

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES of an Extraordinary meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council held Remotely on Tuesday 25th August 2020 at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Nick Grayshon, Cllr Jennifer Nettleship, Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Michael Wilderspin, Julie Baranek (Clerk)

It was **RESOLVED** to close the meeting to the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to allow Councillors to discuss confidential items.

01.08.20 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dave Mowle and Cllr Louise Moran.

02.08.20 **Re-opening of the High Street Safely Funding (RHSSF)**

It was reported that DCC had confirmed that they would only put barriers on the top end of North Parade despite residents and the Parish Council asking for the whole of the Parades be barriered off. It was noted this was costed at approximately £8,010. It was felt that this would not be beneficial and that the funding could be spent more appropriately on other initiatives for elsewhere in the village.

Cllr Peter Baranek outlined a number of ideas with regard to spending the RHSSF. These included pavement signs which could be used along the footpath and in Derwent Gardens and lamppost wraps along the Parades. All information would relate to social distancing etc. DCC has already given permission for signage on the riverside pavement railings about parking and no waiting. Posters could be attached to the litter bins about hygiene and littering. Green footprints could be put on the pavement leading to the bins as well as a green footprint on the pedal of the big belly bins so that people use this rather than touch the handle.

Cllr Helen Keay suggested signage encouraging people to wear face masks. Where there are no lampposts, the information could be transferred onto a flat sign for the railings.

In view of the fact that the railings belong to DCC, it was agreed that photographs of the railings should be taken before anything is attached to them.

It was suggested that arrows are put on the Banana Bridge so traffic onto Lovers Walk and from Lovers Walk can be kept to separate sides of the bridge.

As Jubilee Bridge is too narrow to divide into 2 lines, it was suggested that signage asking pedestrians to give way to oncoming pedestrians could be erected.

It has already been agreed with DCC to have a one way up and one way down system on Fishpond Hill.

03.08.20 **Clerk's Update**

Community Speed Watch – The Clerk confirmed that 6 of the recruits for the CSW had received training. Once all suggested sites have been risk assessed, an on site training

session will be arranged. The remainder of the recruits (5) will receive their on line training on 3rd September.

Parking Enforcement – The Clerk reported that DCC had increased the number of enforcement hours during the week until the end of September. A meeting with DCC Officers, Cllr Irene Ratcliffe, Cllr Joyce Pawley and the Parish Council has been arranged for Monday 14th September to discuss the suggestions made on how enforcement could be more effective.

Cafe/Street Licencing – The Clerk reported that DDDC was now responsible for the pavement licencing. However, it was not clear who would enforce this legislation if businesses did not apply for a licence. This is being followed up.

Toads, Tails and Ales – The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received by Cllr Irene Ratcliffe from a resident regarding the lack of social distancing inside and outside the premises. This has been passed to Environmental Health.

External Audit/Annual Return – The Clerk confirmed the External Audit had been completed with no problems. All paperwork will be put on the website and the notice of conclusion of the external audit placed on the noticeboard.

Weed Spraying – The Clerk reported that based on the responses received from Councillors she had notified DDDC that Matlock Bath did not want any change in the regime for keeping the weeds down. No response had been received from the Advisory Group.

Bike Cleaning Event – The Clerk reported that this event had been rejected by DDDC based on the reasons the Parish Council and other consultees had given.

Travellers – The Clerk reported that the travellers (not the family) had been given an eviction notice to leave Temple Road Car Park by 28th August. The Clerk reminded Councillors that on 2nd September DDDC would be discussing a permanent site for the travellers. None of the 4 sites mentioned are in Matlock Bath.

However, at the same meeting Councillors will be discussing and agreeing a temporary site. Artists Corner Car Park has been named as a possible site. Any comments, concerns should be sent to DDDC by midday on the 1st September. These will then be put to Councillors. It was agreed that on behalf of residents, a letter should be sent to DDDC expressing concern that Artists Corner was on the list as a possible temporary site.

04.08.20

Date of Next Meeting

Councillors were reminded that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm