

Doveridge Parish Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held at 7.30pm, Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Present: Cllr. Bown, Cllr. Priestley, Cllr. Bointon, Cllr. Dews, Cllr. Lyon, Cllr. Banner, Cllr. Mason, Cllr. Goulden, Cllr. Buck and Cllr. Allison (DDDC)

01.09.19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Bull (DCC) and PCSO Sue Lester.

02.09.19 Variation of Business

There was no variation of business.

03.09.19 Declaration of Members Interests

There were no declarations of interest made.

04.09.19 Public Speaking

There were 2 members of the public present with the following issues/concerns;

Friends of Doveridge Playground – the playground is now 10 years old, they kept the committee on for maintenance reasons but as there are now only two members remaining they have asked if they could hand over the account to the Parish Council for us to manage. There are 2 things they would like to do before handing over to us and they are 2 new swings and a new bench for the toddler area, which was originally paid for by the WI and installed by Sudbury Prison.

Pond – a local resident who has been helping us to arrange the clean up of our pond was in attendance to update us on his recent findings. Derbyshire wildlife trust have drawn a blank with their contractor and cannot suggest an alternative. The Environment agency are also not interested in pursuing the Trent catchment environment improvement scheme and the benefits that relate to the Doveridge pond. This is because the pond is not a watercourse fed pond and therefore not directly influencing Trent catchment. The quote for £950 + VAT per day with a maximum of 2 days work is the best option we have. We thanked the resident for all of his hard work on this matter.

05.09.19 Approve Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2019

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd July were proposed by Cllr. Bointon and seconded by Cllr. Priestley and signed by the Chair, Cllr. Bown.

06.09.19 Chairman's Announcements

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

Cllr. Bown informed the Council that sadly Jeff Bullock had recently passed away. Several years ago Jeff maintained the playing field on behalf of the Parish Council. We were very sad to hear of this news and pass on our condolences to his family.

07.09.19 Report from the Clerk on on-going matters

Mill Lane

The Clerk reported that she has spoken with the residents who attended our last meeting and they informed her that there had been a slight improvement. Letters/emails have been sent to Highways and the Police regarding the problems in this area. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would continue to monitor the situation and also make contact with the local PCSO in Utttoxeter as it is believed a number of the youths are from that area.

Gully Lower Street

A resident has reported that the ditch that flows through the village, under Pickley's Lane and into Lower Street, is full of sticks which is beginning to cause a blockage and also further up the stream has silted up. They reported they have never seen the ditch at the levels it has been this year, it normally dries out over the summer. The Clerk has reported the issue to Steve Bull (County Councillor, DCC) to pass on to the relevant department, it was RESOLVED the Clerk would also report the issue to the Environmental Agency due to the flood risk and continue to monitor.

Hedges along Cook Lane

The Clerk has raised this with DCC to arrange letters to be sent to residents whose houses back onto Cook Lane to ask for the hedges to be cut ASAP. The Clerk will continue to monitor.

(a) Training

The Clerk has booked Cllr. Dews and Cllr. Buck onto the Planning Nuts and Bolts course which is in November.

The Clerk will let new Councillors know of the dates for the Councillor Essential training as soon as she has been updated on availability.

08.09.19 Village Reports

(a) Football Field & Mowers

The hedge surrounding the field will be cut back in October.

The mower is due its service shortly, Cllr Bointon will arrange this.

(b) Doveridge Juniors and Summer League Football Clubs

Summer league has now finished, and the winter league has now begun. Training will continue all year round and 3 teams will play over the winter months. It was decided to increase DJFC rent by £25, this was proposed by Cllr. Priestley and seconded by Cllr.

Lyon, the Clerk will arrange for the invoice and terms (unchanged) to be sent along with the cleaning and electric costs associated to the pavilion in the coming weeks.

(c) Pavilion

One quote has been received for the replacement garage door, we are now awaiting one more then the insurance claim can be submitted. It was the RESOLVED the Clerk would continue to monitor.

(d) Play area

In response to a member of the Friends of Doveridge Playground (FoDP) attending and speaking during the public speaking section of the meeting the following was RESOLVED.

The money remaining in their committee bank account would be used to fund the 2 new swings and new bench for the toddler area, the remaining money will be spent making things good from the most recent ROSPA inspection. The Clerk will action this with the FoDP committee before closing their account. This was proposed by Cllr. Bown and seconded by Cllr. Bullock. The Parish Council wish to thank them for all their hard work over the years.

(e) Bus Stops and Bus Route

The new bus shelter on Derby Road should be in place w/c 23rd September. It was agreed that we would look to apply for the funding again for another shelter in December ready for the new financial year. It was RESOLVED that Cllr. Bown would put a note in the Parish News next month asking where residents would like the next shelter to go should we be successful. The Clerk will also put something on the website with a photo of the new shelter.

(f) Website

No issues to report.

(g) Burial Grounds

The Clerk has had an update from Keith Postlethwaite (DDDC) stating that the recommendation relating to the asset transfer will go to DDDC Committee at the end of October, so all being well the formal transfer could be done by the end of the calendar year (suggested 1st January 2020).

It was REOLSVED the Clerk would arrange a meeting with Keith along with Cllr Lyon to check on the land and seek out our next steps.

(h) Highways Report

Derby Road – Cook Lane junction. The Clerk is continuing to chase Steven Alcock (DCC) for an update as to when the road markings will be repainted.

(i) Public Footpaths and Rights of Way

The Clerk has received an email from a resident regarding the footpath along Derby Road which runs along the Bellway site. Trees and hedging are extremely overgrown. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would email DCC/landowners to get this cut back as soon as possible.

(j) Groundsman Contract – amendments to footpath works

It has come to light that more footpaths are the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was RESOLVED the Clerk along with Cllr. Bointon would bring a full list and hours needed along to the next meeting to be authorised.

(k) Project Preschool

Cllr. Bown informed the Parish Council that she had had a recent meeting with 2 members of the Playgroup Committee to look at future plans and prospects. However, at this point in time the provision of a purpose-built location is not currently viable. It was agreed the project would-be put-on hold and reviewed in the new year.

(l) Village Hall

No issues at present.

(m) The Well

It was RESOLVED that Cllr. Bown would put a note in the next Parish News that unless anyone would like to take on the area, in sponsorship or just the current maintenance of the area we would more than likely remove the larger/easy maintained plants and weed kill the remaining, then replant and try to ensure the area is low maintenance. We have already had someone come forward saying they are happy to maintain once it has been sorted. We will also approach Sudbury Prison to see if this would be of interest to them.

(n) Pond

Following the update from the resident it was RESOLVED the Clerk would write to the Site Manager of David Wilson Homes asking them to fund the works needed. Following the polluting of the pond last year from their site.

(o) Neighbourhood Watch

The NHW have requested funds to replace signs around the village, as they are no longer provided free of charge. It was RESOLVED we would go back to them asking how many we currently have; how many are damaged and how many we actually need?

(p) Tennis Club

It was RESOLVED we would discuss this next month.

(q) Royal British Legion – Derbyshire Lamp Post Poppy Campaign 2019

As per last year, DCC have written to Parish Council stating they are happy for large poppies to be put onto lampposts. It was RESOLVED we would purchase 200 large poppies from a local distributor to sell at a minimum of £3.00, with any profit being donated to the Poppy Appeal. Cllr. Priestley is happy to sell them in the shop again. It was also RESOLVED that we would buy a wreath from them for Remembrance Day. This totals £620 that will be paid in advance to the RBL. This was proposed by Cllr. Priestley and seconded by Cllr. Lyon.

09.09.19 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circulars

Circ 09-2019- DALC - Neighbourhood Plan Process - DET Funding Scheme - Secret Ballots - NALC Lobby for Financial Services Ombudsman to cover local councils - Public Sector Bodies regs - Guidance on naming individuals in minutes - Training of Councillors **EMAILED 25.07.2019**

Circular 10-19 - DALC Excellence Awards - AGM - NALC Larger Councils Committee - Govmt Paper on strengthen communities - Research on May elections - Council housing build - Updated Financial Regs - Climate emergency - CiLCA success - Village survival **EMAILED 02.09.19**

10.09.19 Finance

(a) Banking

Internet Banking is now up and running and all future payments, where possible, will be made by BACS.

(b) Accounts for Payment

August

Chq 337	VOID	
Chq 338/339	Rachel Male, Clerk Salary	£566.80
Chq 340	VOID	
Chq 341	J B Mowing, footpaths and playing field	£400.50
Chq 342	Flowers for gift weekend	£10.00
Chq 343	VOID	
Chq 344	DDDC Planning, fee for project preschool	£693.00
BACS	Village Hall, Room Hire	£18.00
BACS	EON, Pavilion Electric	£64.88

September

Rachel Male, Clerk salary	£459.20
DDDC, Recharge of Parish Council Election	£269.57
J B Mowing, playing field, footpaths, fuel, pavilion clean	£285.50
Ink & postage costs	£15.79

These payments were proposed by Cllr. Bown and seconded by Cllr. Priestley.

(b) Income

31.07.19	Interest on Reserve Account	£3.31
08.08.19	HMRC VAT Return 2018/2019	£258.57
30.08.19	Interest on Reserve Account	£3.01

(c) Budget Appraisal 2019/2020

The budget appraisal for this financial year was circulated and signed and the Clerk's payslip was signed.

Bank Statements from 1st June to 30th August were signed.

11.09.19 Financial Regulations Standing Orders, Asset Register and other Policies

It was RESOLVED we would review these next month.

12.09.19 To consider Planning Applications / Decisions

Applications

19/00495/FUL – Steve Foster, units 1 – 3 Derby Rd. Proposed workshop and crane storage building. Height to eaves 9m, brickwork to 0.9m high and sheet cladding above this to match other buildings on site. The new building will be towards the rear of the site. Validated 1/7/19. **NOTED**, going to Planning Committee 10.09.19.

19/00765/FUL – The Old School House High St. 2 storey rear extension, materials to match existing. Validated 3/7/19. **NOTED**.

19/00735/FUL – erection of pre-school building at Doveridge village hall, Sand Lane. This has been mentioned/discussed at a previous PC meeting. The building is to be separate, not an extension to the village hall. There is to be a pathway between the village hall and the new building, and the building will have a curved, green (grassed) roof. Validated 8/8/19. **NOTED**.

Decisions

19/00561/REM – revision of road layout for approved housing to incorporate emergency access and additional turning head for fire engines. Land off Derby Rd (east of Bakers Lane). Granted with conditions 18/7/2019. The conditions relate to the plans approved.

19/00532/FUL – 4 The Cottages Derby Rd. 2 storey side extension. Refused 3/7/19, due to overbearing impact on neighbouring property.

Appeals / Appeal Decisions

19/00026/WREP – Barn opposite Waldley Manor Farm, Doveridge. Rec'd 10/7/19. Appeal against planning refusal for change of use and conversion of barn to 3 dwellings. This is a written representation appeal i.e. written submission by both parties.

(a) David Wilson (Hall Drive)

The Clerk to contact the site manager regarding the hedge opposite the Cavendish Arms, and also along Derby Road and works to the pond.

(b) Bellway Site (Bakers Lane)

The Clerk will contact the site manager regarding the cutting of the hedge along Bakers Lane.

13.09.19 Correspondence

Countryside Voice Magazine

Letter from St Cuthbert's Church thanking us for our flower arrangement.

14.09.19 Date of Next Meeting

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 1st October 2019 in the Village Hall kitchen.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.26pm.