

# Matlock Bath Parish Council

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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00 pm at The New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath

**Present:** Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Nick Grayshon, Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Dave Mowle, Cllr Jennifer Nettleship, Cllr Michael Wilderspin, Julie Baranek (Clerk)

**A Public Participation**

There were two members of the public attending who did not wish to raise any issues.

**B Report from Police Representatives**

There was no Police representative present.

**C Report from County Council**

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe reported that she had forwarded all e-mails relating to the water on the A6. Unfortunately due to resources, nothing had been done. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Chair of Highways, Cllr Simon Spencer, expressing our concern at the lack of a long term solution to this ongoing problem.

**D Report from District Council**

Cllr Garry Purdy reported that staff had volunteered to help out during the recent floods. A review will now be undertaken by the emergency team to 'fact find'. Pressure will need to be put on government for funding.

Cllr Purdy reported that two trees had fallen in Derwent Gardens – one on Lovers Walk and one by the river. The Estates Manager has been charged with obtaining quotations to check the cliff face.

Cllr Purdy reported that there was a consultation regarding the Derwent Line.

Cllr Purdy reported that DDDC had been in contact with the organisers of the Raft Event regarding the mess left by the flour and the use of plastic bags. Although DDDC does not want to see the event shut down, it was costing the authority to clean up afterwards.

Cllr Purdy reported that Paddle Peak would be on the river again this weekend clearing rubbish. DDDC has again offered to collect and dispose of the rubbish.

The issue of tree safety was raised and if ivy was removed from all trees this would lower the risk of trees falling. This is a low cost operation easily carried out.

Cllr Nick Grayshon asked that thanks be passed on to those concerned for sorting out the issue on the middle part of Temple Road Car Park along with the lighting.

Cllrs Purdy and Ratcliffe were thanked for attending the meeting.

## Council Meeting

### 01.11.19 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Trevor Bowmer and Cllr Heather Kemp.

### 02.11.19 **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.

### 03.11.19 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be approved and were signed by the Chairman.

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

- **Gulliver's Kingdom** – The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by the Manager of Gulliver's Kingdom requesting a meeting but was still awaiting a date.
- **Crime Commissioner's Visit** – The Clerk reported that the Crime Commissioner had offered to attend a future Parish Council meeting. As there are no major crime issues in the village, it was agreed to defer a visit until a later date.
- **Raft Event** – The Clerk reported that Cllrs Helen Key and Jennifer Nettleship will judge this year's event on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Jennifer Nettleship confirmed that she had contacted the organisers, but no response had been received to date.
- **Winter Lighting** – It was reported that a tree had fallen on Lovers Walk which had fallen on the festoon lighting. After surveying the damage, it was found that one string of lights had been brought down. It was reported that quotes from electricians would be sought. A surplus of the festoon has arrived from the suppliers. The Clerk was asked to contact the insurance company. As soon as costings are known a decision will be made as to whether a claim is pursued. In the meantime, it was hoped that the lights which had not been affected by the damage could be switched back on once made safe.
- **Volunteer** – The Clerk reported that an offer of help had been given by a resident who was undertaking the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. It was agreed to take up this offer.

### 05.11.19 **Committees**

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

It was reported that the Art and Photography Competitions had been well received. It was further reported that there had been a good turnout at Remembrance. Council thanked The Hall Family for putting up the Remembrance Lamppost Poppies. An acknowledgement will be put in the Newsletter.

Councillors were reminded that the senior's lunch will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 with Singing Round the Tree on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

It was reported that the Christmas Tree had been ordered and would be delivered by week ending 29<sup>th</sup> November. The electrician has been asked to connect the lights on the tree.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the notes of the Activities Committee meeting of the held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

(b) **Communications Committee**

- **Printing of the Newsletter** – It was reported that the Committee had discussed printing the newsletter on recycled paper. After discussing it with the printers, it was reported that there would be approximately a 10% increase on costings for recycled paper. The printer further confirmed that all of their paper is from FSC certified sources. As a result it was agreed that there should be no change to the current arrangement. It was, however, agreed that residents should be encouraged to receive the newsletter electronically.
- **Content./Links on the Website** – It was agreed that only links to other websites should be included on the Parish Council website. This will ensure that all information is up-to-date.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the notes of the Communications Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

- **Winter Service Scheme – Snow Warden** – It was agreed that Jonathan Key be appointed Snow Warden on behalf of the Parish Council. It was reported that no further supply of salt is required and should further supplies be needed, contact would be made with DCC.
- **Grit Bins** – Following a request for a grit bin on Holme Road, it was agreed to request that DCC move grit bin number GB0896 on Upperwood Road to Holme Road. The Clerk was asked to contact DCC.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

- **Sports Area** – The Clerk reported that only two quotations had been submitted. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with a renovation as planned. The Chair read out comments received by Cllr Trevor Bowmer, Vice Chair. The Clerk reported that there was currently a shortfall of funding to cover the lowest quotation. It was agreed that funds could be vired from other budget heads or possibly a small increase in the precept for 2020/2021. The Clerk was asked to contact the Estates Manager at DDDC to obtain a commitment that the lease will be renewed and confirmation of the terms of that lease before any work is undertaken.

It was also reported that an enquiry had been received to hold a motorbike show in the sports area in 2022. Due to the renovation plans it was agreed that it would not be possible to make a commitment just yet.

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

• **Payments** - The following payments were **RESOLVED**

Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
Clerk, Office Expenses, Sept 2019	£74.00
Spotless (3 payments)	£120.00
Millennium Quest	£142.74
Clerk (Art Prizes)	£110.00
Clerk (Photography Prizes)	£85.00
HMRC	£69.36
Poppy Appeal (300259)	£50.00
Peak District Mining Museum (hire)	£10.00
Clerk, Salary, October 2019	£906.22
Clerk, Office Expenses, October 2019	£141.47
Clerk (printer)	£34.99
Linden Signs (DASAC Grant)	£300.60
Derbyshire Wildlife (Nature Reserve)	£700.01
NEST	£118.54
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
MDS (Remembrance)	£40.00
HMRC	£69.36
Wish Computers Ltd (MS Office subs)	£60.00
Anne Holmes (300260) (Art)	£150.00
Stephen Allen (300261) (Art)	£100.00
Kathleen Kellett (300262) (Art)	£50.00
Linda Hardy (300264) (Art)	£50.00
Ana Anstead (300265) (Art)	£50.00
Malcolm Walters (300266) (Art)	£50.00
Sam Devonport (300267) (Photography)	£80.00
Steve Watson (300268) (Photography)	£65.00
Mike Swain (300269) (Photography)	£50.00
Cathy Cresswell (300270) (Photography)	£50.00
Sheri Harvey (300271) (Photography)	£30.00
Peter Keeble (300272) (Photography)	£30.00
David Harrison (300274) (Photography)	£30.00
Peter Cresswell (300275)	£30.00
Jo Meakin (Photography)	£30.00
Wish Computers Ltd (call out and repair)	£40.00
Clerk, Salary, November 2019	£906.22
NEST	£118.54
Cathy Cresswell	£55.92
Clerk, Office Expenses, November 2019	£107.77
MBDA (grant)	£100.00

**TOTAL** **£5285.74**

It was noted that £830 sponsorship money had been received.

It was noted that the grant funding from LEADER of £10,730.25 had been received.

- **Grant Application** – It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant to Matlock Bath Development Association for £100.

(e) **Planning Committee**

- **Parking Proposals** – It was **RESOLVED** that the recommended response by the Planning Committee be sent to DCC. It was noted that a site meeting to discuss the suggestions had been requested.
- **Enforcement ENF/19/00138** – It was reported that that a planning consultant acting on behalf of Gullivers Kingdom would be visiting the site with a view to resolving the breach of planning control that had been identified. The case is currently with the enforcement team for monitoring. It was further confirmed that DDDC has requested an update on the situation to decide on an appropriate course of action.
- **Appeal Against Enforcement Order - 196-198 South Parade** – It was reported that an appeal against an enforcement order for the repainting of the shop front without planning permission and for using a colour which is not approved under the Matlock Bath Conservation Area Article 4 Direction. The appeal has been passed to the Planning Inspectorate who have ruled that the appeals be dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld. The period for compliance with the requirements is 3 months.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the notes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

(g) **Climate Advisory Group**

Cllr Helen Keay updated Councillors.

- **Banners/Placards** – It was **RESOLVED** that a banner/placard to be produced stating that Matlock Bath Parish Council has declared a climate emergency. Although it was not clear when the banner would be used, it was agreed that it could not be displayed in the village due to strict rules on displaying banners.
- **Friends of the Earth 20 Actions for Parish/Town Councils** – Councillors agreed that a number of the actions were not applicable to Matlock Bath Parish Council. As a result it was agreed that the Clerk work through the points and identify which ones were not applicable. These will be then discussed by the MBCAG before formal adoption by Full Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Notes of the Climate Advisory Group meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

06.11.19 **LEADER Grant**

As reported at a previous meeting, as the company who had originally been commissioned to provide and install the lecterns and fingerposts, three new quotations for each will have to be sought. It was hoped that the eligible expenditure and grant award would cover the new costings. It was agreed that once all quotations were available, they will be circulated to all Councillors. In addition, the new quotations will have to be sent to LEADER for approval. If approved, work could then commence. It was confirmed that the final claim for the grant will need to be submitted by the end of March.

07.11.19 **Closer Working Meetings**

There was nothing to report. The next meeting will be held in January 2020.

08.11.19 **Matlock Bath Station**

It was reported that the adopters would be planting the winter plants on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

09.11.19 **Matlock Bath Development Association CIC**

It was reported that one of the trees which was part of the Green Man Trail had fallen. It is not clear currently whether the plaque has been damaged. There was nothing further to report.

10.11.19 **Reports from Outside Body Representatives**

- (a) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – Minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September were circulated to all Councillors.
- (b) **Illuminations** – It was reported that the post illuminations meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 6.30 pm at The Fishpond.
- (a) **Pavilion** – There was nothing to report.
- (b) **Footpaths** – There was nothing to report.

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

There were no urgent matters.

12.11.19 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

**Circulated to all Councillors:**

E-mail regarding event on climate change  
E-mail from DCC re A Boards on South Parade  
E-mail from resident re poppies on lampposts  
E-mail from DDDC re Draft Housing Delivery Action Plan  
E-mail from DDDC re development brief for Bakewell Road site  
E-mail from DDDC re Flood alert messages  
E-mail from DDDC re flooding clear-up  
E-mail from DCC re DDDC Developer Contributions SPD (draft)  
E-mail from DCC re tackling cybercrime  
E-mail from DCC re December 2020 timetable consultation

**To Note:**

E-mail from Sheffield University re WW1 Centenary evaluation  
E-mail from DCC re Records Office consultation  
E-mail from DCC re Community Safety Clean Up  
E-mail from DDDC re Business Flood Relief Fund  
E-mail from DDDC re delivery of sandbags  
E-mail from RNIB re Christmas Stamp Appeal  
E-mail from DDDC re Rickshaw Challenge  
E-mail from CAB – Impact Report  
E-mail from resident re travellers  
E-mail from DCC re Digital Derbyshire Programme  
E-mail from resident regarding contact with the Friends of the Earth re flooding

13.11.19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.