

SHARDLOW & GREAT WILNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7.30pm on WEDNESDAY 26th July 2017 at Shardlow Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Shearing (Chair), Mitchell, Hawksworth and Clifton.

In Attendance: CCllr Neil Atkin, DCllr Peter Watson and J Irons (clerk).

Part 1 - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

53/17: District & County Councillors' reports.

District Councillor Peter Watson

1. All relevant agencies attended the flood Liaison meeting on 22nd June. In theory Phase 2 of the OCOR scheme will not progress until flood defences are strengthened in the area; however DCllr Watson is unhappy that this has not been set out in the legal document. Both he and an Elvaston resident will ensure this is rectified in due course.
2. Nothing further the report at the Lady in Grey, the recently intended enforcement notice was not served on the owner. DCllr Watson will pursue.
3. Following a complaint from our lengthsman over the plethora of Charles Church signs throughout the village DCllr Watson has contacted the company who assured they will be removed.
4. The consultation over the Local Plan Part 2 has finished and a conclusion should be reached in around one month. Its adoption should be end-September.
5. A resident recently raised his disagreement with the trimming of laurel trees and vehicular access in the jitty between London Road and Ambaston Lane. DCllr Watson will enquire about the rights of way etc on this track at SDDC.

Cllr Hawsworth is disappointed that when verges are cut the kerbs are missed. DCllr Watson replied saying this is a major issue district-wide which frustrates him and will meet the maintenance department soon to discuss. Members thought the hedge on London Road between the Clock Warehouse and the church was overgrown; clerk to ask Mr Chamberlain to cut.

County Councillor Neil Atkin

Signage replacement

I have written to highways to investigate the replacement for signage on the A6 and as yet awaiting a full response.

Trent Valley Walkway

The Clerk has contacted Gill Millward to ask for a site meeting to establish ownership rights raised from the previous Parish meeting. Clerk added that he reminded Gill and awaits a reply.

Removal of Parking Charges

For clarification purposes the removal of parking charges relate to Matlock Bath only to encourage Tourism. As for all other locations around the County where parking charges currently apply are under review.

- For clarification after a question was raised at a recent Parish Council meeting, Elvaston Castle Parking meters is run by the Estate and managed by the Trustees of Elvaston Castle Trust & Gardens.

DCC Senior Management Review & Staff evaluations

On the 26th July (Today) an extraordinary Council meeting had been called to discuss as reported in the press a Senior Management review.

The proposals are to save £300,000 per year on management costs with a move to do without a Chief Executive and to abolish 2 top tier posts in addition to the CEO. This will reduce the top team from 5 to 4 senior directors.

In effect there is a plan to create a new post of "Strategic Director of Commissioning Communities and Policy". He added that press release outlining these changes will follow in the next few days.

Review of Council Employees

An annual report was recently sent to Council for approval containing a consultation document circulated to the Unions on likely posts to be lost. The total being 588 people would be affected through changes on bringing services more in line with requirements to deliver new bold services.

There is nothing to be alarmed about as this is standard procedure to let all the Council departments know a review is being undertaken at the present time.

Elvaston Castle Background

A quote on the costs of refurbishment work on the Gothic Hall in the main building has now been established at around £200,000 to fully restore this in preparation as a future wedding ceremony venue and private functions followed by work to be done in the two side rooms adjacent to the main room.

It was established some years ago the costs of restoration to the main house to bring it back into full use would be circa £8 million, however, it must be pointed out to bring the entire estate and ground back into full use would be approx. £40.

The trustees are looking into long term access solutions to resolve the internal roads to the castle and car parking areas. One option is to look at creating a new access for two way traffic and a parking area much closer than the one on Borrowwash Road as it is too far to walk to the main buildings, especially for the elderly and the lack of provision in the small parking area adjacent to the Castle buildings from the current access in Elvaston village.

With reference to the unreliable parking meters at the Borrowwash Road site which is currently out of order and are out of action most of the time. It was suggested on my site visit and tour of the estate to put this on the agenda with a view to install a ticket barrier and pay on the way out / pay & display. This would help some dog walkers who only stay for short periods.

In the matter of redundant and now derelict farm buildings on the boundary of the estate there are proposals to create two dwellings with a view to sell to raise funds. My view is that this would go against public opinion wishing the estate to remain in public ownership. My suggestion is to propose a new chalet or holiday apartment lets to bring in an income during the long term and at the same time encourage Tourism.

The outbuildings surrounding the Courtyard are under review with an option to create space for some commercial retail shop units and small craft workshops to bring in an estimated income of approx. £500,000 a year.

Restoration work is about to start on the unstable high wall surrounding the grounds of the walled garden. It is also subject to being used as a wedding venue supported by outside contractors providing marquees and catering. There are currently at least 20 weddings booked this financial year should they become reality.

The former caravan park with access from Borrowwash Road entrance is to be reopened after improvement works are completed to the site and new private convenience facilities are installed to aid its success.

Cllr Mitchell is dismayed at the poor state of the toilets and kitchen in the Gothic Hall. CCllr Atkin said these should be addressed as part of the overall refurbishment. Both district and county councillor left at 7.55pm.

54/17: REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. None.

55/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: DCllr Hilary Coyle.

56/17: Co-option of resident(s) to the council if any. None were forthcoming. Clerk to write to ex-councillor Jon Barkway thanking him for his contribution during his tenure.

57/17: POLICE REPORT.

The clerk reported that 8 minor incidents had been logged on the police website for April. Details are available on the Police website at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>

Cllr Hawksworth reported that a lady in Great Wilne was the victim of a distraction burglary last Thursday, which was reported to the police.

58/17: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

59/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th June were **agreed** by members after which they were signed by the chairman.

60/17: ACTIONS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

61/17: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. None.

62/17: CLERK'S REPORT.

1. As mentioned above clerk reported the Charles Church signs to DCllr Watson who has since contacted the company.
2. The Environment Agency and Derbyshire County Council would like to invite you to the next Flood Warden Workshop being held on Thursday 12th October. Cllr Clifton will attend.

63/17: PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

9/2017/0663 - PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF A LARGER HOUSEHOLD EXTENSION WITH EAVES OF 2.5 METRES, A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 4.0 METRES AND EXTENDING 4.80 METRES FROM THE REAR WALL AT 39 B LONDON ROAD.

Resolved: no objection.

9/2017/0673 - PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, WITH EAVES OF 2.65 METRES AND MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 4.0 METRES EXTENDING 5.90 METRES FROM THE REAR WALL AT 2 WEST END DRIVE. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/0672 - LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE FOR A PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS AT 12 Cowlshaw Close. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/0741 - THE FELLING AND PRUNING OF TREES AT 94 SHARDLOW HOUSE LONDON ROAD. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/0749 - THE CROWN RAISING AND THINNING OF A SILVER BIRCH TREE COVERED BY SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 448 AT 9 THE WHARF. **Resolved:** no objection.

64/17: MATTERS FOR DECISION or DISCUSSION.

1. To elect a chairman. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.
2. Adoption of updated policies. It was agreed in the previous meeting to adopt all of the recently created and bespoke policies apart from Complaints, Grievance and Disciplinary procedures where NALC's recommended council policies will be used. However, clerk did not receive these latter copies from the chairman. **Resolved:** chairman to forward them to the clerk after which he can upload all to the website.
3. Members' inspection of the play area regarding a membrane (if held). Not held and it was agreed not to pursue this issue. Anyone noticing fragments should collect and dispose of them.
4. To agree a date for defibrillator training. **Resolved:** clerk to confirm 30th September with the provider and to inform Safepharm and the Shardlow Business Centre of the event to encourage more participants.
5. Outcome of site visit regarding tree planting on the Greenway (if held). Not held because no reply was forthcoming from DCC despite the clerk reminding them.
6. To consider a new location for the information board in the car park and the contractor's quote for repair. **Resolved:** contractor quote agreed and board to be placed in the same spot as before. Clerk to arrange for bollards to be placed at the spot to protect the board from further damage; and to consider the merits of making an insurance claim regarding the cost of repair.
7. To complete a new bank mandate. **Resolved:** not completed and held over to the next meeting.
8. Outcome of the allotment inspection. **Resolved:** Cllr Mitchell surveyed both sites and several issues of concern arose. She proposed another inspection with the clerk on Monday. The chairman thanked her for her report. Cllr Mitchell noted that a yellow Fiat Punto has sat in the car park for several weeks and thought it may have been abandoned; clerk to tell SDDC.
9. Laurel hedge and vehicular access in the track between Ambaston Lane and London Road was discussed earlier; DCllr Watson to make enquiries.
10. Newsletter items. The chairman will create and include flood warden recruitment and flood leaflets, village show, first-aid course and Heritage Open Days at both the Heritage Centre and the Church.
11. Update on the Lady in Grey. No progress as mentioned earlier.
12. Autumn planting of bulbs and if agreed amount to be spent. **Resolved:** £100 spend permitted.
13. Members decided to hold an ordinary meeting on 30th August.

65/17: FINANCE

a) The following accounts were approved for payment;-

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Cheque no.</i>
J Irons	Clerk's salary July	£ 698.30	100963
P Postans	Lengthsman's wage July	£ 116.60	100964
DCC	Clerk's pension July	£ 170.95	100965
HMRC	Nil return for employees' NI & tax	-	-
Horizon Landscapes	Grass cutting (x3) in May	£ 216.00	100966
Horizon Landscapes	Grass cutting (x3) in June	£ 144.00	100966
Robert Lewis Signs	Repair to information board (agreed earlier)	£ 372.00	100967

- b) Income: allotment rents £ 56.00
2nd tranche of precept received on 5th July £ 6935.00
- c) Bank balance as at 30th June 2017 £ 29111.15

66/17: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Cllr Hawksworth noted that the school's stats results were higher than expected. An acting head teacher is in post until a full-time one is appointed. A recent fire at Acre Lane originated in a caravan, the fire brigade attended the scene. Many Central Aggregates lorries have been travelling on Acre Lane and Aston Lane this week.

67/17: AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

- To elect a chairman;
- to complete a new bank mandate;
- co-option of new members (if any);
- Update on the Lady in Grey (if any);
- Candidates for the first-aid/ defibrillator training;
- Update on bollards for placing around the information board in the car-park;
- Outcome of the allotment inspection (if held);
- Outcome of the Greenway inspection (if held);
- Return of Cllr Clifton's completed ROI;
- Letters of resignation and from complainants.

68/17: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

The Clerk circulated 3 items received since the last meeting.

69/17: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS: Parish Council: 30th August, 27th Sept, 25th Oct, 22nd Nov.

Part 2 - EXEMPT ITEMS

70/17: To move the following resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960): *'that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'*.

71/17: Letters of resignation and clerk's salary from the April meeting. **Resolved:** members agreed to invite 2 recently resigned councillors to an informal meeting; one such meeting has already been held with the clerk.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Chairman's signature _____

Date _____