

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 7.00 pm at The New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath

Present: Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Heather Kemp
Julie Baranek (Clerk)

A **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

B **Report from Police Representatives**

There was no Police representative present.

C **Report from County Council**

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe reported that she had asked for a site visit with the Highways Inspector to discuss the loss of the parking spaces at the bottom of Holme Road following re-lining. She suggested that the meeting be attended by residents and also a representative from the Parish Council. Cllr Ratcliffe suggested that the Parish Council contact Highways supporting a site visit.

Cllr Ratcliffe reported that the works to re-build the wall on the A6, opposite Holy Trinity Church, had been completed. The only remaining works to be done is to re-install the street light.

It is understood that Matlock Bath is featured in a draft document published by CHAT (Culture, Heritage, Arts and Tourism group). Cllr Ratcliffe agreed to investigate.

D **Report from District Council**

Travellers – Cllr Garry Purdy reported that the bailiffs have been instructed to evict the travellers as soon as possible. He further reported that he had heard that coach companies are taking Matlock Bath off their itineraries. As a result it has been suggested that DDDC lobby for coach companies to put Matlock Bath 'back on the map'. Cllr Purdy reported that the issue of a barrier on the car parks will be pursued.

He expressed concern at a Channel 4 programme which had reported that 5 Police forces are wiping crimes off their books. He was assured by the Crime Commissioner that this was not the case for Derbyshire but following the publication of a HMI report, Derbyshire Police was described as "inadequate".

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Cllr Peter Baranek reported that he had recently heard that Government funding is available to Local Authorities for re-generation of towns and villages. It was suggested that DDDC asks for input.

Cllrs Ratcliffe and Purdy were thanked for attending the meeting.

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Council Meeting

01.03.19 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Trevor Bowmer, Nick Grayshon, Dave Mowle, Jennifer Nettleship and Michael Wilderspin.

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor, Heather Kemp.

02.03.19 **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.

03.03.19 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 2019 be approved and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Travellers – It was reported that DDDC has obtained a possession order from the County Courts which has been served on the travellers in Station Car Park. DDC is also making arrangements for court bailiffs to attend at their earliest opportunity together with the Police. An order is now on the car park which prohibits the travellers return until 1st November 2019. This order only prohibits the current travellers and only applies to Station Car Park. No update has been received regarding suitable land for a permanent site for the travellers.

Parking Bay on Holme Road – It was reported that new road lining had been introduced at the bottom of Holme Road which has caused a loss in parking spaces for residents. See County Councillor, Irene Ratcliffe's report above.

Collapse of Wall on Holme Road – It was reported that a wall on Holme Road has collapsed damaging 3 vehicles. As the wall is a private wall and not a DCC retaining wall, the matter will be dealt with by Derbyshire Dales District Council's Building Control as a dangerous structure. No details of when the wall will be reinstated has been received.

Events on DDDC Land

- **Canoe Slalom** – It was confirmed that Councillors had no objections to this event provided the ground was left in good condition especially if it is wet and the chain replaced after use.
- **Refreshments for Raft Event** – It was confirmed that Councillors were concerned at what was being offered in the application as this is already available in the village through our traders. It was felt that if allowed, this will have a negative impact on Matlock Bath traders.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted DDDC to ascertain the decision on this event but to date no update has been provided.

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Committees**(a) Activities Committee**

Art and Photography Competitions – It was reported that copies of the posters had been sent out to schools, libraries and other organisations to promote both competitions. It was confirmed that the presentation ceremony to award the prizes will be held on 6th November 2019 at the New Bath Hotel.

Seniors Lunch – Cllr Helen Key confirmed the lunch will be held on 2nd December. It was felt that there could be an access problem at the Fishpond and the Clerk was therefore asked to contact the New Bath Hotel for costings.

Singing Round the Tree – It was agreed that the Activities Committee should look at different options for refreshments after the event. It was suggested that the Christmas Tree be put in the bandstand so it could be seen. The Clerk was asked to look into the logistics of this including power.

(b) Communications Committee

Newsletter – It was reported that the Spring Newsletter had been printed and would be delivered in due course.

(c) Environment & Conservation Committee

Fingerpost at the Bottom of Waterloo Road – It was reported that the fingerpost at the bottom of Waterloo Road had been removed by DDDC due to safety. DDDC has agreed to look into costings to renovate the post and re-install it. The Clerk reported that she was waiting for an update from DDDC.

Nature Reserve Equipment – Councillors confirmed that as the allen scythe is not used now, they had no objection to it being sold. However, it was agreed to pass the matter back to the Environment & Conservation Committee to look at where it could be advertised.

Woodland Trust – It was reported that Woodland Trust are donating trees again. It was agreed to contact our two volunteers to check to see which trees on the Nature Reserve had not taken and depending on how many, we apply for further trees to complete the hedge.

Fallen Tree – It was reported that a tree had fallen on Footpath 4 or 5. This has been reported to DCC.

(d) Facilities Committee

Sports Area – It was reported that the Licence Agreement for the Sports Area for 2019 had been signed and returned. The Clerk reported that she was awaiting a date for set up.

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

The following payments were **RESOLVED**

DDDC Planning	£66.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
Clerk Expenses, February	£58.05
Spotless (December, January & February)	£120.00
AO Cumbernauld (NI)	£62.44
Clerk, Salary, February	£867.79
Brunel Engraving	£12.00
NEST	£113.28
Wish Computers	£90.00
AO Cumbernauld (NI)	£62.44
Clerk, Expenses, March	£81.03
Clerk, Salary, March	£867.79
NEST	£113.28
Clerk, Expenses (2 nd claim)	£63.04
Matlock Print	£340.00
TOTAL	£3037.14

Clerk Appraisal – The Clerk reported that the Vice Chairman had completed the Clerk’s appraisal and in the absence of the Chair of the Finance Committee, it will be signed off at the May meeting.

(e) **Planning Committee**

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

T/19/00027/TCA – Works to Trees, Derwent House, Dale Road – No objection
T/19/00044/TCA – Works to Trees, Dale Cottage, Dale Road – No objection
T/19/00051/TCA – Works to Trees, Fisleigh, Brunswood Road – No objection

Decisions – The following planning decisions by DDDC were noted:

18/01273/LBALT – Repairing of Windows, Doors etc – 124/126 North Parade – Granted

18/01379/ADV – Erection of 3 fascia signs and replacement adverts – 258 Dale Road – Granted

Meeting with Planning and Conservation Officers – It was reported that Cllrs Michael Wilderspin, Trevor Bowmer, Peter Baranek along with District Councillor Pawley had met with the Planning and Conservation Officers. It was reported that it was a good meeting where Article 4 was explained fully.

Enforcement Issues – Enforcement notice ENF/19/00038 was noted. The Clerk reported that she was waiting for an update from Planning on other issues which had been reported.

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06.03.19 **Bollards on Upperwood Road**

It was reported that Cllr Dave Mowle had meet with the Highways Inspector regarding issues with the 'gap' on Upperwood Road. The meeting had been fruitful and DCC are putting together a proposal to be considered by the Parish Council. As the issue affects the property of one resident, it was agreed to keep the resident informed of any progress.

07.03.19 **LEADER Grant**

Winter Lighting – It was reported that the contractors would be on site on 2nd April to complete the installation of the festoons on the riverside, fixing the problems with the current festoons and to replace the cross rivers which were believed to have a fault. It was reported that in order to complete the festoons a scissor lift was required which would incur an extra cost of £540 plus VAT to the Parish Council. As the contractors will not fit the festoons without this equipment, Councillors reluctantly agreed to this extra expenditure.

Lecterns/Finger Post – It was reported that planning permission was out for consultation and an outcome would be notified within 6 weeks. It was further reported that DCC had tentatively agreed to the siting on the highway of some of the lecterns and fingerposts but this would also have to go out for consultation for 28 days. A formal decision would be notified after this consultation period.

08.03.19 **Matlock Bath Development Association CIC**

Green Man Trail – It was reported that the Green Man Trail would be fully installed after Easter despite notification in the Newsletter that it would be ready for Easter. Delay had been caused by the fact that one of the trees identified for the trail had fallen and approval for a replacement tree was required together with an amended Licence and map.

Accessible Trail – It was reported that a leaflet showing an accessible trail had now been printed and would be distributed to various outlets. Posters advertising the trail would be produced in due course. A website page with the documentation and further explanations and a video will be created shortly.

Sensory Trail – This is ongoing but will hopefully include the renovation of the bandstand, seating in the Derwent Gardens, opening up of buildings in the on Lovers Walk, installation of wind-up information points and a tactile well dressing.

09.03.19 **Matlock Bath Public Conveniences**

An update was given on the progress of the project. As each stage of work has to be paid for prior to reclaiming the funding, the Consortium, led by the Pavilion, will apply for a loan from the co-op for working capital. As the project will be part funded, Accessible Derbyshire are looking to raise the £36,000 needed through the Star Foundation. However, they will not know if they can raise this amount until the end of May. As a result, the application to RDPE will not be submitted until July. By which time planning permission should all be in place.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would meet the costs of the planning application to a maximum of £500. Should more funds be required, the matter will go back to full Council for a decision. The planning application will be submitted under the Parish Council as a consortium member in order to receive a reduction of 50% in fees.

10.03.19 **Closer Working Meetings**

It was reported that the next meeting will be held on 5th April.

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11.03.19 **Reports from Outside Body Representatives**

- (a) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – Cllr Michael Wilderspin's report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.
- (b) **Illuminations** – It was reported that the meeting of the Liaison Working Group had to be cancelled and has been re-scheduled for 9th April.
- (c) **Pavilion** – There was nothing to report.
- (d) **Footpaths** – There was nothing to report.

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

There were no urgent matters.

13.03.19 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

The following items have been circulated to all Councillors and were noted:

DDDC- Transfer of land to Heights of Abraham
Police – Listening to You Campaign 2018-19
Heights of Abraham – National Accolade
DerwentWise event – 23rd and 24th March
Amber Valley Borough – Local Plan Submission
DDDC – Amended Event Strategy
DCC – Update on A6 wall collapse

The following were noted:

DDDC – British Spring Clean 22nd March-23rd April 2019
DCC – Library Route Timetables
Severn Trent re meeting regarding sewage on Upperwood
Derbyshire Police re apprenticeship opportunities

The following were passed to DCC:

E-mail from resident regarding street lighting
E-mail from residents x2 regarding re-lining at Holme Road

The following were passed to DDDC:

E-mail from resident regarding behaviour of travellers
E-mail from visitor regarding behaviour of travellers
E-mail from visitor regarding Memorial Gardens Toilets

Councillors discussed the following:

Army Reserve Centre – donation for cadets – It was agreed that a donation could not be made at this point.
E-mail from District Councillor re missing climber – It was suggested that a plaque in memory of the missing climber could be put on a bench. Alternatively an article in the Newsletter.
E-mail from resident re reducing plastic waste – Councillors suggested the resident start a campaign and write an article for the Newsletter.

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14.03.19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May 2019.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

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