

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 22nd JUNE 2023 AT 5.45pm in the Cavendish Room, Events Centre.**

Present:, Cllr. J Bend, Cllr. P. Colbert, Cllr. A. Davis, Cllr. E. Glassey, Cllr. D. McGregor, Cllr M. Sanders, Cllrs. S. Smith, Cllr. J Wells. Cllr R Turner

Also in attendance: R Nunn (Clerk), H Brown (Asst to the Clerk) and PCSO Pieprzak

12. Public Participation

A member of the public raised concerns for water quality from Clowne to Creswell Craggs

It was agreed that the Parish Council make representations to the authorities

Cllr Colbert enquired if there is an official complaints process, the Chairman pointed out that the environmental agency is the process to be taken.

**Motion Carried
All in favour**

Further comments from a member of the public regarding the appearance of certain areas in the village. Confirmation was given that the Cricket pitch area had been strimmed the day of the meeting, the field behind the new Wellbeing Centre is to be flailed and that Maverick (contractors) are to visit on the 5th July 2023 to assess the Skatepark.

Discussions were held on the Model Village area and were advised that Welbeck/District Council are responsible for the grass cutting maintenance, the Chairman is to establish who is responsible for the outside perimeter.

13. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. M. Bryant and C. Gilfillan

Members considered the circumstances regarding Cllr Gilfillan apologies and it was agreed that the personal circumstances were noted and that Cllr Gilfillan's apologies be formally approved.

14. Declaration of Interest

Cllr McGregor declared an interest on item 14 – Planning

15. Motion of Vary Order of Business

None

16. Police Report

Members were informed on a speed watch incentive that Cllr Yates is providing funding for which invites Councillors and members of the public to participate, Cllr Smith indicated his interest and discussions took place on the outcome of the survey.

Police now require access to the Police office in the Community Hub (Youth Centre)

Councillor McGregor it to confirm and arrange keys.

It was confirmed that all health & safety check have been completed and certificates have been obtained.

Questions were raised on the crime rates and how they compare with other neighbouring villages.

The PCSO acknowledged that every village is different.

It was advised to write to the Police Commissioner for further clarification.

17. Events Centre Report

The Events Centre manager gave a report on current activities and how the Centre had won an award from Craggs Radio.

18. Bolsover District Council

Councillor gave members an update on the Dragonfly operation and that names are being considered as board members.

Cllr. Colbert asked if the creation of this company would impact on the Districts tendering process.
Cllr McGregor to enquire and report back.
Cllr. Colbert suggested that presenting the District Council report should be rotated between the District Councillors.

19. County Council Report

Cllr. Yates reported on the proposed closure of Lhoist Quarry (Whitwell Quarry) and that they may now extend the life of the quarry with a reduction of staff.

Cllr Yates has made grants to Craggs Radio of £370.00, Creswell Gala £370.00 and £500 to the Breakfast Club.

He reported on free Boxercise being arranged at the new Heritage & Wellbeing Centre

DCC has been noted as the worst for potholes. £42m is required to deal with the problem and £24m has been allocated. It was noted that staff moral is very low within the County.

Conversations were held on the opening of the Skatepark and Councillor McGregor announced the opening of the area was imminent.

Cllr Glassey asked if no more long term care for adults was available, Cllr Yates Indicated he was unable to answer.

20 To Approve the Minutes of:

20.1 The Parish Council meeting held on 18th May 2023

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Glassey

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

21. Code of Conduct

Copies previously circulated to Members.

Cllr McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr. Wells that the code be adopted.

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

22. Standing Orders

Noted that the meeting times be changed to 5.45pm for public participation and 6pm for Council business as approved at the May meeting.

Cllr McGregor read aloud a response from the Monitoring office at District regarding the query about suspending particular standing orders. No amendment necessary.

Cllr McGregor also responded to the query about public exclusion and reported that within broad guidelines it was at the Councils discretion.

All to note

23. Financial Matters

23.1 The Clerk reported that there was no monthly finance report but a June report would be available at the July meeting.

23.2 The Clerk answered several questions on the monthly accounts for payment for May and June.

Cllr McGregor moved, seconded by Cllr Bend that the accounts be approved

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

Cllr Colbert asked that the Audit Committee look to establish running costs for each of the Parish's premises.

Action Audit Committee

24. Leisure/Open Spaces/Cemetery Sub Committee

Cllr Smith reported on taps leaking at the Skinner Street Cemetery and requires maintenance and also the maintenance required at East Street Play Area. Members were advised that an independent inspector was due w/c 17th July 2023 and further action would be taken/advised from the recommendation in the report.

Discussion took place on the locking and opening of the gates at East Street Play area and it was agreed that the area was not to be locked

Cllr Smith moved, seconded by Cllr Colbert

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

25. Website/Publications

Cllr Colbert reported on consultation with Helen Brown (admin assistant) on a proposal to activate a Parish Council Facebook account to inform the community at regular intervals on relevant issues. This site is to be controlled and maintained by the Parish Council Officers

The Chairman agreed with members that this was the modern effective way to communicate

Cllr Colbert Moved Seconded Cllr McGregor

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

26. Planning Applications

No objections/comments were raised to planning applications 17/00119/FUL and 23/00231/FUL.

Councillor McGregor declared an interest in planning application 17/00640/OUT.

Members were asked to note that as it was a large application with a great deal of supporting information they were advised to access the planning portal of Bolsover District Council to look at the application and respond with any observations/comments direct to Bolsover District Council planning department or to contact the Clerk to submit comments to be forwarded to Bolsover District Council on their behalf.

Members to note

27. Heritage & wellbeing Centre Update

Cllr McGregor updated members on the Wellbeing Centre and the land behind the centre and future use.

Members were updated about the future of the Heritage & Wellbeing Trust status which will include 2 representatives from the Parish Council.

Cllr Colbert requested a quarterly performance report to the Parish Council. It was noted that this was already in hand.

28. Correspondence

Grant Application - Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre 2023/24

Members considered the application and it was decided that in lieu of a financial contribution rent free accommodation be offered at the Events Centre

Cllr McGregor Move seconded Cllr Wells

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

Discussions were held on various issues within the village. It was confirmed that the land with Japanese Knot Weed behind West Street area was owned by AVANT HOMES.

Updates were given on precautions made to prevent unlawful trespass on Fox Green.
Thanks were given to Ground Maintenance Team and Staff involved.

29. Exempt

None

There being no other business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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