**CHURCH BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024**

Those present: In attendance:

Councillor Thorpe-Vice Chairman Helena Steeples-Clerk

Councillor Speake

Councillor Warriner

Councillor Woodhall

DCC Councillor Patten

SDDC Councillor Davies

SDD Councillor Meghani

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Pedley & SDDC Councillor Andrew.

**2.0 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

DCC Councillor Patten reported:

 Sutton Rd – directional sign in bushes reported ref 602300672

Longford Lane – blocked gulley and fallen tree reported ref 602319215

Marjory Lane – confirmed it is in Church Broughton I have chased further ref 574435342

DCC are filling in 2000 potholes a week, trialling new materials . Major roads will be repaired first.

Flooding meeting chased up.

New East Midlands Combined Authority meeting has taken place, budget, constitution and plans moving forward were discussed to improve the region.  Voting for new mayor will take place on 4th May.

Trialling new recycling centre shop which is run by contractor HW Martin in Bolsover, unwanted goods of all descriptions are on sale in their shop open from 8.30 – 6pm each day.  All profits will be split between HW Martin, DCC and Charitable causes, our portion will go back into waste management services.

Car Thefts are on the increase in South Derbyshire, residents advised not to leave possessions on show and to use the special bags for keyless cars.

 SDDC Councillor Meghani reported:

SDDC Councillor Meghani thanked everyone for the good wishes received on the birth of his son and for everyone who had picked up work on his behalf. A meeting has been arranged with Trent Barton re their poor village bus service. Eggington crossroads has been closed since a vehicle damaged the gate posts and Network Rail have confirmed that the crossings will re-open on 7th April. SDDC Council’s proposed budget has been passed.

SDDC Councillor Davies reported:

Barn development DMPN/2022/1083 at Lodge Hill Farm - the resident has been updated and a meeting with Gary Parkin, senior planning officer is to be held.

The problems along Heath Top are being investigated and SDDC Councillor Davies had been informed that an enforcement team is to visit the site.

SDDC Councillor Davies informed councillors that the original planning application DMPM/2019/1205 was only submitted to Foston & Scropton Parish Council, who did not submit any objections. Clerk advised that even though the planning application was dated 2019 it could have been submitted to Foston & Scropton Parish Council in early 2020, when Covid began. Councillors requested that all future planning applications are submitted to Church Broughton Parish Council as well, because any work on the Dove Valley site impacts on the parish.

Wellbrook Medical Centre in Hilton has been incurring many problems with staffing and this has impacted on patients booking appointments. Posters were distributed advising that seven common conditions of sinusitis; sore throat; earache (children); infected insect bites; impetigo; shingles; & urinary tract infection (women) may now be treated at local pharmacies without needing a GP appointment. Posters to be displayed in the village.

**3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**4.0 OUTSIDE BODIES PARTICIPATION**

None

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

11.1 Councillors Thorpe & Warriner

 13.2 Councillors Thorpe

**6.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7TH MARCH 2024**

The minutes had been circulated and were approved by Councillor Speake and seconded by Councillor Woodhall.

**7.0 MATTERS ARISING**

**7.1 COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

No update

Councillors discussed the date for the Annual Parish Meeting, and it was agreed to hold the meeting on Thursday 16th May 2024 in the Community Hall.

**7.2 COMMUNITY HALL UPDATE**

Councillors reviewed and approved the Community Hall Budget for 2024-2025.

 Councillors enquired if a new chair had been appointed but no one had been advised.

**7.3 RISK MANAGEMENT**

No further items to add at present.

Councillor Warriner advised Councillors that a Parish Council had recently been in the news, when it did not have sufficient funds after undertaking renovations. Councillors were made aware of the financial risk when considering Community Hall renovations.

**7.4 READING ROOM LAND, HAS ANY WORK BEEN CARRIED OUT SINCE LAST MEETING?**

Councillor Woodhall advised that none had been undertaken.

**8.0 FINANCE**

**8.1 FINANCE REPORT**

Clerk advised that the bank statement had not yet arrived and that a report will be issued as soon as possible.

Clerk will complete the end of year accounts and documentation for submission to the auditor in April.

**8.2 CLERKS SALARY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY £240.00 LESS TAX = £240.00**

It was proposed by Councillor Woodhall and seconded by Councillor Speake to pay the clerk’s salary. Cheque serial number 001494 issued.

**8.3 D WALLIS LENGTHSMAN FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY £83.40**

It was proposed by Councillor Woodhall and seconded by Councillor Speake to pay the Mr Wallis. Cheque serial number 001495 issued.

**8.4 S RODERICK LENGTHSMAN FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY £58.34**

It was proposed by Councillor Speake and seconded by Councillor Woodhall to pay Mr Roderick. Cheque serial number 001496 issued.

**8.5 HMRC £83.40**

It was proposed by Councillor Woodhall and seconded by Councillor Speake to pay HMRC. Cheque serial number 001497 issued.

**8.6 DALC SUBSCRIPTION £274.20**

It was proposed by Councillor Speake and seconded by Councillor Woodhall to pay DALC. Cheque serial number 001498 issued.

**8.7 CONSIDER MOVING TO ONLINE BANKING**

To be deferred to another meeting.

**8.8 CONSIDERATION OF PAY RISES FOR LENTHGSMEN & CLERK**

Clerk advised that the lengthsmen are both paid the National Minimum Wage of £10.42 for hours worked from 1st April 2023, as they are both over the age of 23 years. The National Minimum Wage has now been increased to £11.44 from 1st April 2024. Councillors approved the increase in hours worked from 1st April 2024.

Clerk reminded Councillors that her rate of pay is currently £240 per month for 16 hours work. That equates to £15 per hour.

Clerk left the room for Councillors to discuss her rate of pay.

Clerk was asked to return to the room and was advised that her wage would increase by 5% for hours worked after 1st April 2024. Clerk thanked Councillors.

**9.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None.

**10.0 REPORTS**

**10.1 ROADS**

No repairs have been undertaken in the parish.

Councillors discussed the lack of road repairs. The autumn and winter months have been the wettest people have seen in many years and roads have been badly affected. DCC Councillor Patten had advised that over 2000 repairs are being undertaken each week and Councillors wondered if more repairs would be undertaken in the new financial year. Discussion took place over whether to 1) write to Heather Wheeler MP and it was agreed to pursue that option if none are undertaken shortly 2) individual to write to highways re road repairs & 3) enquire how much DCC are allocating for road repairs. It was agreed to wait another month to see if road repairs are forth coming.

**10.2 FOOTPATHS/MINOR MAINTENANCE**

Councillor Woodhall advised:

1. Spoken with Mr Coxon re FP 12
2. No reply had been received from Rebecca at the Hall re FP 13
3. Spoken with Mr Prince re footpath on his land.
4. Chasing update on FP’s 38 & 35 crossing Broughton House Farm

All above to be chased. ACTION: COUNCILLOR WOODHALL

New grit bin has been installed on Old Hall Lane.

**11.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**11.1 WINE & ROSES**

A telephone call had been received, as Broadband is not working in village at present, asking for consideration for a donation. Councillors Thorpe & Warriner declared an interest. Item deferred to next meeting.

**11.2 COMMUNICATION RE NO SAFE WAY TO ENTER VILLAGE WHEN ROADS FLOOD**

A parishioner had enquired how would emergency vehicles enter the village if the roads are flooded. Councillor Warriner to investigate if there is a requirement for how emergency vehicles could enter the village. ACTION: COUNCILLOR WARRINER.

**12.0 POLICIES**

**12.1 STANDING ORDERS**

**12.2 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

To be deferred to next meeting.

**13.0 CHAIRMANS NOTICES**

**13.1 REQUEST FOR ANOTHER BENCH IN THE VILLAGE.**

A parishoner had enquired about another bench. Councillors discussed the idea and would look into a possible site around the village.

**13.2 REQUEST FROM COMMUNITY FUND FOR FRAME TO DISPLAY QUILT.**

Councillors Thorpe declared an interest. Item deferred to next meeting.

**14.0 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting2nd May 2024

 Annual Parish Meeting 16th May 2024

**15.0 MEETING CLOSED**

Meeting closed at 8.15pm