

Doveridge Parish Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm, Tuesday 2nd June 2020 held by video conference

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

01.06.20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Banner & Cllr. Bull (DCC)

02.06.20 Variation of Business

There was no variation of business.

03.06.20 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr. Bointon declared an interest in agenda items 08.06.20 Village Reports, (b) Doveridge Juniors and Summer League Football Clubs and (i) Public Footpaths and Rights of Way i. Footpath Works.

04.06.20 Public Speaking

There were no members of the public present.

05.06.20 Approve Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Monthly Meeting held on 5th May 2020

Monthly Minutes, under 12.05.20 (a) Accounts for Payment, the payment to NFU Mutual (mower insurance) should have read £411.74 and not £441.74. These were then both proposed by Cllr. Lyon and seconded by Cllr. Dews and signed by the Chair, Cllr. Bown.

06.06.20 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair announced she will step down as Chair at next year's Annual Meeting of the Parish Council as her house is on the market and they are leaving the village. She will remain as a Councillor until she leaves the village.

07.06.20 Report from the Clerk on on-going matters

Meadow View, rear footpath trees – the Clerk received a letter from a resident requesting that one of the sycamore trees located behind their property could be cut back, stating that it has grown far too big and is hanging over and shading their garden. After a lengthy discussion, the Council RESOLVED that as the tree is healthy and its size is in proportion, they do not feel it requires pollarding at this time. They are happy that if any branches are overhanging the resident's property they may be removed. The Clerk will inform the resident accordingly.

Dog fouling – Jacqui Allison (DDDC Councillor) reported that DDDC have introduced a new 'report it' function on their website to notify them of the dog fouling and littering. She is asking anyone who contacts her to complete the online form so that all the incidents are logged on the Council system, the reports they receive can help them to assess what action needs to be taken. Link as follows, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would put this info on the website.

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08.06.20 Village Reports

(a) Football Field & Mowers

The kissing gate accessing the playing field from Derby Road has been now been repaired. Awaiting invoice for the wood post.

(i) Playing field trees

Western Power have now cut back the trees away from the power lines on Sand Lane. They are now very lop-sided and there is concern of danger should we have high winds. It was RESOLVED we would contact our local tree surgeon to investigate and report back.

(b) Doveridge Juniors and Summer League Football Clubs

Doveridge FC are looking to spend more money on improving the pitch and have asked if the Parish Council would consider contributing in some way. Works total approx. £1200. It was RESOLVED that as we have waived rent for the smaller clubs in the village that we would waive the football clubs rent (£340) for this year, this being our contribution.

We would also waive the Summer Leagues if they are prepared to pay half their normal rent towards the cost. This was agreed by all Councillors. Proposed – Cllr. Lyon
Seconded – Cllr. Buck.

(c) Pavilion

No issues to report.

(d) Play area

Due to COVID 19 the play area continues to be taped off.

(e) Allotments (Scout hut)

2 Councillors have been approached by the local Scouts group asking if the Parish Council would have any reservations to them putting a storage shed on the allotment hard standing where the old hut used to be. The Councillors informed them to put this in writing to the Clerk where it could be discussed at the next available meeting. It was RESOLVED we would wait to hear from them officially.

(f) Bus Stops and Bus Route

No issues to report.

(g) Website

No issues to report.

(h) Burial Grounds

The Clerk reported that everything was slowly moving forward with the Asset Transfer, the Clerk will continue to monitor and request an update from Keith Postlethwaite (DDDC) re the works still needed at the site.

(i) Highways Report

Overgrown hedge area opposite the Cavendish Arms –

Highways England have reported the land belongs to Derbyshire County Council. The Clerk has forwarded back to DCC. The Clerk will continue to monitor.

Mill Lane

A local resident has raised concerns that vehicle users are parking at the bottom on Mill Lane again, blocking/obstructing their access to fields and also access to their property. The residents have raised their concerns with Highways (DCC) and the Parish Council are keen to support where they can. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would inform local Police, Highways Department, Planning (DDDC) and our local PCSO to try and get this matter addressed.

Chapel Green

A resident has raised concerns that recently cars have been parking across their driveway, preventing them driving out onto the road without going over a neighbour's driveway. It was RESOLVED that our Chair, in their next Parish News article, will once again request residents be courteous as to where they park.

(j) Public Footpaths and Rights of Way

Footpath Sign (wooden post) at the bottom of Mill Lane - fault logged with DCC

Shrubbery area opposite Bell Lane – a local resident has requested that the shrubbery opposite Bell Lane not be trimmed back at the moment as the area is looking great stating this is not the right time of year to cut it. The Council's concern is that it took a lot of work to get the area back into an easily manageable state that it needs to remain cut

back. They have also asked if they could prune three or four branches to improve the trees' appearance. It was RESOLVED we would allow for the branches to be cut as requested and the area as a whole would be looked into and discussed at the next meeting.

Hawthorne Close, footpath to Bowls Green

The Clerk informed the Council that she had been advised that work was about to be undertaken at a house in Hawthorn Close which would require access being made via the pathway to the bowls club and allotments. There will still be pedestrian access and the vehicular access, restriction will be kept to a minimum, time wise. Work is due to commence w/c 25th May and should take approx. 3 weeks from start to finish worse case. The Clerk has informed the Bowls and Allotment groups.

i. Footpath Works

Cllr. Bointon left the meeting for this item on the agenda and returned after discussions had finish.

It was RESOLVED to add the works required annually to the Derby Road hedge which surrounds the playing field to be added to the contractors workload ensuring that the lower part of the hedge remains cut back from the pavement in between the annual cuts the hedge-cutter undertakes. All Councillors agreed. Proposed – Cllr. Mason Seconded – Cllr. Bown.

(k) Project Preschool

No update at present.

(l) Village Hall

Cllr. Mason reported that Playgroup would soon be returning to the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee have been successful in securing a £10,000 grant from DDDC (Covid 19 Discretionary Grant Fund).

(m) Neighbourhood Watch Updates

It was reported that the Community Support group for the village in respect of Co-vic 19 was going well with no issues at present.

i. Public Space Order

The Clerk has received an email from Ros Hession (Neighbourhoods Liaison Officer, Community & Environmental Services, DDDC) in respect to Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). She advised our current order expires in October 2021. They will be looking to consult on the next PSPOs, which will be effective from 1st November 2021, later this year and that will include contacting Town & Parish Councils.

She noted that any land that is open to the public around the areas where we are experiencing issues, automatically falls under the dog fouling PSPO as with any

public land. They can issue stickers, to remind dog owners that it is an offence to not clean up after their dog(s). Ordinarily, they would look to carry out enforcement patrols in hotspot areas, but we appreciate that this is not possible at present. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would continue to monitor the situation and if necessary, contact Ros Hession should the need arise.

09.06.20 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circulars

June 2020 Newsletter
Circular 6/2020

Noted.

10.06.20 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

J.B Mowing, playing field, footpaths, and kissing gate labour work	=	£377.00
Rachel Male, clerk's salary	=	£462.80

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

The Clerk's payslip and bank statements will be signed when social distancing allows.

(b) Income

07.05.20 J.B.Mowing, refund for overpayment	=	£100.00
29.05.20 Interest	=	£1.70

(c) Budget Appraisal 2020/2021

The budget appraisal as of 02.06.2020 was emailed prior to the meeting to all Councillors. This will be signed when social distancing allows.

(d) Audit

It was RESOLVED that the signoff of the Annual Accounts will be completed at the next meeting.

11.06.20 Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Asset Register and other Policies

No changes required.

12.06.20 To consider Planning Applications / Decisions

Applications:

None reported.

Decisions:

20/00270/FUL. 2 Slade Orchard Pickleys Lane, erection of 3 pen cattery building. **Granted 22/5/20.**

20/00226/FUL 10 Marston Lane, retention of exterior cover over kennels – **permitted with conditions 29/04/20**

(a) David Wilson Site

No issues to report.

(b) Bellway Site

It has been reported to the Clerk that some local people have been cutting through the new hedge on Bakers Lane (opposite Cavendish Close), using it as a short cut through to the Dove Manor estate. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact the site manager asking for a temporary fence to be erected until the hedge has matured. All Councillors agreed. Proposed – Cllr. Bointon Seconded – Cllr. Bown.

13.06.20 Correspondence

Countryside Voice Magazine

14.06.20 Date of next Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7th July 2020 virtually.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 21:06.