

# Matlock Bath Parish Council

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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.00 pm at The New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath

**Present:** Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Trevor Bowmer, Cllr Nick Grayshon, Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Michael Wilderspin, Julie Baranek (Clerk)

## A **Public Participation**

There were 7 members of the public in attendance; all of whom wished to speak on a matter.

Two residents raised concern over the proposal on Temple Road to put yellow lines by the Temple Hotel. Resident parking on this road is already at a premium and to lose more parking spaces would create major problems as residents would have nowhere else to park.

It was confirmed that the proposal put forward by Derbyshire County Council was at the moment, just that and that residents should send in their concerns to the Clerk so all information relating to parking could be collated and then discussed.

It was suggested that the matter be passed to the Planning Committee.

One resident raised concern that the new defibrillator and renovation of the telephone kiosk on North Parade had been objected to by the Parish Council.

It was confirmed that the Parish Council had been approached about the renovations but had not objected to this work. Concern had been expressed at DDDC that necessary permissions had not been sought.

Two residents attended to give the names of the representatives on the Matlock Bath Parish Council Climate Emergency Advisory Group. Cllrs Dave Mowle and Helen Keay will represent the Parish Council on this Committee.

Two residents raised concerns over the closure of Artists Corner Toilets and the fact they felt that this area of the village looked neglected.

## B **Report from Police Representatives**

There was no Police representative present.

## C **Report from County Council**

Councillors reported that the potholes on Upperwood Road need to be filled as they were becoming dangerous.

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## **Report from District Council**

Cllr Purdy reported that as the new Leader he had charged Council to take a lead on Climate Change and set up a working group.

He further reported that he had been speaking to experts about tourism as the economy relies heavily on it and possibly changing flat bed car parks into multi storey.

Regarding the travellers, Officers will be meeting soon to resolve the permanent site issue.

In his role as the new Leader, Cllr Purdy will be meeting with the Heads of Services to see what the 'state' of the authority is.

DDDC will look at the grass cutting contracts to see what Town and Parish Council would like.

Councillors referred Cllr Purdy to the member of the public who had raised concern over the closure of the toilets at Artists Corner and the need for them to re-open. Cllr Purdy explained that the Canoe Club were going to take over the toilets but pulled out. Cllr Purdy will be meeting with Paddle Peak with a view to possibly re-opening the toilets. He will also look into other possibilities working with other groups/Parish Council etc.

Cllrs Irene Ratcliffe and Garry Purdy were thanked for attending the meeting.

## Council Meeting

### 01.07.19 **Apologies**

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

### 02.07.19 **Declaration of Members' Interest**

Councillors were asked to consider the need to declare an interest in any matters on the agenda and the register was made available for them to do so.

### 03.07.19 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 be approved and were signed by the Chairman.

### 04.07.19 **Clerk's Report on On-going Matters**

**Event Enquiry – Matlock Bath Pirate Mutiny** – Councillors had no objection to this event enquiry which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**Parking Restrictions** – Following the request from Derbyshire County Council to liaise with the residents concerning parking restrictions which could be removed to provide more resident parking, so far 3 written responses had been received. These, in fact, relate only to the proposal on Temple Road.

### 05.07.19 **Committees**

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

It was reported that the Committee would be meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July to go through final details for forthcoming events.

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

**Website** – It was reported that the Committee would discuss changes to the website at their next meeting.

#### (c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

**Fingerpost at Bottom of Waterloo Road** – It was reported that DDDC had agreed to renovate and reinstate this fingerpost providing the Parish Council took over responsibility for its maintenance. This was agreed by all Councillors.

*Clerk's Note: The fingerpost has now been reinstated.*

**Planters** – It was reported that the 4 three tier planters were now in situ. This is the last year of the 3 year contract so the Clerk will look at quotations from different companies next year.

It was reported that a resident had telephoned to express concern over the timing of the watering of the planters. The Clerk agreed to contact the company concerned.

**Woodland Trust Trees** – It was reported that the Parish Council had secured a further 200 trees for the hedge on the Nature Reserve. These will replace the ones which did not take.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

**Sports Area** – It was reported that one quotation had been received. Two more companies have been out and one further company will quote in September. Once all quotations have been received, these will be brought to full Council.

**Fair Tokens** – It was reported that the company currently on the sports area had donated a number of ‘free’ tokens for children of the village. This has been advertised in the newsletter. Cllr Helen Key agreed to distribute them.

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

Payments - The following payments were **RESOLVED**

New Bath Hotel	£45.00
Clerk, Expenses, May 2019	£55.20
C Cresswell	£51.10
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
Plantscape	£972.00
Ashover Print	£340.00
Clerk (printer maintenance)	£30.00
HMRC	£69.36
Clerk, Salary, June 2019	£906.22
NEST	£118.54
Clerk, Expenses, June 2019	£53.55
Millennium Quest	£9,603.60
Millennium Quest	£648.00
HMRC	£69.36
Clerk, Salary, July 2019	£906.22
NEST	£118.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£14,026.69</b>

(f) **Planning Committee**

**Applications**

The following recommendations were noted:

T/19/00086/TPO – Works to Trees – Riverside Fish Bar – No Objection  
19/00591/FUL – Decking in Rear Garden – Ranmoor – No Objection

T/19/00027/TCA – Works to Trees – Ashdale – No Objection

The Committee has no objection to application T/19/00108 subject to two conditions. The Committee feel that the works to these trees should be minimised to those necessary to facilitate adequate access clearance over the pavement and driveway and clearance from the building to avoid damage.

19/00597/LBALT – Erection of Extension – 98 North Parade – Objection  
19/00684/FUL – Single Storey Extension – 98 North Parade - Objection

The Committee objected to applications 19/00597/LBALB and 19/00684/FUL for the following reasons:

- As this is a listed building the traditional feature such as the sash window should not be removed and replaced with aluminium.
- The group of houses where this property is shares common features and to remove them would make the property not in keeping with the surrounding area.
- The proposed patio doors are not appropriate for a listed building and are out of keeping.

### **Decision Notices**

The following decisions were noted:

T/19/00027/TCA – Works to Trees – Derwent House – Granted

### **Enforcement Cases**

The following enforcement case was noted:

ENF/19/00087 – 16 North Parade – Installation of New Fascia Signage

### 06.07.19 **Climate Advisory Group**

It was **RESOLVED** that the following members be appointed to the Climate Advisory Group:

Kate Gard Cooke  
Sally Dixey  
Paul Richardson  
Cllr Helen Keay  
Cllr Dave Mowle

### 07.07.19 **LEADER Grant**

**Winter Lighting** - It was reported that all of the winter lighting has now been installed and the faults rectified. DDDC has promised the Parish Council a key for the relevant boxes so that a check can be carried out to ensure they are working before the remaining invoice is paid.

Once the invoice has been paid, the Clerk reported she would apply for reimbursement of the grant funding from LEADER.

**Lecterns and Fingerposts** – It was reported that permissions were still out for consultation by DCC. As soon as the outcome is known, the lecterns and fingerposts will be ordered from the suppliers.

### 08.07.19 **Closer Working Meetings**

There was nothing further to report. The next Closer Working Meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September. All issues raised will be reported at that meeting.

09.07.19 **Matlock Bath Development Association CIC**

It was reported that the Green Man Trail has now opened.

10.07.19 **Matlock Bath Public Conveniences**

It was reported that this project which was to be led by the Pavilion Group in partnership with Matlock Bath Development Association, Matlock Bath Parish Council, Accessible Derbyshire and the Mining Museum will now not go ahead.

11.07.19 **Reports from Outside Body Representatives**

- (a) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – It was reported that at the last meeting of the Partnership, Abellio had outlined their plans. They are planning to re-open Matlock as a manned station and offer a half hourly service to Derby. This would require a passing loop at Whatstandwell but it was reported that money is available for special projects. Station adoption will be available on all stations.
- (b) **Illuminations** – There was nothing further to report.
- (c) **Pavilion** – There was nothing to report.
- (d) **Footpaths** – It was reported that footpaths 3 and 7 (The Wapping and Clifton Steps) up to Upperwood has been strimmed.

It was reported that the problems with overhanging branches on Fishpond Hill will be addressed by DDDC in due course.

It was reported that there was overhanging branches from a property on North Parade. The Clerk agreed to report to DCC Highways.

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

Following the issue of parking restrictions on Temple Road, it was agreed to pass the matter to the Planning Committee. It was agreed that an on site meeting should be held with interested parties to look at the proposal from DCC.

13.07.19 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

The following circulated to all Councillors were noted:

E-mail from DCC re Climate Manifesto  
E-mail from DCC re road closure for Brunswood Road  
E-mail from DALC – Appointment of Executive Committee  
E-mail from DCC re road closure, Cromford  
E-mail from DDDC re Events Strategy  
E-mail from EMT re Station Adoption Newsletter  
E-mail from Cromford Mills re invite to Launch Event  
E-mail from Mining Museum re Fingerpost

E-mail from resident re planning application – circulated to the Planning Committee

The following passed to DDDC were noted:

E-mail from visitor re lack of toilets  
E-mail from visitor re missing life rings  
E-mail from visitor re state of Memorial Gardens Toilets  
E-mail from resident re deteriorating standards at Artists Corner

The following passed to DCC were noted:

E-mail from resident re knotweed  
E-mail from visitor re accessibility issues on Dale Road

14.07.19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm