

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council
held on Wednesday 28th July 2021 at the New Bath Hotel at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Jackie Ligo, Cllr Leisha Martin,
Cllr Louise Moran, Julie Baranek (Clerk)

A **Public Participation**

There was one member of the public attending who did not wish to speak.

B **Report from Police Representatives**

There was no Police representative present.

C **Report from County Council**

Cllr Dermot Murphy sent his apologies.

As Cllr Murphy had not been able to attend, it was agreed that the Parish Council should write to him with their concerns, mainly:

- Drains – which are full of soil due to the wet weather
- Status of drain repair on the A6 near the Sports Area
- Noise monitor
- Volume of traffic
- The temporary fence on Derby Road – the purpose of it
- Tarmacking on pavement on Derby Road
- The wall repair outside the Bowling Green
- Pavement on Clifton Road – it is felt that it is dangerous and is crumbling away.

D **Report from District Council**

Cllr Dermot Murphy sent his apologies.

Cllr Garry Purdy outlined the problems the authority was experiencing with SERCO. There are around 100,000 drivers short nationally due to covid and Brexit. He said that SERCO is not the only company affected by this. He has contacted Sarah Dines MP for Government involvement but stated he was not confident the problems would be resolved. SERCO are currently making a loss and in order to keep the service running, DDDC will be using Government funding money for covid to assist them to encourage more drivers but on a higher rate of pay. As there is no 'plan B', DDDC feels there is no alternative and if the help is not there, SERCO may walk away and no bins in the district will be emptied. Cllr Purdy said that more publicity will be released to explain what is happening. In addition, DDDC was suspending green waste collection in order to free up more drivers to clear the backlog. It was noted that few councils offer food waste and green waste collections.

Cllr Purdy reported that up to £25,000 could be spent on investigations at the proposed traveller site at Tansley to check on contamination levels. If no contamination is found the Council will go ahead and invest in the site. A planning application will be submitted and it is expected to receive objections from the residents of Tansley. Cllr Purdy further reported that he had visited the travellers with Officers to speak with the families who have declared themselves homeless. Although one family would prefer not to go to Tansley, they have said they realise there is no alternative.

Cllr Baranek reported that concern had been raised by local residents that the barrier on Temple Car Park was sometimes left open by DDDC workers. This has been raised through the Closer Working meeting but Cllr Purdy agreed also to follow this up.

Cllr Baranek reported that concern had been expressed over the state of the parks in Matlock Bath. It was felt that more attention was given to parks in Matlock. Cllr Purdy said that the lack of work was due to staff sickness and holidays. He further said that Parish Councils and Town Councils will be asked what they think and work will start in August.

Cllr Helen Keay asked if the toilets could be open later in the evening as currently they close at 5.30 pm. Cllr Purdy said that the authority had to cut services due to money and there was no duty for them to provide toilets.

Cllr Baranek reported that encroaching brambles from DDDC land was on the newly renovated sports area. Although the Clerk had reported this to DDDC, she was told that they would be 'snipped' but they were currently preparing for the illuminations. Cllr Purdy agreed to follow this up.

The Clerk, on behalf of the Parish Council, asked Cllr Purdy to thank the Clean and Green Team for renovating the benches in Memorial Gardens. It was very much appreciated.

Cllr Purdy was thanked for attending the meeting.

01.07.21 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jennifer Nettleship and Cllr Dave Mowle.

02.07.21 **Declaration of Members' Interest**

Councillors were asked to consider the need to declare an interest in any matters on the agenda. The Chairman asked that all interests be notified to the Clerk so they could be added to the book.

03.07.21 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th May 2021 be accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

04.07.21 **Clerk's Report on On-going Matters**

Anti-Social Behaviour – The Clerk reported that a resident had contacted the Parish Council regarding the anti-social behaviour outside of his home. After speaking with the Police and DDDC, the Police had agreed an action plan to help with the problems. This has been printed in the summer edition of the Newsletter. The Clerk agreed to contact the resident to find out whether there were still problems.

Mobile CCTV Camera – The Clerk reported that another CCTV camera has been installed on North/South Parade. It is hoped that this will help identify problems.

Event Enquiry – Pirate Mutiny – Councillors agreed they had no objection to the event enquiry for the Pirate Mutiny.

Damage to Covid Signage – The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by the Police regarding the ‘stickers’ and damage to the covid signs. The offender had been caught damaging the signage on camera and, as a result, the Police had now identified her. A further update will be given on 11th August by the Police.

Road Closures – The Clerk reported that New Bath Road, Clifton Road, Temple Road, Waterloo Road, Holme Road and St Johns Road will all be closed during the illuminations fireworks evenings, namely 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and 31st October. This was noted.

05.07.21

Committees

(a) **Activities** – There was nothing further to report except to say that all of the activities booked are subject to covid restrictions.

(b) **Communications**

Newsletter – It was confirmed that the Summer Newsletter has now been delivered to all residents.

Website – Cllr Jackie Ligo agreed to help with the new website.

(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme Agreement 2021-22 – It was **RESOLVED** to participate in the scheme for 2021-2022.

It was reported that Green Lane (FP2), the top section of West Bank (FP10) and FP9 between Temple Road and Orchard Road were overgrown with leaves and debris. The Clerk agreed to contact DCC to arrange for them to be cleared.

Wildflower Road Verges – The Clerk reported that DDDC had asked whether the Parish Council would be interested in having its verges planted with wildflowers, a scheme that the District Council are running. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the areas where the verges are, namely Artists Corner and Derby Road were not suitable for this trial.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

Sports Area – The Clerk outlined the proposed arrangements for the management of the sports area as discussed at the Facilities Committee meeting on 20th July. It was stressed that although the Committee would have liked the area to be open all the time, they were worried that it could be vandalised or become a place for loitering. In no way, did the Committee want it to be difficult for the area to be used but had to weigh up the options.

Therefore, as agreed at the Facilities Committee meeting, any sports groups or teams wishing to use the area will need to log on to the website and book the date and time they want. A charge of £4 per hour will be made. Residents wishing to use the area exclusively will also need to book the area and a charge of £2 per hour will be made before the code to access the area will be given.

Alternatively, residents can use the area for free but will still need to check the website to see if it is booked out by someone else. They will need to contact the Clerk beforehand to obtain the code. Once residents have the code they can use the area when they like. The code will be changed regularly and will be given to those who have used the area previously. All bookings will take priority so residents should be aware that if they try to use the area when it has been booked out, they will need to vacate the area.

The Clerk confirmed that the code would be given to Councillors so if she was not available alternative contact details would be available.

It was agreed that the management of the area should be reviewed regularly.

The Clerk reported that the contractors had submitted their invoice. As there were a couple of outstanding issues which Cllr Mowle had agreed to follow up, the Clerk confirmed that the invoice would not be paid until the matters have been clarified.

Benches – It was reported that two benches in Memorial Gardens had been renovated by the Clean and Green Team at DDDC at no cost to the Parish Council. The remaining benches in the Gardens could do with being painted. It was agreed that these should be done in the Autumn.

It was reported that the court case for the criminal damage to the benches at Riverside will be heard on 2nd December.

Bus Shelters – It was reported that the graffiti has been cleaned off the bus shelters.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the notes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 20th July 2021.

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

Payments - The following payments were **RESOLVED**:

DALC	£150.00
DALC	£50.00
Laser Tech UK	£318.00
Clerk (Microsoft Subscription)	£79.99
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
Cathy Cresswell	£60.00
Protect Signs	£195.11
HMRC	£81.92
Clerk, Expenses, May 21	£92.44
Clerk, Salary, May 21	£982.75
Came & Company	£870.47
NEST	£116.84
Unipar	£102.00
Spotless	£100.00
T Allen	£1222.48
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
HMRC	£81.92
Clerk, Salary, June 21	£982.75
Brunel Engraving	£43.04
Clerk, Expenses, June 21	£72.85

Clerk (compost)	£16.66
Clerk (compost for station)	£16.66
NEST	£116.84
Service Charge	£18.00
Twigg	£50.08
Matlock Print	£370.00
HMRC	£81.92
Clerk, Salary, July 21	£982.75
NEST	£116.84
Clerk, Expenses, July 21	£84.97
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
TOTAL	£7577.28

(f) **Planning Committee**

Applications - It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Planning Committee's recommendations of No Objection for the following application:

T/21/00070/TCA – Works to Trees – Belmont, Waterloo Road

21/00630/VCOND – Variation of Conditions 2,3 and 4 (20/00128/FUL) – Holy Trinity Parochial Church Hall – Councillors asked for confirmation regarding the status of the asbestos if the roof is to remain.

T/21/00084/TCA – Works to Trees – Crow Pie Cottage

T/21/00101/TCA – Works to Trees – 27 Clifton Road

T/21/00102/TCA – Works to Trees – Brunswood House, Brunswood Road

21/00760/FUL – Proposed Holiday Let – Netherwood Cottage

21/00772/CLEUD Gullivers - The consultation for this application is for information only as the assessment of a CLEUD is solely based on the evidence presented. The Parish Council was disappointed that DDDC had not enforced the development at Gullivers and as a result, were allowed to follow this route in order to get permission.

A full planning application will be submitted separately.

21/00493/FUL – Single Storey Extension – 1 Orchard Road – Although the Committee agreed with some of the works, they did have objections regarding the balcony as it was felt was not in keeping with the property or a Conservation Area.

It was reported that an e-mail from a resident had been received who felt that the Parish Council had not been supportive with this application by objecting to it. It was felt that the Parish Council should have waited for the residents' comments to be submitted before submitting their own. The Committee confirmed that they had to make a recommendation based on the material considerations from their point of view and not that of the residents, who themselves have the opportunity to send in their own comments. It was stressed that if residents had concerns about any planning application, they should contact the Parish Council direct beforehand.

Planning Decisions - To note the following decisions by DDDC:

T/21/00070/TCA – Works to Trees – Belmont, Waterloo Road – Granted

T/21/00101/TCA – Works to Trees – 27 Clifton Road – Granted

T/21/00102/TCA – Works to Trees – Brunswood House, Brunswood Road - Granted

(g) **Climate Advisory Group** – There was nothing to report.

06.07.21 **Matlock Bath Station**

It was reported that adopters had planted up summer bedding at the station.

07.07.21 **Community Speed Watch**

The Clerk confirmed that duties regarding the community speed watch scheme had now resumed. However, 4 volunteers have since withdrawn. However, there was an advert in the summer edition of the newsletter appealing for more volunteers.

As it has been some time since the roadside part of the training had been held, current volunteers have asked for a 'refresher' with the PCSO. We are currently awaiting dates which will be circulated to volunteers as soon as possible.

08.07.21 **Reports from Outside Bodies**

(a) **Pavilion** – It was reported that there would be a grand opening of the Pavilion on Thursday 5th August.

(b) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – It was noted that the timetable had changed.

(c) **Illuminations Working Group** – It was reported that the residents parking permits for the illuminations had been included in the summer newsletter to those properties on access only roads. It was confirmed there will be only 5 fireworks evenings – all in October.

09.07.21 **Closer Working Meetings**

Raft Event 2021 – It was reported that the organisers of the Raft Event are hoping it will go ahead as usual. However, they are struggling with an access point as Cawdor Quarry is built on. This may cancel the event altogether if an alternative cannot be identified.

Pavilion Car Park Payment Machine – Currently the machine in Pavilion Car Park will only accept cash. DDDC is aiming to have the text payment system operational in August when the new parking enforcement contract starts. Enforcement Officers will have access to information on which vehicles have a parking session activated on their hand-held computers. There will be no exemption to the parking charges for motorcyclists as there will no need to display a ticket.

Litter Bins – A request had been made as to whether an under-used big belly bin could be relocated elsewhere where it was needed. The Clean and Green Team have said that any moving around of bins would only cause further problems as they would be moving one from outside another food outlet. Reports show that they are all being used equally. Concern was expressed over the bin in Pavilion Car Park as litter has been left on top of the bin and also in bags by the side of the bin. The Clean and Green Team state that the point of the big belly bins is that they tell staff when they need emptying – when the red light is on. Staff will not empty the bin if it is green in the morning but will collect the rubbish when they arrive on site following a red signal. They state that there should not be any bags left round the bin.

Further information and a response from the Clean and Green Team is awaited concerning whether more bins could be located on some side roads in Matlock Bath, ie Upperwood. In addition, whether the dog bin on Footpath 2 (Green Lane) be removed and a litter bin be put on Temple Road, at the top of the path. This would be dual purpose and much easier to service and use.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Police Issues – It was reported that a new CCTV camera has been installed on the Parades. The Police are hoping to have an operation in Matlock Bath Station car park tackling nuisance vehicles.

The Community and Environment Committee will be meeting on 22nd September to seek steer on Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO). A consultation period will be held in October/early November.

Memorial Gardens – It was reported that a fence will be put up at the back of the Rose Garden in due course. The Clean & Green Team has agreed to cut down one of the large plants. Although some signage is duplicated in the gardens, a review of signage in Memorial Gardens will be had when the new PSPOs are introduced later this year.

Rubbish on Temple Road – It was reported that Environmental Health are currently trying to track the owners of the garage on Temple Road to ask that it is tidied up.

Benches – It was reported that the Clean and Green Team had renovated two of the benches in Memorial Gardens which had been vandalised with no charge to the Parish Council.

10.07.21 **Covid Funding**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Derbyshire County Council to ascertain what £2,123.69 had been spent on in Matlock Bath. Although DCC had provided an outline of the measures introduced, none had been done in Matlock Bath. DCC is currently in the process of gathering the actual information.

11.07.21 **Welcome Back Fund**

It was reported that that a quotation from Derwent Treescapes to install the benches had now been received. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the idea of picnic benches in the Gardens using the Welcome Back Fund. Quotations for the benches and fitting will be circulated to Councillors.

12.07.21 **Summit Meetings with Police Crime Commissioner**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the new Police Crime Commissioner to request that the summit meetings held previously can continue. No response has been received.

13.07.21 **Halloween Treasure Hunt (Matlock Rotary)**

It was reported that the Matlock Rotary are organising a Halloween Treasure Hunt, details of which were printed in the summer newsletter.

14.07.21 **Urgent Matters/Matters for the Next Agenda Raised in Public Participation, District Council, County Council or Police Report**

There were no urgent matters

15.07.21 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

The following were noted:

E-mail from Keep Britain Tidy re Great British Spring Clean
E-mail from PCSO Kirsty Hunt re Street Meets
E-mail from DCC re closure of Dale Road for carriageway resurfacing
E-mail from resident re chain on ground below High Tor
E-mail from organiser re renting out sports area
E-mail from DDDC re Local Plan Review – Call for Sites Consultation (circulated to Councillors)
E-mail x2 from traders re street trader (forwarded to DDDC)
E-mail from visitors x2 re toilets at Memorial Gardens (forwarded to DDDC)
E-mail from resident re private parking by Temple Mine
E-mail from residents re rubbish by garages on Temple Walk (passed to DDDC)
E-mail from member of the public re Pirate Mutiny (passed to DDDC)
E-mail from resident re planning permission for 'play' area on Holme Road
E-mail from DDDC re bin collections
Telephone Call from MoP re Holy Trinity Churchyard (passed to Holy Trinity Church)
E-mail from resident re noise (referred to DDDC)
E-mail from Boundary Commission re recommendations for electoral arrangements for DDDC (circulated to Councillors)
E-mail from member of the public re future of New Bath Hotel
E-mail from DCC re Bus Service Improvement Plan

16.07.21 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 22nd September 2021.

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

17.07.21 **Co-options**

After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Christopher Vivian as a Parish Councillor.

18.07.21 **Paddle Peak**

Councillors discussed this issue and it was agreed to pursue the matter with DDDC.

The meeting closed at 10.40 pm.