**81.2 COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

None.

**81.3 COMMUNITY HALL**

An open evening is to be held on Friday 1st December when the Christmas lights will be lit. A meeting has been arranged on Thursday 24th November to discuss how to conduct the bookings; recording of payments; and how to manage receipts.

Councillors to investigate if the Parish Council may have online banking.

ACTION: CLERK

**81.4 RISK MANAGEMENT**

No items to add at present but to seek guidance from DALC re risk assessments for the lengthsmen and their protective clothing. ACTION: AT TRAINING ON 16TH NOVEMBER

**81.5 READING ROOM LAND. HAS ANY WORK BEEN CARRIED OUT SINCE LAST MEETING?**

Councillor Woodhall and Ms Shemans have completed 6 hours work on 14th October 2023.

**82.0 FINANCE**

**82.1 FINANCE REPORT**

A finance report as at the end of Octobe had been circulated.

**82.2 CLERKS SALARY SEPTEBER £240.00 LESS TAX = £192.00**

It was proposed by Councillor Speake and seconded by Councillor Thorpe to pay the clerk’s salary. Cheque serial number 001459 issued.

**82.3 D WALLIS LENGTHSMAN £66.76**

It was proposed by Councillor Thorpe and seconded by Councillor Speake to pay Mr Wallis. Cheque serial number 001460 issued.

**82.4 K WOODHALL BENCH £300.00**

Councillor Woodhall declared an interest.

Councillor Woodhall had purchased a bench on behalf of the Parish Council to be paid for from the Coronation funding from DCC Councillor Patten. It was proposed by Councillor Speake and seconded by Councillor Thorpe to pay Councillor Woodhall. Cheque serial number 001461 issued.

**82.5 BRADLEY ACCOUNTING £60.00**

It was proposed by Councillor Speake and seconded by Councillor Thorpe to pay the Bradley Accounting. Cheque serial number 001462 issued.

**82.6 JOHN WEIL COMMUNITY HALL FIRE EXTINGUISHER £71.98**

It was proposed by Councillor Thorpe and seconded by Councillor Speake to pay Mr Weil. Cheque serial number 001463 issued.

**82.7 SKY MOBILE PHONE CHARGE COMMUNITY HALL £29.94 TO BE PAID BY DIRECT DEBIT**

Councillors were advised that a direct debit has been set up for the payment of Wi-Fi for the Community Hall and a payment will be taken monthly.

**82.8 SUGGESTED DONATION FOR THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION £50.00**

It was agreed by all present to give a donation to the Royal British Legion of £50 on behalf of the Parish. Cheque serial number 001464 issued.

**83.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**83.1 DMPA/2023/1253- INSTALLATION OF AN AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP & ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS AT BALCKTHORN BAR, LODGE HILL FAR, LONGFORD LANE, CHURCH BROUGHTON**

No objections

**83.2 DMPA/2023/0884 – ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR 4NO ILLUMINATED LIGHTBOXES, 5 NO INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED TOTEM SIGNS, 3 NON-ILLUMINATED FLAPOLE SIGNS & 2NO NON-ILLUMINATED SIGNS DOVE VALLEY APRK**

The parish council objects to the planning application on the basis that the illumination for the signs is unnecessary as it does naot appear to be required from a health & safety point of view.

Additionally, the proposed illumination of signage on the building and in the car parks and approach roads to the north & east sides of the site will add to the already significant light pollution coming from Dove Valley Park, which adversely affects many nearby residents on Heath Top and in the village of Church Broughton

**83.3 DMPN/2023/1324 -PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER PART 3 CLASS Q (B) OF THE GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT ORDER (ENGLAND)02105; FOR THE CONVERSION OF AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING TO 5 NO DWELLING HOUSES (RESUBMISSION OF DMPN/2023/0211) LEES HALL FARM, MARJORY LANE, HAREHILL ASHBOURNE**

Church Broughton Parish Council (PC) does not object to the above proposed prior approval request for “Class Q” conversion of the agricultural buildings, subject to the following conditions:

1. Refusal of Planning application DMPA/2020/1224 (change of use of 30 static caravans from “tourist” to “residential”). The reason for this condition is that the PC objected to this earlier application on several grounds including adverse impact on highways, infrastructure and public services, all of which will be made materially worse by this second application if both applications were approved. The sites of these two planning applications are adjacent to each other and they share the access onto the nearby highway.

2. All the specific conditions, especially relating to structural integrity, external dimensions and retention of existing features as required by the legislation relating to Q class conversion are meticulously enforced by SDDC. This is to ensure that the legal requirements of the Q class permitted development legislation are followed. The PC notes that the barn is in poor condition, and this will probably make it challenging for some of the specific conditions to be met. SDDC should make a detailed independent assessment of the condition of the building and be satisfied that the proposal will be able to meet the legislative conditions.

The Parish Council trusts that Prior Approval will be refused if either of these two conditions are not satisfied.

**83.4 DMPA/2023/1334 – REMOVAL OF DUTCH STYLE BARN WITH LEAN-TO & ERECTION OF A STEEL FRAMED AGRICULTURAL BUILDING IN THEIR PLACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AGRICULUTRUAL STORAGE AT GORSTY FIELDS, ASHBOURNE ROAD, CHURCH BROUGHTON**

No objections.

**83.5 NOTIFICATION FROM SDDC OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL’S PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 14/11/23 WHICH THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD ALEADY SUBMITTED A RESPONSE**

**1. CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO A SINGLE PITCH TRAVELLER SITE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ACCESS ON LAND WEST OF CHURH BROUGHTON CARAVAN PARK, SUTTON ROAD, CHURCH BROUGHTON**

**2. THE ERECTION OF AN AMENITY BLOCK BROUGHTON CARAVAN PARK, PLOT 1A, SUTTON RD, CHURH BROUGHTON**

**3. RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF A MAINTENANCE TRACK ON LAND AT BADWAY LANE, CHURCH BROUGHTON**

**4. RETROSPECTIVE APPICATION FOR THE CREATION OF A BUND ON LAND AT BADWAY LANE, CHURCH BROUGHTON**

No Councillors were able to attend the meeting but Councillor Pedley to contact the planning department to enquire if a report is submitted, could it be read out on behalf of the Parish Council. Planning Department confirmed that this would be allowed. The report is as follows:

For the attention of the SDDC Planning Planning Authority.

The Parish Council is unable to attend the Planning Committee meeting on 14th November 2023 but would like to emphasise the points below in relation to the respective Planning Applications on which it has already commented.

Please can the following summary statements be read out at the Planning Committee meeting:

**DMPA/2022/1498: Retrospective Change of use of agricultural land to a single pitch Traveller site and construction of a new access on Land West of Church Broughton Caravan Park, Sutton Road, Church Broughton, DE65 5DB**

The Parish Council does not see any need for an additional traveller site at this specific location, adjacent to another existing traveller site which is understood to be sparsely populated.

The Parish Council is also very concerned to note from the report to Committee that the applicant has not been requested to provide appropriate plans showing visibility splays for consideration by Highways.  The access has already been surfaced with tarmac and no splays have been incorporated.  How can the Planning Authority possibly consider this to be an acceptable and safe proposition when Highways has not been able to assess and provide any comment on the design? Additionally, the hedgerows have not been cut for some considerable time and this is a major risk to safety for the many cyclists and cars along this section of highway which is frequented by agricultural vehicles.

There is also a known local flood risk on Sutton Lane which does not appear to have been considered.

**DMPA/2023/0979:** **Retrospective application for the creation of a maintenance track on Land at Badway Lane, Church Broughton, Derby**

The Parish Council would ask the Committee to consider why approval should be granted for this application when there are thousands of miles of field hedgerows around the country which are maintained directly off the field by tractors without any need for stone maintenance tracks.  There does not appear to be any reasonable justification for this at all. Surely permission being granted would set an unacceptable precedent.

**84.0 REPORTS**

**84.1 ROADS**

See item 76.0

**84.2 MINOR MAINTENANCE**

Councillor Woodhall advised that a resident is in discussions with Mr McKay at Derbyshire Dales re the re-routing of a footpath on their land.

Clerk asked to email village and ask residents to chain the gate correctly on the footpath which leads onto Church Road to avoid cattle getting out. There have been several incidents where the chain has only been looped and not fasten correctly and cattle have escaped.

An email to be issued to whole village enquiring if any residents would use the Midland Classic bus if it was rerouted to our village. ACTION: CLERK?

**85.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A thank you letter had been received from the church for the donation towards the upkeep of the graveyard.

2. A thank you letter had been received from the VH&PFC for the donation towards the upkeep of the playing field.

3. A request had been received from Sudbury FC Adult Men’s Football team in the Uttoxeter and District men’s Football league asking if they may use the field next to school for football matches. Councillor Pedley to make enquiries re the village football team. Also there may be fee for usage issued by SDDC . ACTION: COUNCILLOR PEDLEY

**86.0 POLICIES**

To be reviewed after training.

**87.0 CHAIRMANS NOTICES**

1. Councillor training to be held on 16th November at 6pm in the Community Hall

2. Lengthsman vacancy – One application received. Enquiries to made into risk assessments for lengthsmen and what clothing should be offered.

**88.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

7th December @ 6.30pm followed by the Christmas meal at the Holly Bush at 7.30pm