

# Matlock Bath Parish Council

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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.00 pm via Zoom

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

**A Public Participation**

There were three members of the public attending, none of whom wished to speak.

**B Report from Police Representatives**

There was no Police representative present.

**C Report from County Council**

There was no County Council representative present.

**D Report from District Council**

There was no District Council representative present.

Cllrs Irene Ratcliffe, Garry Purdy and Joyce Pawley sent their apologies.

01.11.20 **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

02.11.20 **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.

03.11.20 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 were signed by the Chairman.

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

There were no ongoing matters.

**(a) Activities Committee**

**Remembrance** - It was reported that poppy wreaths were laid on behalf of residents and children of the village on Remembrance Sunday.

**Photography Competition** – It was reported that this year's competition had attracted 253 entries. Over 2,700 votes were cast on line. The winning photographs can be found on the website.

**Christmas** – It was reported that the usual supplier of the Christmas Tree would not be able to provide a tree this year. It was further reported that the electricity in Memorial Gardens which is usually used for the Christmas lighting is not working. As a result, it was agreed that this year the Parish Council would not provide a tree for the village.

**Art Winners** – The Clerk confirmed that the owner of Masson Mills has agreed to keep the Parish Council updated regarding the future of the Mill as the winning Artwork from the Pro Loco Art Competition are housed in the Conference Suite. Should the Conference Suite close, the Parish Council will need to retrieve these paintings.

**(b) Communications Committee**

**Newsletter** – It was reported that the next Newsletter would be delivered around the middle of December. All articles should be with the Clerk by the end of November.

**Website** – It was reported that work is continuing on the new website. It is hoped that the new website will be launched in the New Year. Until then, the old website will continue to function

**(c) Environment & Conservation Committee**

**Florals** - It was reported that 3 new barrels had been purchased as the original ones were falling apart. The residents who have been looking after the cattle trough have moved out of the village; this maintenance of this will be done by the resident who looks after the barrels.

The 3 tier planters will be cleared and planted with winter bedding and bulbs in the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Footpaths** – It was reported that a tree has come down on Footpath 3. The County Council has been notified.

A complaint regarding West Bank has been received; the slope is very slippery due to wet leaves. This has also been reported to County Council.

**Nature Reserve** – It was reported that Derbyshire Wildlife Trust will be spending 3 days clearing the meadow as soon as the Covid situation allows.

It was reported that Ash Trees which have ash dieback have been identified and marked in the Nature Reserve.

**Big Belly Bins** – It was reported that the big belly bins have now been jet washed following a complaint from the Parish Council.

The Royal Well and the pond in Derwent Gardens have been cleared of leaves and weed and the fountain has been repaired.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

**Sports Area** – It was reported that no start date had yet been provided by the contractors. Cllr Dave Mowle agreed to speak with the contractors.

*Clerk's Note: DDDC has been asked to clear the overhanging shrubbery prior to work starting on the sports area.*

**War Memorial** – It was reported that the war memorial has now been cleaned. However, the contractors have reported that there is a build up of carbon and at its next clean should be treated accordingly.

It was reported that next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the memorial. It was hoped that something could be arranged to celebrate this.

It was reported that the names on the war memorial looked faded. Although the Clerk had been advised two years ago they should not be painted, she agreed to look into this further.

(e) **Finance Committee**

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

Twigg	£5.50
Matlock Print	£410.00
Clerk (AVG)	£99.99
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
Clerk, Expenses, October 2020	£53.78
HMRC	£80.17
Clerk, Salary, October 2020	£955.25
NEST	£113.85
Cathy Cresswell (plants)	£40.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
Twigg	£24.19
HMRC	£70.97
Clerk, Salary, November 2020	£964.45
NEST	£113.85
Stone and Marble	£560.00
M Thompson (300280)	£30.00
N Clark	£65.00
R Parker	£50.00
P Cresswell	£30.00
P Millard	£30.00
C Sturge	£30.00
P Keeble	£30.00
D Nightingale	£50.00
Clerk (Prizes for Children, Photography)	£120.00
W A Holmes	£30.00
J Hollands (300281)	£30.00
S Watson	£80.00
Clerk (barrels)	£75.00
Clerk, Expenses, November 2020	£87.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4339.70</b>

**Budgets** – The Clerk reported that she would be contacted the individual Committees to look at budgets for 2021/2022.

As most of the events this year had to be cancelled because of Covid 19 restrictions, the Clerk was asked to look at how much of an underspend there would be this year. It was suggested that Full Council would need to look at either using this underspend by putting it into a project or whether to reduce the precept request. The Clerk agreed to draw up a report and speak with the Finance Committee in the first instance.

(f) **Planning**

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

T/20/00201/TCA – 2 Bingville – Works to Trees  
T/20/00194/TCA – Holy Trinity School – Works to Trees  
T/20/00182/TCA – Brunswood House, Brunswood Road – Works to Trees  
T/20/00187/TCA – 140 Dale Road – Works to Trees  
T/20/00162/TCA – Lower Towers, Masson Road – Works to Trees  
T/20/00146/TCA – 4 Holme Villas, Brunswood Road – Works to Trees

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

T/20/00162/TCA – Lower Towers, Masson Road – Granted  
T/20/00187/TCA – 140 Dale Road – Granted  
T/20/00146/TCA – 4 Holme Villas, Brunswood Road – Granted  
T/20/00136/TCA – High Trees, Brunswood Road – Granted  
T/20/00194/TCA – Holy Trinity School – Granted  
T/20/00182/TCA – Brunswood House, Brunswood Road – Granted

T/20/00106/TCA – Matlock Bath Bowling Club – Works to Trees – Withdrawn

Application 20/00902/CLPUD – 214 Dale Road – Use of Premises as a Home - Refused.

**Planning Breaches**

**Georgi Porgi** – It was reported that DDDC has written to the owner requesting an application to be submitted with regards to the change of signage. It was confirmed there was no breach of planning with regards change of use.

**134 North Parade** – It was reported that the rear of 134 North Parade has been cleared of rubbish and debris. The owner has confirmed that there is no intention to do anything further with this area. However, DDDC will monitor the situation.

It was suggested that new businesses should be informed of what can be done with regard to planning.

The Clerk was asked to follow up on the position with regards to the new sign on Route 66.

**Licence Applications** – It was reported that a licence application has been submitted from Riverside Fish Bar. This is for information only.

(g) **Climate Advisory Group**

The suggested amendment/addition to the Climate Advisory Group Policy which was adopted at the September meeting was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Councillors agreed that new wording did not clearly state what the expectations of the Parish Council are. In addition, Councillors agreed that only the things which the Parish Council has influence or control over should be included.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that they had already agreed not to change the maintenance regime by DDDC to tackle weeds including the method for reducing them.

It was agreed that the Committee should be reminded of the procedure for recommending actions to Full Council.

The Clerk agreed to send the Policy amendment back to the Climate Advisory Committee for re-wording and to re-submit it at the January meeting.

06.11.20 **Government Funding (RHSSF)**

It was reported that no answer regarding the funding from DCC or DDDC has been received. Although the Parish Council had been notified that £6,000 of the funding was available to spend on measures, we are still waiting to find out where the remaining £4,000 has been spent. It was further reported that the funding would be used on lamppost wraps, signs on pavements etc.

Some Councillors felt that this funding was “too little, too late” and whether it was possible to spend the funding on more meaningful signs concerning hygiene, litter etc. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the conditions of the funding were very strict and had to be Covid related. The Chairman agreed to contact DDDC to see whether this suggestion would be acceptable and to circulate to Councillors the quotation received for the signage to be designed specifically for Matlock Bath.

07.11.20 **Meeting with Police Crime Commissioner and Local Authorities**

It was reported that we seem to be moving slowly forward with regards a number of issues surrounding the village.

At the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November, it was agreed that DCC, DDDC and the Parish Council should devise a Policy for street clutter. This policy is to enable all the pavements to be accessible to families, disabled people, pushchairs etc. Although currently DDDC issues licences to businesses who wish to site tables and chairs outside their premises, they do not have the powers to enforce. It is unclear whether DCC has this power or not. DCC is responsible, however, for A boards, advertising material etc which currently is not enforced.

In view of the on-going problems there have been in the car parks, specifically Temple Road Car Park, Councillors asked whether CCTV could be installed so that offenders could be identified. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

It was reported that there has been more effective parking enforcement. DCC has made some changes to the shift patterns as sometimes it was felt that the enforcers were in the village far too early before visitors arrived and problems arose. It was reported that DCC is hoping to make a video regarding parking which will be put on their website. It will explain the legalities. It is hoped that the figures for October will be made available to the Parish Council shortly.

08.11.20 **Winter Service Scheme**

It was **RESOLVED** to continue with the Winter Service Scheme operated by DCC. A local resident has agreed to be the Snow Warden again this year. All details will be put on the new website shortly.

09.11.20 **Community Payback Scheme**

It was reported that the paperwork for the Community Payback Scheme had been completed and returned. It is hoped that, if successful, work will be undertaken in Memorial Gardens and Derwent Gardens.

10.11.20 **Community Speed Watch**

It was reported that 10 volunteers had been trained to operate the equipment for the Community Speed Watch programme. 3 others will be trained in due course.

Currently all operations are suspended due to Covid 19 restrictions. As soon as they resume, the trained volunteers will be able to go out.

The Clerk confirmed that the equipment is currently being shared with Cromford but Councillors might like to consider purchasing our own equipment for ease. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe has confirmed that she would pay half towards the cost of the equipment if the Parish Council went down that route. Although some Councillors felt that the Parish Council should not purchase the equipment, the Clerk confirmed that this would be for resolution at a future meeting. The importance currently is to ensure that volunteers wish to continue with this initiative.

11.11.20 **Reports from Outside Body Representatives**

- (a) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – There was nothing to report. It was reported that two adopters had resigned from duties after leaving the area but that another resident had signed up.
- (b) **Illuminations** – There was nothing to report.
- (c) **Pavilion** – Cllr Dave Mowle reported that they were making an insurance claim for the roof which has leaked.

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

There were no urgent matters.

13.11.20 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

E-mail from DDDC re Shopappy in the Derbyshire Dales  
Letter from DDDC re Council Resolution to 'Protect Derbyshire Wildlife'  
E-mail from DCC re Derwent Valley Mills WHS Annual Newsletter  
E-mail from Citizens Advice re Coronavirus and the impact on finances  
E-mail from Air Ambulance Service re donation  
E-mail from DALC re elections at Derbyshire Community Health  
E-mail from DDDC re covid secure checks to be made on businesses  
E-mail from DDDC re new procedures for reporting planning breaches on line  
Copy of e-mail from resident re update on travellers  
Copy of e-mail from DCC to residents re road surface on Brunwood and Holme Roads

E-mail from Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner re vulnerability fund  
E-mail from resident re litter banners  
Copy of e-mail from business owner re human excrement on Lovers Walks  
E-mail from resident re pally pond clearance  
E-mail from MEA re Climate Change Newsletter  
E-mail from Citizens Advice re Coronavirus and the impact on energy  
E-mail from potential resident re parking in the village  
E-mail from DDDC re Remembrance guidance  
Various updates on Community Speed Watch during covid  
E-mail from DDDC re Community Matters festive funding  
E-mail from EMR re lockdown guidance for station adopters  
E-mail from DDDC re free parking in December  
E-mail from Air Ambulance re virtual santa fun run  
E-mail from DDDC re support for businesses during pandemic

E-mail from visitor re toilets at Memorial Gardens – Passed to DDDC

14.11.20 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm.