

# Matlock Bath Parish Council

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**MINUTES** of an Extraordinary meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council  
held Remotely on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 6.30 pm

**Present:** Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Nick Grayshon, Cllr Jennifer Nettleship, Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Dave Mowle, 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.

## 01.07.20 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Heather Kemp.

## 02.07.20 **Co-option**

After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Louise Moran to the Parish Council.

## 03.07.20 **Clerk's Update**

**Government Funding for Social Distancing Measures** – It was noted that no information had been received to date concerning measures DCC will put in place to assist social distancing.

The funding received by DDDC has been passed to DCC to either spend on the larger measures or smaller measures. The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to DCC outlining the sorts of things the Parish Council would like the funding to be spent on. This included health related issues pertaining to litter in the form of posters, signage etc

**Anti-Social Behaviour** – The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Police concerning the problems in the village last Wednesday. Vehicles were parked on the pavements but without the presence of the enforcers, no action could be taken by the Police apart from engaging with, and requesting, the owners to move. This is ongoing.

**Community Speed Watch** – The Police during its exchange of e-mails suggested that the Parish Council sign up for the Community Speed Watch Scheme. This was advertised in the newsletter and 4 volunteers have signed up so far. The Clerk was asked to provide further information at the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to find out if there was a Noise monitor which could be used.

**Parking & Trading on Pavements** – The Clerk reported that parking on the pavement was becoming a major issue in the village and had spoken to DCC about the hours and time the enforcers were on shift in the village. Concern had been expressed by residents that parking of this nature did not allow for social distancing sometimes forcing people to walk in the road. This is ongoing.

The issue of trading on the pavement was also raising concern because of the lack of ability to social distance on some parts of the pavement.

**Sports Area** – The Clerk reported that an approach had been made by a company to rent the sports area for the 6 week school summer holiday. As the permission previously obtained had run out, it was agreed to submit a further application to cover this one year. Should the application be rejected, the company agreed to vacate the area following 28 days which is allowed under Part 4, Class B of the General Permitted Development Order (2015).

**Illuminations** – It was noted that this year's illuminations have been cancelled for safety reasons.

**Litter** – It was noted that a number of residents were undertaking litterpicking duties in the village. This was welcomed by Councillors.

Posters have been put around the village following DDDC's RESPECT theme asking for visitors to respect social distancing, respect our community, respect our parks and to bin all litter or take it home. Copies of these posters will also be passed to some traders to display.

**Memorial Gardens Toilets** – It was noted that the public toilets are now open between 11.00-3.00 pm. It was felt that they needed to be open until 6.00 pm to prevent further mess in the village which had been experienced during their closure. The Clerk reported that a review of the hours would be made by DDDC after 3 weeks.

**Emergency Meeting** – It was noted that nothing had been received concerning the emergency meeting which was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June between various agencies.

**Cafe/Street Licencing** – It was noted that the café/street licence process would move from DCC to DDDC once legislation had gone through Parliament. It is part of the Government's plans to open up high streets. The matter will be discussed at the DDDC Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Concern was expressed over furniture being on the Parades thus preventing social distancing.

**Winter Lighting** – It was noted that some of the winter lighting was not working. Millenniumquest, the suppliers have agreed to return to the village to sort out the outstanding issues. However, some work may need payment. Councillors agreed that any work being carried out should not be at the expense of the Parish Council. It was also noted that the installers will attend during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**Website** – It was noted that the website has to be accessible by 23<sup>rd</sup> September. An Accessibility Statement will need to be produced and put on the website outlining what parts of the website are not accessible and when other parts will be. It was further noted that as the website is quite old, it may be preferable to build a new one incorporating accessibility into it. The Clerk will look at budgets and report to the next meeting for resolving.

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### **Date of Next Meeting**

Councillors were reminded that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm