

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council
held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 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 Dave Mowle, Cllr Jennifer Nettleship, Cllr Michael Wilderspin, Julie Baranek (Clerk)

A Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

B Report from Police Representatives

There was no Police representative present.

C Report from County Council

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe reported that the pavement on the A6 between Clifton Road and the New Bath Road had been resurfaced. Cllr Peter Baranek asked why a wooden fence had been erected.

Cllr Ratcliffe reported that she had contacted building control concerning the wall at the top of Holme Road which had a crack in it and the top fallen inwards. Cllr Ratcliffe confirmed that this was a private wall and normally the owners would be contacted.

Councillors reported that there was still water running across the A6 at the bottom of Temple Road and despite complaints been made on several occasions, nothing had been done no action has been taken to rectify the problem. With the winter upon it, concerns were expressed that there were serious safety issues when the water freezes on the road and the pavement.

Cllr Ratcliffe further reported that she would be meeting with Cllr Simon Spencer on the 30th January to discuss maintenance and overhanging tree issues and will mention the A6 problem.

Councillors pointed out that although new street lights had been fitted in the village because of the design of the lamp, around 50% were in the trees. Once the trees are in leaf, the light will be obscured.

Cllr Jennifer Nettleship reported that Highways had done temporary work on the subsidence on Hope Terrace and asked if thanks could be passed on.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

Cllr Trevor Bowmer reported that the Planning Committee had a positive meeting with DCC regarding line marks around Holme Road and Temple Road. He confirmed that new plans will be drawn up for consultation. He further confirmed that it is proposed that Upperwood Road at the point of 'the gap' will have double yellow lines to prevent anyone parking here as it was difficult to manoeuvre a car through the gap. Cllr Ratcliffe reported that perhaps an article should be put in the Newsletter asking people not to park there. She further reported that if after the lines have been done, people are still parking there, residents should take a photograph and notify both the Police and DCC immediately.

Cllr Ratcliffe reported that she would be attending a budget meeting on 5th February. There is currently a consultation out on the closure of care homes in the area.

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Report from District Council

Cllr Joyce Pawley reported that a Peer Review had been held to ascertain people's perceptions of how DDDC is running. DDDC is producing a three year corporate plan which the peer review will feed in to.

Cllr Garry Purdy reported that the corporate plan will be based on aspirations of lead group, opposition group and feedback from the public. It will be approved in March.

Cllr Pawley reported that from 2021 there will be a charge for a Green Bin of £50. Residents will have to opt in to this but if done early, will receive a discount of £15 for the first year.

Cllr Pawley reported that a climate change task group is working to look at how things can be changed. Cllr Pawley further reported that she had asked if the small money that is in reserve could be put into climate change actions. She also proposed that a small amount be put into properties of historic interest such as the bandstand in Matlock Bath and the one in Ashbourne. If work is not done to these properties, they will be lost.

Cllr Purdy reported that there is lot of work being undertaken with regard to climate change. They will be working with DCC to get things moving and hope to have an Officer to work on this.

Cllr Pawley reported that the Estates Manager and Conservation Officer had confirmed that the shelter which was demolished by a fallen tree during the floods will be rebuilt and put back to what it was. They will also reinstate the bench which was inside.

Cllr Pawley reported that the Community Forum will be held on 29th January in Bakewell. This forum has been revamped and will only be held once a year.

Cllr Nick Grayshon reported that at a recent CLIMB meeting discussion took place regarding heating buildings using thermal water. The Church will be looking at this.

Cllr Peter Baranek reported that at our Closer Working meeting it was mentioned that a recycling bin pilot could be investigated. Although it was not looking positive that this would go ahead the Officer confirmed he would be prepared to talk about it.

Cllr Garry Purdy reported that over £1million surplus money had been swallowed up by the new waste contract.

Cllr Purdy reported that a new officer would be revamping the website so reports can be submitted 24 hours a day. Staff will have devices to receive these reports so can deal with the problems rapidly.

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Cllr Purdy reported that there will be a review of the Green and Clean Team. More complaints are being received and there are high expectations from the public.

Cllr Purdy reported that he would be attending a meeting with Leaders to put pressure Government for funding for flood deviation.

Cllr Purdy reported that talks are currently being held with a landowner regarding providing land for a permanent traveller site. Further details will be available once the talks have concluded. If a permanent traveller site is available in the area, it would that should travellers arrive in Matlock Bath they can be removed by the police without the need to go to court for eviction.

Cllr Peter Baranek reported that Councillors had discussed the planning enforcement and stressed that Gullivers need to be compliant and hope that DDDC will take immediate action if a planning application is not forthcoming after 56 days.

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

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Council Meeting

01.01.20 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Heather Kemp.

02.01.20 **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.

03.01.20 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

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

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

- **Gulliver's Kingdom** – The Clerk reported that, along with the Chair and two residents, she had met with the Operations Director of Gulliver's Kingdom. The meeting had been positive and the Operations Director had said that Gullivers were wanting to work with the community. He asked that a list of issues be sent to him so solutions can be found. In the meeting the Clerk pointed out that one of the main problems is the noise. He agreed to look into this and suggested that before Gullivers opens in March, all equipment which emits noise be turned on so levels can be established.

A file was presented to Council with historic information contained within concerning land ownership and detailed correspondence on issues raised over many years. Cllr Trevor Bowmer agreed to go through the file and compile a resume of all relevant sections.

The Clerk reported that she had received an update on the Enforcement Order on Gullivers Explorers Retreat. DDDC has been in contact with a planning consultant retained by Gullivers and invited them to submit a planning application within the next 56 days.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should write to DDDC Planning expressing our views and concerns.

05.01.20 **Committees**

(a) **Activities Committee**

Art and Photography Competitions - It was reported that both Masson Mills and the Heights of Abraham had offered sponsorship of £300 and £500 respectively for this year's competitions.

Cllr Helen Key explained that due to lack of interest the Committee had decided to only have one category – aged 14 and above. As the Photography Competition attracted a number of entries from Juniors and Secondary, it was agreed to have more prizes available.

Gullivers - It was reported that the Committee will investigate the possibility of having a day at Gullivers before the end of term for children of the village. It was suggested that the Heights of Abraham also be approached.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

Children's Christmas Party – The Clerk reported that the administration for the Children's Christmas Party would be done by the Parish Council as it was becoming difficult to get volunteers to help. Parents would still need to be responsible for their children on the day. The party this year will be held on 12th December.

Seniors Lunch – Cllr Helen Keay reported that she had contacted the Fishpond for quotations for this year's seniors lunch. She reported that the Raft could hold 35 people but if the numbers were higher, it would be held in the Ballroom.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Notes of the Activities Committee meeting held on 20th January 2020.

(b) **Communications Committee** – There was nothing further to report.

(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

Cllr Peter Baranek reported that the Committee was looking into providing and maintaining their own planters instead of paying a contractor. The Clerk reported that she had received two quotations and these will be presented to the Committee for discussion. The florals would be maintained by a member of the community.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Notes of the Environment & Conservation Committee meeting held on 7th January 2020

(d) **Facilities Committee**

Sports Area – Cllr Peter Baranek reported that he had met with representatives from DDDC concerning the Parish Council's lease on the sports area. The Facilities Committee and Finance Committee have agreed that before the renovation project starts, a new lease should be drawn up to protect the large funding for the project. Officers at DDDC seemed very positive and confirmed that they would speak to their Legal team. It was stressed that Councillors wished for the project to start as soon as possible because of increasing costs and DDDC Officers agreed that a letter of intent would be drawn up if this would enable the project to commence. This will be sent to the solicitor for comment. The Clerk reported that she had sent to DDDC confirming a list of the points raised by the solicitor which needed to be included in the new lease.

It was confirmed that an application had been submitted to the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund for a maximum grant of £5,000 to go towards the renovation project. The outcome will be known at the end of February/beginning of March.

Councillors discussed the renting out of the area and it was agreed that a decision would not be made until the lease had been clarified.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Notes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 7th January 2020.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

(e) **Finance Committee**

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

Clerk (Childrens Christmas Party Grant)	£153.09
Fishpond	£175.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£16.79
New Bath Hotel	£220.00
New Bath Hotel	£638.00
Clerk (Photography prize)	£30.00
Wish Computers Ltd	£40.00
Millenniumquest	£78.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
Matlock Print	£340.00
Carrwood Farm	£45.00
D Russell (300277)	£14.47
HMRC (NI)	£69.36
Clerk Expenses, December 2019	£167.69
Clerk, Salary, December 2019	£906.22
RDS	£345.00
Mad Hatter	£50.00
Forget Me Not	£200.00
NEST	£118.54
Clerk, Expenses, January 2020	£102.15
Fitzpatrick Woolmer	£4,198.80
Fitzpatrick Woolmer	£3,156.00
HMRC (NI)	£69.36
Clerk, Salary, January 2020	£906.22
NEST	£118.54
RDS	£227.77
HMRC	£69.36
Clerk, Salary, February 2020	£906.22
NEST	£118.54
Cartoon Studio (map for lecterns)	£125.00
Information Commissioner	£35.00
TOTAL	£13,452.35

Grant Application – It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant to the Matlock Bath Development Association of £200 for the production of material for the Green Man Trail.

Direct Debits – It was **RESOLVED** to set up a direct debit for the Data Protection Fee.

(f) **Planning**

Parking Proposals – Following a meeting with DCC, new proposals will be drawn up for consultation. See County Councillor report.

Planning Applications – The following recommendations were noted:

The Committee had no objection to the following applications:

- 19/01374/LBALT – Installation of Glass Entrance – Whistlestop
- T/20/0002/TCA – Works to Trees – Land to rear of 160-162 Dale Rd
- T/00005/TCA – Works to Trees – Land to rear of 190 South Parade
- T/00006/TCA – Works to Trees – Holme Bank, Holme Road
- T/20/00013/TCA – Works to Trees – Orchard Mount, Orchard Road

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

Planning Decisions – The following decisions were noted:

T/19/00176/TCA – Works to Trees – The Rowans, Upperwood Road – Granted

(g) **Climate Advisory Group**

It was reported that Paul Richardson had resigned from the Committee. A meeting of the Committee will be held in February/early March.

06.01.20 **Precept for 2020/2021**

The Clerk presented the budget figures for 2020/2021 as discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2020/2021 be £28,000. The Clerk agreed to complete the forms for DDDC and return.

07.01.20 **LEADER Grant**

The Clerk reported that the fingerposts and lecterns had been ordered and would hopefully be fitted at the beginning of March. In the absence of the Clerk and Chair, Cllr Trevor Bowmer agreed to sign off the proofs when they arrived from the suppliers.

There was nothing further to report on the faulty tree lights in Memorial Gardens. The Clerk agreed to chase the suppliers.

08.01.20 **Closer Working Meeting**

Cllr Peter Baranek reported that it had been raised at the last Closer Working meeting that there was rubbish left on the pavements after the sweeper had been. DDDC has since spoken to the department to ensure that this does not happen again.

During the meeting the Raft Event was discussed. Despite rumours, it was confirmed that the 2019 event did not go ahead due to safety advice from the Environment Agency. Together with high water, debris in the river and at the weirs due to safety reasons the event could not go ahead.

09.01.20 **Matlock Bath Development Association CIC**

On behalf of the Development Association, Cllr Peter Baranek tabled a document relating to the toilet project. It is hoped that funding will be available to erect two toilet blocks – one at the railway station and one at the Pavilion. Positive feedback has been received from DDDC.

10.01.20 **Reports from Outside Body Representatives**

- (a) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December were circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Michael Wilderspin reported that there was a consultation out on the level of service offered. There was no further news on the electrification to Sheffield.

The next meeting of the Rail Partnership will be held on 9th March when new train times to Matlock will be discussed. It is anticipated that they will be earlier than currently.

- (b) **Illuminations** – It was reported that the Illuminations Liaison Group would be meeting at the end of this month. It is hoped that notes will be available from that meeting which will be circulated to Councillors.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

- (c) **Pavilion** – There was nothing to report.
- (d) **Footpaths** – The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint from a resident concerning footpath 10 (West Bank – from Upperwood Road to Temple Road). Concern was expressed that it is covered with patches of wet leaves making the steep incline very slippy. This has been reported to DCC Footpaths.

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

There were no urgent matters.

12.01.20 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

To note the following correspondence which has been forwarded to Councillors:

E-mail from resident re noise from the Pavilion
E-mail from DCC re closure of Lea Bridge Road
E-mail from resident re Explorers Retreat Enforcement Order

The following were noted:

E-mail from resident re travellers in Station Car Park
E-mail from DCC re salt collections
E-mail from resident re West Bank footpath – Passed to DCC
E-mail re record fair in Pump Room
E-mail from resident re West Bank footpath – Passed to DCC

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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