

Doveridge Parish Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm, Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Present: Cllr. Bown, Cllr. Priestley, Cllr. Bointon, Cllr. Pakes, Cllr. Hewson-Stoate, Cllr. Banner, Cllr. Lyon, Cllr. Mason and Cllr. Bull (DCC)

01.04.19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dews.

02.04.19 Variation of Business

There was no variation of business.

03.04.19 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no declarations of interest made.

04.04.19 Public Speaking

There were no members of the public present.

05.04.19 Approve Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 5th March 2019

The minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th March were proposed by Cllr. Pakes, seconded by Cllr. Priestley and signed by the Chair, Cllr. Bown.

06.04.19 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening.

07.04.19 Report from the Clerk on on-going matters

Drain Cover – Derby Road

The drain cover road repair on Derby Road has now been repaired. This is now RESOLVED.

Bins on new Housing sites

The Clerk has chased Helen Carrington (Parks and Street Scene Officer, DDDC) in respect to new litter and dog bins on the new housing sites. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will continue to follow up.

08.04.19 Village Reports

(a) Football Field, Pavilion, Play Areas, Mowers and Street furniture

Play Area:

The Clerk has received an email from ROSPA (play area inspections) informing us they will be carrying out their annual inspection in May.

Pavilion:

The Clerk circulated via email prior to the meeting the Electrician's report. This showed a few areas on improvement, it was RESOLVED the Clerk would contact them to obtain quotes for this work and report back. The invoice for his inspection was £144.00, this was authorised for payment, proposed by Cllr. Pakes and seconded by Cllr. Bown.

As advised at the last meeting, our Electrician had requested a site visit from Western Power which took place on 20/02/19, they carried out a series of tests on the main supply and were satisfied that the supply voltage and earthing arrangement was in line with their requirements.

(i) Doveridge Juniors and Summer League Football Clubs

Cllr. Bointon reported that the Summer League were happy to delay their season to enable the pitch to be sand and seeded.

DJFC are still looking into grants to pay for extra work and it was agreed in principal that we would be happy for the invoice to be made out to us, as the land is ours and we can claim the VAT back and they reimburse us the remaining amount as soon as payment is required. This was proposed by Cllr. Priestley and seconded by Cllr. Lyon.

It was also reported that DJFC would like to hold a BBQ in the coming months whilst they paint the inside of the pavilion and are seeking permission to do this. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would check our insurance and a risk assessment would need to be carried out beforehand however in principal this was agreed by the Council. This was proposed by Cllr. Banner and seconded by Cllr. Priestley.

DJFC have been offered sponsorship and the sponsors wondered if they could have a board advertising their company on the outside of the pavilion. This was again agreed in principal however further details would be needed, size, location etc. It was RESOLVED that Cllr. Bointon will report back and the Clerk will check with Cllr. Dews if there are any planning restrictions.

(b) Bus Stops and Bus Routes

The Clerk reported that DCC have informed her that our application for a part funded bus shelter (Location: Derby Road) is going forward to the Cabinet on the 16th April for a decision. The Clerk will hopefully be able to report back at the next meeting.

(c) Website

No issues raised.

(d) Burial Grounds

No update on this matter, the Clerk is continuing to monitor.

(e) Highways Report

Noting to report.

(f) Public Footpaths and Rights of Way

Hawthorn Close/High Street Footpath

The Clerk received an email from DCC in response to our question as to whether we could remove the gate blocking this footpath. We were informed that as objections have been received to the making of the Order which have not been withdrawn, DCC will need to submit the Order to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. Unfortunately, at this stage they are unable to provide a timescale when this matter will be submitted. As the Order has not been confirmed the gate should not be removed by anyone except the landowner at this stage and it may be that the Inspectorate determines not to confirm the Order.

The Clerk will continue to monitor.

(g) Emergency Plan

This is an on-going action for the Clerk.

(h) Project Preschool

Cllr. Bown reported that a meeting with the School had recently taken place and unfortunately the Preschool cannot be sited there. The Sub-Committee are now looking into other possibilities and will keep us up to date.

(i) Citizen of the Year Honours Board

The new honours board will be ready in time for our Annual Meeting next week and the total cost was £320.00.

(j) Village Hall

Cllr. Banner updated the Council on the recent incident at the Village Hall and informed us that he is continuing to work the Village Hall Committee to help them put strategies in place to help prevent further similar incidents.

(k) CCTV

The Council are continuing to monitor incidents in the village and are looking into the feasibility of CCTV.

(l) Bowls Club

The Bowls club have requested a contribution towards their green maintenance costs (seeds and fertiliser). This was agreed and the Council have donated £300, this was proposed by Cllr. Bown and seconded Cllr. Pakes.

(m) Village Pond

The works on the pond will now have to be deferred until the autumn as the breeding season is underway. It was agreed that we would go ahead and get quotes for the works necessary and send these to David Wilson homes for approval. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would continue to monitor this and report back when quotes are received.

09.04.19 DALC Circulars

Circular 04-2019 - VAT making Tax Digital Update, Purdah Guidance, External Audit News, Report from Committee on Standards in Public Life, BREXIT, Government Guidance, Rural England's State of Rural Services, Persimmon Homes, giving £1M – **Emailed 26.03.19**

The annual subscription to DALC is now due, the Council agreed that we would increase to the option which includes training (£484.85) as we may well have new Councillors after the elections. This was proposed by Cllr. Priestley and seconded by Cllr. Pakes.

10.04.19 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

306	Julian Parker – Electrical Installation Condition Report on the Pavilion	£144.00
307	Rachel Male – Clerk's salary	£458.00
308	Doveridge Village Hall - Room hire (March)	£18.00
309	John Bointon - Playing field mowing and fuel	£66.00
310	DALC - Annual Subscription	£484.85
311	John Barton - Citizen of the Year Honours Board	£320.00

(b) Income

14.03.19	Cheques paid in	£61.00
	(Allotment Rent	= £56.00
	Bowls Club Rent 2019	= £5.00)
29.03.19	Interest on Reserve Account	£2.91

(c) Budget Appraisal 2018/2019

The year-end appraisal for 2018/2019 was handed out last month. The new financial year appraisal will be updated and handed out next month.
Bank statements were signed for the period 1st February to 1st March 2019 by Cllr. Bown and Cllr. Priestley.

11.04.19 Financial Regulations and Policies

No new issues raised.

12.04.19 To consider Planning Applications / Decisions

It was raised that DDDC planners and potential developers had visited the Marston Lane site recently. They were reminded that if a planning application is forthcoming that our made Neighbourhood Plan clearly states that provision should be made for upgrading our preschool using S106/CIL money and the need for bungalows.

Applications

19/00267/FUL – Bell Farm Yelt Lane. Formation of manege and associated fencing, for private use. **Validated 12/3/19.**

Decisions

18/01201/FUL – 31A High Street Doveridge; retain change of use of building to children's day nursery (Use Class C1-non-residential institution). **Granted with conditions 5/3/19**

19/00108/FUL – 9 Lake Drive, Doveridge; single storey rear extension and new dormer window. **Permitted with Conditions 27/03/19**

(a) David Wilson (Hall Drive)

The Clerk has been informed that work to the woodland area next to the site (which is owned by the developers) will commence shortly. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would find out exactly what they will be doing and put this information on the website.

(b) Bellway Site (Bakers Lane)

The Bakers Lane entrance to the site has now been closed off. There is currently an issue with the generator running through the night which the Clerk is trying to address. With Bakers Lane currently closed due to electrical work it is assumed that once this work is complete (approximately 2 weeks) the generator will no longer be required. It was RESOLVED the Clerk will contact the site manager.

13.04.19 Correspondence

No correspondence received in the last month.

14.04.19 Date of Next Meeting

It was RESOLVED that the Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00pm followed by the monthly meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7th May 2019 in the Village Hall kitchen.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.42pm.