

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council
held on Wednesday 29th September 2021 at the New Bath Hotel at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Dave Mowle, Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Jackie Ligo,
Cllr Leisha Martin, Cllr Jennifer Nettleship, Cllr Christopher Vivian
Julie Baranek (Clerk)

A Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

B Report from Police Representatives

There was no Police representative present.

C Report from County Council

Cllr Dermot Murphy attended. He had no matters to raise.

Councillors reported that a number of things had not been followed up by the County Council such as the road linings on Temple Road, Holme Road and Upperwood. The Clerk agreed to send to Cllr Murphy e-mails pertaining to what was agreed and he would follow it up.

D Report from District Council

Cllr Dermot Murphy attended. He reminded Councillors that for both County and District there is a 'pot' of money which can be used for projects.

Councillors reported that a number of residents had complained to Environmental Health concerning the noise, mainly at the weekend, from The Temple which is now a 'party house'. The Clerk asked if Cllr Murphy could chase Environmental Health to ascertain what action was being done regarding noise etc.

He also agreed to speak with Planning regarding licensing.

Cllr Garry Purdy sent his apologies.

Cllr Dermot Murphy was thanked for attending the meeting.

01.09.21 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Louise Moran.

The Chairman and Councillors welcomed Cllr Christopher Vivian to the meeting and to the Parish Council.

02.09.21 **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.

03.09.21 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th July 2021 be accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Bench on Waterloo Road – The Clerk reported that a resident had raised the issue of the bench on Waterloo Road which was being used as a storage point for black bin bags. It was felt that the bench could no longer be used for its intended purpose in view of contamination. After discussion, Cllr Dave Mowle agreed to speak to the owners of the black bags. It was also agreed to put something in the next Newsletter about all of the benches in the village and how important they are for walkers.

Closer Working Meeting – The Clerk reported that the next Closer Working Meeting with DDDC will be held on 14th October. She asked Councillors to notify her of anything they wished raising.

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) – The Clerk reported that the PSPOs will be reviewed shortly. The consultation period is 4th October-22nd November. Information will be circulated to all Councillors once received.

New PCSO – The Clerk reported that Matlock Bath had been assigned a new PCSO, Charles Foster. This is in addition to Kirsty. Charles has made contact and wishes to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

05.09.21 **Committees**

(a) **Activities** – It was reported that the Activities Committee met recently to finalise arrangements for the forthcoming activities.

Art and Photography Competitions – The closing date for Photography has been extended to 17th October. This will take in two illuminations fireworks weekends. Art will close on 3rd October.

All work for both competitions will be displayed on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st October in the Pump Room between 11.00 am-4.00 pm. A rota for 'manning' the stand will be drawn up once the availability of Councillors is known.

A presentation ceremony will be held in November to award prizes. It was reported that the Committee had asked the Clerk to speak with the Pavilion to see if it was possible to hold the ceremony there. The Clerk was uncertain whether the room upstairs would be large enough to accommodate around 30-50 people and a display of the work.

Remembrance – It was reported that this will be held on Sunday 14th November at 10.45 am. Members of Holy Trinity Church will be invited to join the service. Although the Parish Council is in possession of recorded music, it was felt that a 'live' performer to play The Last Post would be better. Cllr Dave Mowle agreed to speak to a resident to ascertain whether she would be willing and able to play.

Seniors Lunch – It was confirmed this was booked for Monday 6th December at The Fishpond. An article pertaining to this is in the Autumn edition of the Newsletter.

Singing Round the Tree – It was reported that this was provisionally booked for 20th December. Refreshments afterwards will be provided at Heathers.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Notes of the Activities Committee meeting held on 20th September 2021.

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Cllr Leisha Martin and Cllr Jackie Ligo to the Activities Committee.

(b) **Communications**

Newsletter – It was confirmed that the Autumn Newsletter has now gone to the printers.

Website – There was nothing to report.

(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

Nature Reserve – It was reported that Derbyshire Wildlife has quoted £500 per day to clear the meadow area in the Nature Reserve. It was estimated that it will take 2 days.

Although the Committee has a budget for the work to be done, Councillors wondered whether there was anyone in the village who would be able to take the work on. The Clerk explained that although various members of the community over the years had undertaken work for the previous two years it had been done by Derbyshire Wildlife. Cllr Leisha Martin agreed to speak to a local resident about undertaking the work. It was also suggested that an advertisement could be put in the next Newsletter to see if anyone in the village was interested in helping.

It was reported that there was evidence of ash dieback in the Nature Reserve but the Committee had no budget to deal with it. It was agreed that a sign be put on both entrances to the Reserve warning the public that there is ash dieback on the Reserve.

It was reported that on Jacobs Ladder there is a tree down and you cannot walk safely through the gate posts The Clerk agreed to contact the Footpaths Team.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

Sports Area – The Clerk reported that she was waiting for the company to send an invoice for the netball hoops. All information relating to how residents access the area will be put on the website shortly. The area will then be opened. The new sign will be fitted shortly

Winter Lighting – It was reported that the electricians who are currently looking after the illuminations will test our lights to see what work needs doing on them. They will then let us know how much it will cost to fix them.

Benches – It was reported that the ‘Bowmer’s Bench’ is now complete.

It was reported that the contractor will fit the plaques to the three benches on Riverside and stain the new wood shortly.

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

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

Valley View Landscapes	£33,120.00
Brunel	£43.04
PKF Littlejohn	£360.00
Clerk (florals)	£180.83
Cartoon Studio (WBF)	£35.00
Fitzpatrick Woolmer (WBF)	£696.00
HMRC	£81.92
Clerk, Salary, August	£982.75
Spire Workwear (WBF)	£107.40
NEST	£116.84
Sign & Print (WBF)	£35.04
Derwent Treescapes (WBF)	£1,432.80
Matlock Print (WBF)	£346.00
Churnet Valley (WBF)	£2,970.00
Clerk, Sundries for WBF	£10.36
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
HMRC	£81.92
Clerk, Salary, September 2021	£982.75
NEST	£116.84
Matlock Rotary (Halloween)	£10.00
SLCC Membership	£166.00
Clerk (winter plants)	£138.81
Twiggs	£10.00
Clerk (winter plants)	£30.83
TOTAL	£42,095.13

Annual Return/External Audit – It was noted that the Annual Return/External Audit had been completed with no problems.

Renewal of SLCC Membership - It was **RESOLVED** to renew membership of SLCC.

Grants – After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to award DASAC a grant for the Raft Event of £195.21.

Budgets – Committees were asked to meet in November to discuss budgets for 2021/2022. The Finance Committee will consider all budget requests at their meeting in January 2022 before the precept is agreed.

Signatories – It was **RESOLVED** to add Cllrs Jackie Ligo and Leisha Martin to the list of signatories for the bank.

(f) **Planning Committee**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations from the Planning Committee for the following applications:

T/21/00108/TCA – Works to Trees – Woodside, Upperwood Road – No Objection
T/21/00126/TCA – Works to Trees – Gilderoy East, Upperwood Road – No Objection

T/21/00138/TCA – Works to Trees – 104 North Parade – No Objection

21/00871/FUL – Change of Use – Former Public Conveniences at Artists Corner – No Objection

21/00646/FUL – Conversion of Coach House – Temple Walk – Objection

21/00924/LBALT – Alterations in association with conversion to Coach House – Temple Walk – Objection

The Committee has concerns about the nature of the development as the application is not clear. It is not clear what colour the windows and guttering will be and feel it has to be in keeping with the Temple itself in view of its proximity. The application states two bedrooms but the plans show 3.

The application states 15 car parking spaces but this seems excessive for a residential dwelling or will it be a holiday let.

21/01096/FUL – Repainting of shop front (retrospective) – 196 South Parade

The Parish Council has no objection to this application in principle but does object to the colours as we are not confident they are on the colour palette.

21/00981/CLPUD – Proposed Porch/Extension – 1 Orchard Road – Objection.

The Parish Council feels that it is very difficult to assess the impact the porch will have from the drawings supplied; a more detailed drawing of the porch and walkway should have been submitted. It is difficult to assess whether it will be in keeping with the conservation area.

Planning Decisions – To note the following decisions by DDDC:

T/21/00105/TCA – Works to Trees – Hodgkinsons Hotel - Granted

21/00772/CLEUD – Siting of Accommodation Blocks – Gullivers – Refused

T/21/00107/TCA – Works to Trees – Gilderoy West, Upperwood Road – Granted

00126/TCA – Works to Trees – Gilderoy East, Upperwood Road - Granted

21/00630/VCOND – Variation of conditions 2 & 3 to allow for minor external alterations & the retention and repair of the existing roof – Parochial Hall - Granted

21/00760/FUL – Holiday Let – Netherwood Cottage, Orchard Road - Granted

Enforcement Case ENF/21/00130 – The enforcement notice was noted.

(g) **Climate Advisory Group**

There was nothing to report.

06.09.21 **Welcome Back Fund**

It was reported that the funding had been spent on picnic tables, information leaflets, bags and tabards for the ambassadors, dispensers for the leaflets. Stainless steel dispensers will be fitted in November.

The Clerk confirmed that all the money spent had already been reimbursed by DDDC.

Cllr Jennifer Nettleship left the meeting.

07.09.21 **Temple Road/West Bank Footpath**

It was reported that the tarmacking on Temple Road/West Bank Footpath was a temporary measure to reduce trip hazards. As soon as resources are available something more permanent will be applied. Councillors raised concern that the footpath is an ancient footpath and in a conservation area. It was suggested that Planning at DDDC be contacted. The Clerk was asked to convey the Parish Council's concerns to DCC and to push for a deadline for when the tarmac will be removed and the cobbles would be relaid.

08.09.21 **Reports from Outside Bodies**

- (a) **Pavilion** - There was nothing to report.
- (b) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – There was nothing to report.
- (c) **Illuminations Working Group** – There was nothing to report.

09.09.21 **Memorial for Cllr Joyce Pawley**

It was reported that an arbour with a Perspex roof will be installed in the Water Gardens in Derwent Gardens.

Cllr Garry Purdy has confirmed that DDDC will put down paving for the arbour to go on. A plaque will also be fitted in memory of Joyce. It has also been suggested that one of Joyce's poems be inscribed on the arbour. It was reported that around £800 has been raised by the residents to be put towards the arbour.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to give up to £500 as required to fulfil the cost of the memorial.

On 23rd October the Pawley family will attend the illuminations when a collection will be made for Macmillan.

10.09.21 **Halloween Treasure Hunt (Matlock Rotary)**

As recommended by the Activities Committee, it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will take part in the Halloween Treasure Hunt.

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

There were no urgent matters.

However, Councillors raised the issue of the dangers of the junction of Temple Road and the A6 and asked if a mirror could be fitted. The Clerk agreed to look into this.

Councillors raised the issue of the stone structure in Derwent Gardens which was damaged by a fallen tree. The stone has been saved and moved to storage until it can be rebuilt. It has been cleared for safety reasons during the illuminations.

12.09.21 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

The following were noted:

E-mail from resident regarding No Parking sign – passed to DCC.
E-mail from Local Government Boundary Commission re ward boundaries
E-mail from Paddle Peak re kayaking sessions
E-mail from DDDC re temporary road closures during illuminations
E-mail from DDDC (various) bin updates
E-mail from DCC re bus survey
E-mail from DDDC re emergency incident with foul sewer
E-mail from visitor re parking machine in Station Car Park x2 – passed to DDDC.
E-mail from resident re black bag collection.
E-mail from visitor re scattering of ashes on riverbank – passed to DDDC
E-mail from Derbyshire Live on the popularity of Matlock Bath – passed to Councillors

13.09.21 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 24th November 2021.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.