

# 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> January 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom

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

**A Public Participation**

There was one member of the public attending who did not wish to speak.

**B Report from Police Representatives**

There was no Police representative present.

**C Report from County Council**

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe reported that an Ash Dieback Officer had been appointed at DCC. It was suggested that an article should be written for the Parish Council Newsletter outlining the guidance on what residents can do if they have any trees on their land or neighbouring land with ash dieback. Cllr Ratcliffe agreed to speak with the Officer concerned.

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe reported that she was currently awaiting news on the Capital Programme for 2021/22 and what work was included.

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe mentioned that she would be willing to pay towards the purchase of a Speed Gun and could provide the costs involved. Councillors reported that they wished to wait until the group had chance to go out before making a commitment to purchase one.

**D Report from District Council**

There was no representative present.

Cllrs Joyce Pawley and Garry Purdy sent their apologies.

01.01.21 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Nick Grayshon.

02.01.21 **Declaration of Members' Interest**

Councillors were asked to consider the need to declare an interest in any matters on the agenda. The Chairman asked that all interests be notified to the Clerk so they could be added to the book. Cllr Dave Mowle added his name for item 05.01.21 Committees (f) Planning, Application 20/01192/FUL – 214 Dale Road – Change of Use and took no part in the discussion or decision.

### 03.01.21 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

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

**Potholes** – It was reported that a job has been issued to the remaining potholes and that Upperwood Road is on the Surface Dressing list for summer 2021. Despite being originally told that Brunswood was on the list, the Highway Area Manager has confirmed that it is not. As usual, the roads will continue to be monitored during routine inspections and any work in the future will be raised accordingly.

**'Mapping the Centenary'** – It was reported that a Senior Research Officer at the University of Essex had contacted the Parish Council concerning an Imperial War Museum led digital portal. This portal will showcase information about activities that marked the First World War centenary between 2014 and 2019 with a particular focus upon community led projects. The Parish Council has, therefore, been invited to complete a listing for the NLHF funded 'The Great War: Life in the Bath' initiative. Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea to highlight our project.

**DofE Gold – Volunteer Offer** – It was reported that the resident who had been working with the Parish Council as part of his DofE Award was progressing his Gold Award and was available for litter picking, newsletter delivering and anything else which the Parish Council could offer. The Chair asked Councillors to let the Clerk know if they knew of any other duties the resident could undertake.

**Posters for Lockdown** – It was reported that a resident was concerned about the numbers of visitors who could come to the village during lockdown and asked whether posters could be put up reminding visitors that they should not be travelling beyond their 'local' area. Councillors felt that the signage which was being produced under the Re-opening up of the High Street Safely grant would be sufficient and the current number of visitors did not warrant any further posters.

**Speed Watch** – It was reported that the Community Speed Watch program was currently suspended due to Coronavirus. The Clerk reported that Cllr Irene Ratcliffe, County Councillor, had offered to pay towards a speed gun. Councillors felt that as the Group had not yet had chance to go out, it would be preferable to wait to ensure that they still wanted to be involved and to make sure it is effective. See Item 11.01.21 for an Update.

### 05.01.21 **Committees**

- (a) **Activities Committee** – It was reported that it was not yet known if, or how many, activities would go ahead this year and that a decision would have to be made nearer the time.

It was confirmed that the Seniors Lunch has been re-booked for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The Art and Photography Competitions would be advertised but if the situation is no clearer by the Autumn, the Art Competition would be cancelled. The Photography Competition will revert to on line as per 2020.

A decision regarding Singing Round the Tree would be made in the Autumn.

(b) **Communications Committee**

**Website** – It was reported that work is continuing on the new website and it is hoped that it will be launched in February. The Clerk asked that if any Councillor would like to look at the website before the launch to let her know. Cllr Michael Wilderspin asked that log in details be sent to him for this purpose.

(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

**Florals** – It was reported that the local resident who had originally offered to 'pot on', plant up and maintain the 3 tier planters had subsequently notified the Clerk that he was no longer available to do so. The Clerk reported that she had been trying to retrieve the plants from the gentleman since October to no avail despite telephone calls and two letters. However, last week the plants were dropped off. It was further reported that three residents in the village had offered to plant up the 3 tier planters for the Parish Council.

**Nature Reserve** – It was reported that Derbyshire Wildlife had started to clear the triangle area on the Nature Reserve. There was sufficient funding for 3 days work. In addition, Derbyshire Wildlife would do work on Clifton steps for which the Parish Council can reclaim the money through the Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Scheme operated by Derbyshire County Council.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

**Sports Area** – It was reported that Bretts had asked whether they could hire the sports area from Easter to September. As the area will be renovated shortly, the Clerk had notified them that this would not be possible.

A date for the start of the renovation work was not yet known but hoped it would be before the end of January.

It was reported that the tree which is overhanging the sports area will be removed prior to the renovation work starting.

*Clerk's Note: The tree has now been removed.*

**Benches** – It was reported that an order has now been submitted for 5 new benches. Benches will be fitted by Derwent Treescapes.

(e) **Finance Committee**

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

Cathy Cresswell	£9.65
Crow Pie Marketing	£60.00
Matlock Print	£370.00
Clerk, Expenses, December 2020	£87.24
HMRC	£70.97
Clerk, Salary, December 2020	£964.45
NEST Pension	£113.85
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
Spotless	£150.00
HMRC	£70.97
Clerk, Salary, January 2021	£964.45
NEST Pension	£113.85
ICO (Data Protection)	£35.00
TDP (benches)	£2671.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5721.74</b>

**Insurance** – It was **RESOLVED** to add the Green Man Trail to the insurance.

(f) **Planning**

**Applications** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Planning Committee's recommendation of **No Objection** for the following applications:

T/20/00219/TCA – 104 North Parade – Works to Trees  
T/20/00228/TCA – Ivy Bank House, Masson Road – Works to Trees  
20/01192/FUL – 214 Dale Road – Change of Use  
20/00128/FUL – Holy Trinity Parochial Church Hall – Variation of Condition 3  
20/01140/FUL – 8 North Parade – Sub Division of property  
T/20/00239/TCA – 2 Primrose Cottages, St Johns Road – Works to Trees

**Planning Decisions** – The following planning decisions by DDDC were noted:

20/00689/FUL – The Rowans, Upperwood Road – Two Storey Extension – Granted  
T/20/00219/TCA – 104 North Parade – Works to Trees – Granted  
T/20/00201/TCA – 2 Bingville Cottage, Orchard Road – Works to Trees – Granted  
T/20/00228/TCA – Ivy Bank House, Masson Road – Works to Trees – Granted  
20/01192/FUL – 214 Dale Road – Change of Use – Granted

**Enforcement Case – ENF/20/00166** – It was reported that this was still being investigated.

Councillors asked if planning permission had been requested by Gullivers for their 'hotel' accommodation. The Clerk agreed to contact Planning to find out.

(g) **Climate Advisory Group** – It was reported that nothing further had been received from the Committee regarding the Policy amendments submitted at the November meeting.

It was agreed to co-opt Cllr Louise Moran onto the Climate Advisory Group.

## 06.01.21 **Precept for 2021/2022**

Details of the Committee budgets and summary were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation that the precept for 2021/2022 remain at £28,000. This would allow for a small contingency. The necessary documentation will be sent to DDDC.

## 07.01.21 **Government Funding for RHSSF**

It was reported that it had been extremely difficult to ascertain how much funding was available for Matlock Bath despite correspondence with both DDDC and DCC. Quotations and an outline of the project was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Signage will be within the conditions of the funding and in heritage colours. Money would also be used to produce posters to give to traders to display.

## 08.01.21 **Meeting with Police Crime Commissioner and Local Authorities**

It was reported that parking and enforcement seemed to be moving forward but the issue of street clutter was still very challenging. Cllrs Purdy and Ratcliffe and the Chair and Clerk of the Parish Council has met to discuss how to move forward (notes circulated prior to meeting). It was felt that a letter from the Police Crime Commissioner on behalf of DDDC, DCC and the Parish Council should be sent to traders to explain the accessibility issues on the Parades. Although the Chair has contacted the PCC to request this, to date no response has been received. A further summit meeting will be held in March so this will be raised then.

Although it had been suggested that coloured tarmac show where the pavement should be kept clear for accessibility reasons, Highways suggested that a row of studs, to resemble those on North Parade, would be more suitable. However, it was felt that this could give the wrong impression to those properties on South Parade who do not have the same rights as those on North Parade where the current studs exist.

## 09.01.21 **Closer Working Meeting**

It was reported that a further meeting had been held in December. It had been reported that Fishpond Hill was extremely slippery due to wet leaves etc. This was cleared immediately.

The lack of lighting in the Pavilion Car Park was raised. All lights in the car park are now working and two new lights have been installed.

It was suggested that the bike rack currently at Station Car Park should be moved to a more prominent place where it would be hopefully used. DDDC has agreed that this can go ahead.

The issue of having extra big belly bins on South Parade was raised. However, DDDC does not seem keen to increase the number of bins in the village. They would, however, be happy looking into moving an under-used bin to a new location. This issue will be pursued. DDDC raised the issue of some traders using the big belly bins for their own rubbish. It was stressed that any trader doing this will be prosecuted.

It was reported that DDDC will be monitoring the big belly bins as they are aware that some have been used for trade waste. DDDC had clarified that if a business puts a bag outside of their premises for customers to use, the business cannot put this in the Council's bins as it is classed as trade waste and businesses will be prosecuted.

*Clerk's Note: It should be noted that this does not affect any resident or business collecting litter in the village as they will be using the 'pink' bag arrangement which can, of course, be left by any one of the Council's litter bins for collection by DDDC.*

## 10.01.21 **Reports from Outside Bodies**

- (a) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was reported that a further meeting would be held shortly and once the Minutes are available, will be circulated to all Councillors.
- (b) **Illuminations** – A decision as to whether this year's illuminations will go ahead will be made later in the year.
- (c) **Pavilion** – There was nothing to report. It was reported that there was graffiti on the fence surrounding the outside area of the Community Centre. Cllr Mowle agreed to investigate.

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

Councillors re-visited the offer from Cllr Irene Ratcliffe to contribute funding for the Speed Gun. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Cllr Ratcliffe for figures for the total cost of the gun and accessories. These will be circulated to Councillors.

## 12.01.21 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

To note the following:

E-mail from visitor re Memorial Gardens toilets closed  
E-mail from Neighbourhood Alert re Green Homes Grant  
E-mail from resident re seating provided by a business  
E-mail from resident re travellers  
Various Christmas greetings  
Spotlight Winter 20-21 Newsletter from Police  
E-mails x2 from residents re confirmation of restrictions for Tier 4  
E-mail from DCC re road closure on Willesley Lane, Cromford  
E-mail from Police re Operation Derbyshire  
E-mail from Paddle Peak re Black Bag Friday  
E-mail from DCC re Vaccination Programme  
E-mail from DCC re road closure of Riber Road, Matlock  
E-mail from DCC re Vaccine Scam Alert  
E-mail from DDDC re support for businesses affected by Covid 19  
E-mail from DDDC re weekend lockdown message  
E-mail from local resident re planting of 3 tier planters and other work  
E-mail from DDDC re bins update  
E-mail from Police re Community Speed Watch  
E-mail from PCSO Kirsty Hunt re Vaccine Fraud Poster

## 13.01.21 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.