

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council
held on Wednesday 15th May 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 Heather Kemp, Cllr Dave Mowle, Cllr Jennifer Nettleship, Cllr Michael Wilderspin
Julie Baranek (Clerk)

A Public Participation

There were 10 members of the public in attendance; three wished to speak on a matter.

One resident raised the issue of the Parish Council's website. He felt that the website should include links to the local primary school, Church and Pavilion. He commented that a couple of articles were out of date.

Two residents wished to raise to the Parish Council's attention the subject of climate change. The residents requested the Parish Council to declare a climate emergency and to recognise that action needs to be taken quickly. After their presentation, the matter was referred to item 13 of the agenda for discussion.

B Report from Police Representatives

There was no Police representative present.

C Report from County Council

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe reported that she had still not received a response regarding an on site meeting at Holme Road to discuss the road linings. She agreed to chase this up.

Cllr Jennifer Nettleship reported that although there are weight restrictions on Holme Road and Hope Terrace, large, heavy vehicles were still going up there. She expressed concern that the road is sinking and needs to be looked at as a matter of urgency. Cllr Ratcliffe agreed to follow this up.

D Report from District Council

It was reported that Cllr Garry Purdy had been appointed as Leader of the Council due to the ill health of Cllr Lewis Rose. Councillors wished Cllr Purdy good luck in his new role.

It was reported that both Cllrs Purdy and Pawley were putting pressure on DDDC to find a traveller site and stressed that it had to be resolved by the end of the year.

Cllrs Purdy and Pawley requested that all e-mail correspondence to Officers at DDDC should not go directly but to the Clerk who will then forward it as appropriate with both Cllrs Purdy and Pawley copied in.

Cllr Pawley reported that she had attended an event with Cllr Purdy given by Paddle Peak promoting water sports on the River Derwent. She has asked that the presentation shown be presented to the District Council. The group is looking for support and a building along the River Derwent. Cllr Purdy agreed to follow this up with Officers.

It was reported that the Local Project Fund is open. Although the funding available is quite small (£800 each District Councillor), applications are welcome.

Cllr Pawley reported that she had asked that the overhanging trees on Fishpond Hill be clipped.

Cllr Pawley reported that she is chasing the missing fingerpost at the bottom of Waterloo Road.

The Chair reported that 4 information type boards had been erected in Derwent Gardens and as far as the Parish Council were concerned, without consultation or permission. Councillors expressed their concern at the new rule that dogs have to be on a lead at all times. Cllr Pawley responded by saying that the boards are to make people aware of who the Gardens belong to and how people can help to keep the areas clean. Cllr Purdy agreed to investigate why the boards did not need permission.

Cllrs Purdy, Pawley and Ratcliffe were thanked for attending the meeting.

Council Meeting

It was agreed to change the order of business.

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

Councillors agreed that the website query should be passed to the Communications Committee for discussion.

Councillors agreed that the matter raised by the members of the public should be discussed. After discussion it was agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting should be held as soon as practically possible to resolve a way forward.

The Chairman suggested that one of the residents may wish to write an article for the next Newsletter to get support and thoughts of all residents on the matter. He further reported that at the Closer Working Meetings with Derbyshire Dales District Council the recycling of street litter was raised. Litter which is put in the big belly bins is not recycled. Businesses could also be encouraged to recycle their waste.

The Clerk agreed to contact DALC for advice on the matter.

Cllr Nick Grayshon left the meeting.

01.05.19 **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

02.05.19 **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.

03.05.19 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th March 2019 be approved and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Clean Up of River Derwent – It was reported that Peak UK Kayaking had cleaned the River Derwent again.

Fingerpost at the Bottom of Waterloo Road – It was reported that there was no update on the fingerpost. DDDC is currently awaiting a quotation to repair and re-position the post.

Event in Derwent Gardens – Catering Units for Raft Event – It was reported that the application to site a food van in Derwent Gardens during the Raft Event was closed. Although DDDC had offered the applicant to discuss the matter, they have not taken it any further. Any future application would be sent to the Parish Council for consultation on.

Temple Road Car Park – It was reported that the upper overspill level of Temple Car Park has been closed. This is to facilitate the sewerage improvement scheme currently being undertaken at Upperwood Road. It was agreed that Severn Trent Water could take occupancy of the area (comprising 35 spaces) as a means for them to compensate Gullivers Kingdom for loss of parking, brought about by the need for a secure operational compound within their grounds. The agreed dates of occupancy will be during May-August.

Committees**(a) Activities Committee**

Seniors Lunch – It was confirmed that the lunch will be held on 2nd December at the New Bath Hotel. A menu had already been agreed and this will be circulated to all those attending nearer the time.

There was no further update on the activities arranged for this year. However, a meeting of the Activities Committee will be arranged shortly to finalise events.

(b) Communications Committee

Newsletter – It was reported that the Summer Newsletter will be delivered to all residents and businesses by the middle of June. This Newsletter will include the Illuminations Passes for those on access only road for use during the illuminations.

(c) Environment & Conservation Committee

Nature Reserve – As the Woodland Trust were offering free trees again, two residents had offered to check on the existing plants to see how many replacements were required.

Minor Maintenance Agreement – It was reported that the Parish Council had been invited again to participate in DCC's Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement. A grant of £315 will be paid to the Parish Council on completion of clearing nominated footpaths.

(d) Facilities Committee

Sports Area – It was reported rent had been received for the hiring of the sports area. It was further reported that quotations for the renovation of the area were in hand and would be presented to full Council once they had been received.

(e) Finance & General Purposes Committee

Payments - The following payments were **RESOLVED**

NEST	£113.28
DALC	£209.57
Brian Wood (Internal Audit)	£60.00
Clerk (printer)	£258.42
DDDC (lease of bowling green)	£10.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£60.00
HMRC (NI payment, April)	£69.36
Clerk, Salary, April 2019	£906.22
Clerk, Office Expenses, April 2019	£59.00
NEST	£118.54
HMRC (NI payments, May)	£69.36
Clerk Salary, May 2019	£906.22
NEST	£118.54
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
David Russell	£18.54
TOTAL	£3017.05

Insurance – It was reported that the Parish Council’s insurance was due shortly. The premium is £799.37. This included an increase in cover for the winter lighting. This is the last year of the long-term agreement so quotations for cover will be sourced next year.

Clerk Appraisal – The Chair of the Finance Committee signed off the Clerk’s appraisal.

(e) **Planning Committee**

Applications Received - The following recommendations from the Planning Committee were noted:

18/01397/FUL – Change of Use from public house to restaurant, alterations to windows and doors (retrospective) and retention of extraction flue – County and Station, 258 Dale Road – No objection

T/19/00079/TCA – Works to Trees – 2 High Mount, Upperwood Road – No objection

Decisions – The following planning decisions by DDDC were noted:

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

T/19/00044/TCA – Works to Trees – Dale Cottage, Dale Road – Granted

T/18/00051/TCA – Works to Trees – At South Brae, Brunswood Road - Intervention

Enforcement Cases – The following enforcement cases were noted:

ENF/19/00019 – 40-42 North Parade – Unauthorised painting of shop front (Article 4) and erection of external hanging lights.

ENF/19/00038 – 192 South Parade – Unauthorised painting of shop front. An application to repaint this shop has been invited.

ENF/19/00071 – 20 North Parade – Display of flag advertisements.

Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to both DDDC and DCC regarding street furniture encroaching on the Parades.

06.05.19 **Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018**

The Annual Governance Statement for 2017/2018 was approved.

07.05.19 **Audit for 2018/2019**

It was **RESOLVED** to sign off the Annual Return for 2018/2019.

08.05.19 **LEADER Grant**

Winter Lighting – It was reported that the cross rivers were yet to be replaced. Due to a hold up with DDDC’s electricians working on the Lovers’ Walk electrical infrastructure it would be another 2 weeks before they can be replaced. As a result, the contractor for the lights had asked if the Parish Council would pay 50% of the outstanding invoice with the balance being paid on completion of the installation. Councillors discussed potential issues and the Chair agreed to contact the grant provider to see if payment 2 could be split.

Lecterns/Finger Post – It was reported that advertising consent had been granted for the lecterns and fingerpost. Although DCC has already tentatively agreed to the siting of the lecterns and fingerposts on the highway, the consultation period should have expired by now and a formal decision was forthcoming. As soon as a decision has been notified, the fingerposts and lecterns will be ordered.

09.05.19 **Closer Working Meetings**

It was reported that a number of issues had been discussed with DDDC at the last Closer Working Meeting namely the Travellers, recycling bins, litter and the missing fingerpost at the bottom of Waterloo Road. Thanks were expressed to Mark Askey, Mike Galsworthy and Gina Huffen for all their help recently.

10.05.19 **Matlock Bath Development Association CIC**

Village Entry Signs – A drawing of the new village entry signs were circulated previous to the meeting. The new sign was approved by Councillors.

Green Man Trail – It was reported that the Trail has been installed.

Accessibility Trail – It was reported that the pamphlets for this trail had been printed and distributed in the village and other suitable tourist outlets in the vicinity.

Sensory Trail – It was reported that this project was still being progressed.

11.05.19 **Matlock Bath Public Conveniences**

It was reported that the full grant application will be submitted by the end of August. The planning application for the works has been submitted to DDDC.

12.05.19 **Reports from Outside Body Representatives**

- (a) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – It was reported that the works undertaken at Ambergate junction were now complete. The Matlock Bath crossing has now closed. The franchise is under appeal.
- (b) **Illuminations** – It was reported that the prices for the illuminations would be increased by 50p this year, kids free. Tickets would be sold through Ticketsource and posters distributed in Matlock Bath. DDDC reported that Stadium Traffic Management were having problems recruiting stewards and would like local people. The survey results had shown that visitors felt there should be designated smoking areas. It was also felt that the disabled areas are not inclusive. Both of these will be looked at by DDDC. The lighting in Derwent Gardens will be left up and operative until the end of the school half term. It is hoped that more lighting will be purchased. DDDC is currently looking for activities to go into Memorial Gardens, possibly a craft market. The next meeting of the Liaison Group will be held on 11th June.
- (c) **Pavilion** – There was nothing to report.
- (d) **Footpaths** – There was nothing to report.

14.05.19 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

To note the following:

E-mail from visitors x2 re travellers in Station Car Park – passed to DDDC
E-mail from residents x3 re travellers in Station Car Park – passed to DDDC

E-mail from resident re discarded plastic in Derwent Gardens – noted

E-mail from resident re climate emergency – dealt with under Urgent Matters

E-mail from member of the public re Matlock Bath webcam – Councillors discussed this e-mail. The webcam was used by a private trader and does not come under the remit of the Parish Council.

15.05.19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meetings will be held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 (EGM) and Wednesday 10th July 2019 (OGM).

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.