

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council
held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom

Present: Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Jackie Ligo,
Cllr Leisha Martin, Cllr Louise Moran, Cllr Dave Mowle, Cllr Jennifer Nettleship,
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

There was no representative present.

D Report from District Council

There was no representative present.

01.05.21 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Michael Wilderspin and Cllr Nick Grayshon. The Clerk reported that she had received resignations from both Cllrs Wilderspin and Grayshon as both had now left the area. Their resignations were accepted and the Clerk agreed to write to both to express thanks for their hard work over the years.

02.05.21 **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.

03.05.21 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24th March 2021 be accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

Subject to approval at the next meeting

04.05.21 Clerk's Report on On-going Matters

Possible Fair in Derwent Gardens – Councillors confirmed that they had no objection to a possible fair in Derwent Gardens during the school summer holidays.

Re-opening of the Bowling Green – It was confirmed that the Bowling Green had re-opened and players were following the restrictions laid down by the Bowling Green Association.

Overtake of Legislation to Allow Virtual Meetings – Councillors agreed that they would prefer to resume face-to-face meetings rather than virtual for Full Council meetings. It was therefore agreed not to send the sample letter to Government requesting an extension of the legislation to allow virtual meetings.

Social Media Comments – The Clerk raised the issue of comments on social media regarding the Parish Council by a resident. She raised concern that the comments and assumptions were untrue and, as a result, contacted the resident to offer clarification on the points. Councillors felt that there was little that could be done further with social media comments. It was noted that this is the same resident who had forwarded e-mails to the Parish Council previously. Councillors agreed that any resident who wished to have clarification on any issue should contact the Clerk direct.

05.05.21 Committees

- (a) **Activities** – It was reported that the Seniors Lunch has been re-booked for 6th December 2021 at The Fishpond. A decision on whether it will go ahead will be made nearer the time according to any restrictions in place nationally.

Cllr Helen Key suggested that the Committee meet shortly to talk about any further activities which could be held this year.

- (b) **Communications**

Website – It was reported that the new website is now 'live'.

Newsletter – It was confirmed that the Summer Newsletter will be delivered in June. Any articles etc should be sent to the Clerk by the end of May.

- (c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

Cllr Louise Moran agreed to contact Holy Trinity School to speak about a possible litter pick in the village.

- (d) **Facilities Committee**

Sports Area – It was reported that the renovation was under-way and expected to be completed by the end of May. It was confirmed that the Facilities Committee would need to meet to discuss how the area will be managed.

Benches – It was confirmed that the new benches will be installed in the next 2 weeks.

Work on the "Bowmers Bench" is continuing.

It was reported that the damage to the benches on Riverside was being pursued by the Police and currently we are awaiting a date for the Magistrate's Court.

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

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

DALC	£222.33
Derbyshire Dales Design & Print	£55.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
DDDC (lease)	£10.00
HMRC	£81.92
Brian Wood	£60.00
Clerk, Expenses, April	£83.62
Clerk, Salary, April	£982.75
NEST	£116.84
DALC (training)	£150.00
DALC (training)	£50.00
Laser Tech UK	£318.00
HMRC	£81.92
Clerk, Salary, May	£892.75
NEST	£116.84
TOTAL	£3351.97

(f) **Planning Committee**

Applications - It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Planning Committee's recommendations of No Objection for the following application:

T/21/0045/TCA – Works to Trees – Hodgkinsons

T/21/00035/TCA - Works to Trees - Waterloo Road

TPO 25 – Consultation – 82011260 Gullivers Kingdom

TPO 25 Consultation – 82011991 High Tor Hotel

21/00493/FUL – Single Storey Extension – 1 Orchard Road – Although the Committee agreed with some of the works, they did have objections regarding the balcony as it was felt was not in keeping with the property or a Conservation Area.

- **Planning Decisions** - To note the following decisions by DDDC:

21/00203/FUL – Front Extension – Victoria House, Holme Road – Granted

T/21/0045/TCA – Works to Trees – Hodgkinsons - Withdrawn

- **Appeals** – To note that the appeal for 20/00902/CLPUD has been successful.

(g) **Climate Advisory Group** – There was nothing to report.

06.05.21 **Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021**

The Annual Governance Statement for 2017/2018 was approved.

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07.05.21 **Audit for 2020/2021**

It was **RESOLVED** to sign off the Annual Return for 2020/2021.

08.05.21 **Annual Report 2020/2021**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Annual Report in its current form for publication on the website. A shorter version will be adapted for inclusion in the Newsletter.

09.05.21 **Matlock Bath Station**

It was confirmed that a new adopter had joined the team. Summer planting will be done at the end of May.

10.05.21 **Community Speed Watch**

It was reported that speed watch duties are now resumed.

11.05.21 **Reports from Outside Bodies**

- (a) **Pavilion** – Cllr Dave Mowle reported that some plastering work in the stairway had been undertaken.
- (b) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – There was nothing to report.
- (c) **Illuminations Working Group** – It was reported that at a meeting on 4th May with DDDC it had been confirmed that the event will go ahead. However, numbers allowed in Derwent Gardens will have to be limited to a maximum of 4,000.

Concern was raised about accessibility in the Gardens and it was confirmed that the food outlets, the fair and activities/entertainments would have to be 'scattered' to allow for pedestrian access and social distancing.

Concern was expressed over the congestion on the pavements by visitors coming to the illuminations but DDDC confirmed that they did not have any jurisdiction over this.

There will be no fireworks in September, only October. The last night of the illuminations will be based on Halloween.

DDDC has confirmed that nothing is cast in stone and arrangements will be reviewed nearer the time and will be dependent on the covid regulations/ advice in force at the time.

One Councillor raised the issue of a possible water display and laser lights rather than fireworks. This idea will be fed back to the Working Group.

12.05.21 **Welcome Back Fund**

It was confirmed that this fund is a 'follow on' from the Re-opening up of the High Street Safely Fund. It was reported that there would be around £6,000 available to spend. After some research it was reported that to have temporary toilets near the Pavilion would cost in the region of £4,000 plus costs for cleaning. As a result, this idea would not be possible.

A 'quick fix' would be to have picnic benches in Derwent Gardens. Cllr Leisha Martin reported that there are a number of potential areas for the benches. A couple could also be put in Memorial Gardens.

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It was further reported that estimated costs for the benches ranged from £100-£500. Cllr Peter Baranek agreed to contact Derwent Treescapes to ascertain whether they had access to suppliers.

It was **RESOLVED** to look further into providing picnic benches from the Welcome Back Fund.

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

There were no urgent matters

14.05.21 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

The following were noted:

2 e-mails from resident re various issues
E-mail regarding Universal Credit information
E-mail from visitor – complaint regarding car parking charges – forwarded to DDDC
E-mails from DDDC re elections/election notices
Copy of e-mail to Cllr Purdy from resident re planning application
E-mail from Library Service – mobile library timetable
E-mail from DCC re voting

15.05.21 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 7th July 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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