

# Matlock Bath Parish Council

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## **MINUTES for Matlock Bath Parish Council For Agenda dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (This meeting was not held in Session)**

### 01.03.20 **Declaration of Members' Interest**

Cllrs N Grayshon and Michael Wilderspin declared an interest (not pecuniary for item 04.03.20 (f) Planning – Application 20/00128/FUL.

### 02.03.20 **Acceptance & signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 be approved and will be signed by the Chairman as soon as possible.

### 03.03.20 **Clerk's report on ongoing matters** (not covered on the agenda)

- **Potholes on Upperwood Road** - Following a complaint from another resident, this issue has been reported to DCC Highways.
- **Overhanging Trees on Clifton Road** - Concern has been expressed over a potentially dangerous tree overhanging a property on Clifton Road from Gullivers Kingdom. The Clerk reported that she has contacted Gullivers to ask if they will arrange for it to be assessed and removed as necessary. Gullivers have confirmed that attention will be given to this tree during their annual tree inspection. Should it require cutting or poses a risk, they will submit a works to trees application to DDDC.
- **20s plenty campaign** – This is a campaign to reduce the speed limit in Matlock Bath. This item will be referred to a future meeting.

### 04.03.20 **Committees**

#### (a) **Activities Committee**

- **Seniors Lunch** – This year's Seniors Lunch is provisionally booked for 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Fishpond. This will be advertised in the forthcoming Newsletters. It was agreed to make a decision regarding the £5 contribution we normally ask for once numbers are known.

#### (b) **Communications Committee**

- **Newsletter** – The Spring edition of the Newsletter has been printed and delivered.

(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

- **Florals** – It was noted that the contract for providing the florals in the village was up for renewal this year. The Clerk confirmed that she was awaiting a quotation from our current suppliers. It was noted that someone had expressed an interest in providing and maintaining the florals and that he will submit a quotation shortly.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

- **Sports Area** – It was reported that a grant of £3,490 has been awarded from Better Derbyshire Dales Fund to the Parish Council to go towards the renovation of the sports area.

It was reported that 3 quotations have now been received. The Clerk was asked to contact one of the suppliers to confirm that the goals and basketball hoop was included in the quotation. As soon as this information is received, a decision will be made to which supplier will be appointed to do the work.

It was reported that nothing had been received from DDDC regarding the new lease despite two reminders.

- **Bus Shelter** – It was reported that the glass from one of the panels at the bus shelter by the cable cars had been damaged and as a result a replacement panel has been ordered and fitted.

(e) **Finance & General Purposes Committee**

- **Payments**

To **RESOLVE** the following payments:

Chubbs	£72.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
A Tatam	£10.00
Twigg	£4.13
Wish Computers Ltd	£40.00
Cartoon Studio	£60.00
Fitzpatrick Woolmer	£42.00
DALC	£30.00
Matlock Glass	£242.76
J Ashby Tree Services Ltd	£384.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£100.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£60.00
ICO (Data Protection)	£35.00
Clerk, Expenses, February 2020	£174.92
Peak District Mining Museum	£50.00
Spotless (4 payments)	£160.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£80.00
HMRC	£69.36
Clerk, Expenses, March 2020	£60.30
John Legg (footpaths)	£315.00

Platts Harris (service of equipment)	£78.07
Platts Harris (service of equipment)	£163.80
Clerk, Salary, March 2020	£906.22
NEST	£118.54
Matlock Print	£175.00
DALC	£335.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3806.96</b>

- **Internal Audit**

It was **RESOLVED** to approach Brian Wood to act as Internal Auditor for 2019/2020. The Clerk confirmed that once the paperwork has been completed, it will be passed to Mr Wood.

The Clerk reported that an update on legislation would be published shortly on whether the dates for the external audit will be extended in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

- **Clerk's Appraisal**

It was confirmed that the Clerk's appraisal had been undertaken. It will be signed off at the next possible meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the Clerk's salary by one increment from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

- **DALC Membership** – It was **RESOLVED** to renew the DALC membership.

(f) **Planning Committee**

- **Parking Proposals** – It was reported that a meeting with DCC regarding the possible parking solutions on Temple Road and Holme Road was held at the end of January. DCC has agreed to look at the proposals suggested and send to the Parish Council drawings for comment. Nothing has been received to date.

- **Planning Applications** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Planning Committee's recommendation of No Objection for the following applications:

T/20/00024/TPO – Works to Trees – Green Bank, Holme Road

T/20/00040/TCA – Tree Works – Crow Pie Cottage

20/00233/LBALT – Installation of handrail – Holy Trinity Church

T/20/00022/TCA – Works to Trees – 50 North Parade

Matlock Bath Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

- Loading and unloading would be extremely dangerous and could cause a blockage given the proximity to the corner.
- It is unclear how contractors and visitors will access the site. Access is only via the front of the building from the A6.
- There is no provision for waste bins.
- There is no reference to how the asbestos will be dealt with.
- There is no reference to how the Japanese Knotweed will be dealt with.
- There is no reference to where the parking for the new apartments will be. Parking is already a major issue in the village. Councillors are concerned that visitors will try to utilise the side roads (access only roads).
- There is concern that this could become another 'party house'.
- The drawings of the drains are incorrect.

It was noted that Application 20/00179/PD3C, 2 North Parade – Notification of Prior Approval for use of premises as pizza restaurant is for information only and not for consultation. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to DDDC expressing concern over this notification.

- **Planning Decisions**

The following decisions were noted:

T/20/00022/TCA – Tree Works – 50 North Parade – Granted

T/20/00033/TCA – Tree Works – Jessamine Cottage, Upperwood Road – Granted

T/20/00024/TPO – Tree Works – 1 Green Bank, Holme Road - Granted

- **Enquiry Regarding 178-180 South Parade Regarding Possible Breach**

It was noted that DDDC Planning has confirmed that there has not been a breach of planning for the above property. Concern had been expressed as the grey tiled supports around the doorway had been painted. It is therefore considered that the application of paint is to 1960s tiling and its colour is only a shade or so darker than the previous tile colour. It therefore does not adversely affect the significance of the listed building or that of the Conservation Area.

- **Possible Breach of Sale of Alcohol** – DDDC is currently investigating a possible breach of the sale of alcohol at Rose Cottage. It is alleged that alcohol is being sold as a take away.

(g) **Climate Advisory Group**

Nothing further to report.

The notes of the Climate Advisory Group were **RESOLVED**.

It was reported that Paddle Peak had approached the Parish Council to become a 'Friend of Paddle Peak'. The Clerk was asked to contact Paddle Peak to confirm this.

## 05.03.20 **Unacceptable Behaviour/Correspondence**

Councillors discussed e-mails received over a number of months from a resident. It was agreed that the contents of the e-mails were unacceptable and therefore agreed should be dealt with through the Unacceptable Behaviour policy adopted last year. It was confirmed that the e-mails are deemed an offence under Section 5 of the Public Order Act in that the resident writes and publishes a document intending to harass, alarm or distress.

The Clerk was asked to write to the resident referring him to the policy and that should any further correspondence be received along the same lines, he will be blocked from contacting the Parish Council.

## 06.03.20 **Event Enquiries**

**Pirate Mutiny** - Councillors confirmed that they had no comments or objections to this event should it go ahead.

**Canoe Slalom** – This has now been cancelled as the course was damaged during the floods.

## 07.03.20 **LEADER Grant**

**Lecterns and Fingerposts** – The lecterns have been received by Derwent Treescapes but unfortunately the fingerposts are still at the manufacturers. Both will be installed as soon as possible.

## 08.03.20 **Closer Working Meetings**

Nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## 09.03.20 **Local Town and Parish Meeting**

This was arranged by Wirksworth Town Council following the meeting held at DDDC regarding peer review. It was thought it could be helpful if some Councils could come together and discuss common issues.

## 10.03.20 **Matlock Bath Development Association CIC**

Top priority for Directors is to try and improve the toilet facilities. An Expression of Interest for a grant of £170,000 was submitted and endorsed but the deadline for a full application is August 2020. This would provide two purpose built toilet blocks at the two ends of the village. Phase 2 of the project would be to reopen the Artists' Corner block. As the grant was 80% in order to complete the project, the Development Association would have to raise around £80,000 capital and working capital loans of around £60,000. After much discussion, it has been agreed that this is not feasible but vowed to continue this plan as a longer-term project. As soon as we have any plans, we will launch this longer-term project. Further details will be available on our website shortly.

## 11.03.20 **Reports from Outside Body Representatives**

(a) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – Nothing to report.

(b) **Illuminations** – The first meeting of the Working Group was held in February. It was confirmed that the illuminations are scheduled to be held from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September-Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Fireworks will be every Saturday and on the final Sunday. Entry fee is the same as 2019.

A contingency plan will be prepared in case the event is cancelled due to bad weather.

(c) **Pavilion** – Nothing to report.

(d) **Footpaths – Footpath 17** – To note that Footpath 17 has been extended to Temple Road.

#### 12.03.20 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

To note the following:

##### **Circulated to all Councillors:**

The following were circulated to all Councillors:

E-mail from Derbyshire PCC – survey into the effects of the uplift in Police Officers, Staff and Community Speed Watch Programmes

E-mail from Chief Constable to Derbyshire Constabulary re Town & Parish Council's evening

E-mail from DCC re closure of River Derwent Bridge for works

E-mail from DCC re closure of Temple Road for tree cutting

E-mail from Amber Valley Borough Local Plan

E-mail from Derbyshire PCC re survey

E-mail from Cllr Irene Ratcliffe re blocked drains on Clifton Road

E-mail updates (various) concerning Covid-19 from DDDC

E-mail from CAB re Covid-19

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E-mail from resident regarding car meets/racing in Station Car Park

The following were noted:

E-mail from Keep Britain Tidy re dog fouling

E-mail from Friends of Cromford Canal re newsletter

E-mail from DCC re recycling household electricals

E-mail from DDDC re Great British Spring Clean

E-mail from member of public re visitors in village during Covid-19 outbreak

E-mail from resident re number of visitors in village during Covid-19 outbreak

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E-mail from DCC re recycling electrical items – poster put on noticeboard

E-mail from Great British Clean – this has been moved to 11<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Communication from resident regarding possible planning breach – DDDC has confirmed no breach

#### 14.03.20 **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is presently unknown. All future meetings of the Parish Council have been cancelled in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

Monthly reports/updates will be produced until face-to-face meetings resume.

**Clerk's Note:** *New legislation has now been received which allows for virtual/remote meetings to be held up until May 2021. There is provision that should the situation change this date can be brought forward. However, there is no requirement this year to hold an Annual Meeting. One of the regulations carries the current appointment of Chairman on until the Annual Meeting in **May 2021**. Councils may, however, elect a Chairman at an earlier meeting should they wish to.*