

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council
held on Wednesday 23rd November 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 Louise Moran, 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

There was no County Council representative present.

D Report from District Council

Cllr Garry Purdy sent his apologies.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

01.11.21 **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

02.11.21 **Declaration of Members' Interest**

Councillors were asked to consider the need to declare an interest in any matters on the agenda. Cllr Dave Mowle signed the book for Item 05.11.21(e) Finance (for one of the payments). Cllr Peter Baranek signed the book for Item 07.11.21 (RHSSF) and 16.11.21 (Correspondence from resident from Orchard Road).

03.11.21 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29th September 2021 be accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Freedom of Information Request – The Clerk reported that a request for copies of Minutes from around 1985-present day had been received. As the Minutes up to 2010 were in typewritten form and not available on-line, they would need to be scanned. It was further reported that they have been e-mailed to the solicitor within the 20 day timescale. It was agreed that these scans be added to the website in case of any future request.

Telephone Number for Gullivers – The Clerk reported that a telephone number and e-mail address has now been made available in case of complaints.

Noise from The Temple – The Clerk reported that following some complaints regarding noise from The Temple, Environmental Health had been in contact with the owner who has put extra measures in place to prevent such occurrences of outdoor evening noise occur in the future.

Objects on the Highway – The Clerk reported that Derbyshire County Council is introducing a new charging system for objects placed on the highway such as planters and village signs. It is unclear whether this is just for new applications or will include the Parish Council's planters and signs. Councillors agreed that the matter should be raised with our County Councillor to establish what enforcement measures will be in place as well as clarification as to whether this will include businesses' furniture on the Parades.

Sandbag Hub – The Clerk reported that the 'sandbag hub' for Matlock Bath will be in Memorial Gardens under the benches in Memorial Shelter.

05.11.21 **Committees**

(a) **Activities**

Art and Photography Presentation Ceremony – It was reported that the ceremony to award prizes in the Art and Photography Competitions will be held in the Pump Room on Saturday 4th December at 1.00 pm.

Seniors Lunch – It was reported that the lunch will be held at The Fishpond on Monday 6th December at 1.00 pm. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to waive the £5 contribution for this year.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

Christmas Arrangements – It was reported that the village Christmas Tree has been reserved. Cllr Dave Mowle agreed to collect the tree and together with a number of local residents, will erect it. The electrician will place the lights on it as soon as the tree is up.

It was reported that Singing Round the Tree will be held on Monday 20th December at 7.00 pm. Two residents have been invited to play and lead the singing. Leisha agreed to speak with one of the residents to confirm his availability. Cllr Christopher Vivian agreed to join in with the accompaniment.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Forget Me Not to arrange for refreshments to be served afterwards.

Previous Art Winners – The Clerk reported that the previous Art winners' paintings are in storage after being collected from Masson Mills. It was **RESOLVED** that the paintings will be hung in the Pavilion. It was agreed that the owners of the paintings should be contacted to see if they would like them returned or are happy for them to go to the Pavilion. An Agreement outlining responsibilities will be drawn up and agreed by both parties. The paintings and plaques will be cleaned and photographed before going into the Pavilion.

(b) **Communications**

Newsletter – It was reported that the Committee at their next meeting will be discussing how we present the newsletter, ie on-line and/or by print. A database could be established so any news could be disseminated in between the publication of the newsletters.

(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

Snow Warden Scheme/Winter Service Scheme – It was **RESOLVED** to partake in the Scheme again this year. A resident has agreed to be the nominated snow warden again. All details will be on the website.

New Backpack – After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to look at costings to replace the backpack which is no longer working and purchase as necessary.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

Sports Area – The Clerk reported that now the insurance has been confirmed, the area can be opened. Residents wishing to use the area will need to complete a booking form on-line which will release the code to the gate. Once the resident has the code, they can use the area when they wish. However, if they wish to have exclusive use of the area, they will need to book it. Full details are on the website.

Benches – The Clerk reported that Marie Bowmer had e-mailed to offer her thanks to the Parish Council for arranging for a bench to be installed on Upperwood Road in memory of Trevor.

It was agreed that the bench on Waterloo Road should be cleared of overhanging shrubbery and cleaned so it can be used.

It was confirmed that the court case involving the criminal damage to the Parish Council's benches on South Parade will be heard on 2nd December.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

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

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

Clerk, Expenses, September	£163.84
Matlock Print	£330.00
DASAC (grant)	£154.48
Matlock Print (WBF)	£37.00
Net World Sports	£264.74
Valley View Landscapes (lining, Netball)	£720.00
Poppy Appeal	£50.00
HMRC	£81.92
Clerk, Salary, October 2021	£982.75
C Cresswell (plants for barrels/trough)	£50.00
NEST	£116.84
Clerk, Office Expenses, October	£225.61
Derwent Treescapes (Welcome Back Fund)	£1432.80
Spire Workwear (Welcome Back Fund)	£64.44
Clerk, Salary, November 2021	£982.75
HMRC	£116.84
The Sign Maker	£133.60
NEST	£116.84
Oakenstone	£1399.80
Crow Pie	£40.00
The Sign Maker	£125.75
Peak District Mining Museum	£100.00
Clerk, Photography Prize	£50.00
Clerk, Expenses, November 2021	£110.64
Total	£7850.64

Grants – It was **RESOLVED** to award the Children’s Christmas Party a grant of a maximum of £400. All invoices will be paid direct to suppliers by the Parish Council.

(f) **Planning Committee**

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

21/01190/FUL – Two Storey Extension – Springbank House, New Bath Road
T/21/00171/TCA – Works to Trees – 1 Primrose Cottages, St Johns Road
T/21/00186/TCA – Works to Trees – Woodside, Upperwood Road

Planning Decisions – The following decisions by DDDC were noted:

T/21/00108/TCA – Works to Trees – Woodside, Upperwood Road
21/00981/CLPUD – Proposed Porch/Extension – 1 Orchard Road
21/00871/FUL – Change of Use – Former Public Conveniences at Artists Corner
20/01140/FUL – Subdivision of property – 8 North Parade
21/01096/FUL – Repainting of shop front (retrospective) – 196 South Parade
T/21/00133/TPO – Works to Trees – Woodland Croft, Orchard Road
T/21/00171/TCA – Works to Trees – 1 Primrose Cottages, St Johns Road

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Enforcement Case ENF/21/00130 – It was reported that the owner of the property will be submitting a planning application in due course.

21/00772/CLEUD (Gullivers) – It was reported that although this application had been rejected by DDDC, Gullivers were still operating. The Clerk confirmed that she had asked DDDC for clarification on this matter.

***Clerk's Note:** Following the meeting, a response was received from DDDC. It states that having regard to the relevant provisions of the development plan and other material considerations as well as having consulted the Local Highway Authority, Environmental Health and Licensing Departments, it is not considered expedient to serve an enforcement notice in this case. The full explanation has been sent to Councillors. Initial responses from Councillors indicate that they feel this is unacceptable and that our District Councillors should be made aware of their concerns with regard to this decision.*

Following a complaint regarding the use of a converted building into an indoor camping area, DDDC has asked for an indication of which building it is so the matter can be passed to the Enforcement Team.

20/00128/FUL (Parochial Hall) – DDDC has confirmed that no fencing on the frontage has been approved as part of the permission. Condition 7 removed permitted development rights so any fencing would require permission. The matter has been passed to the Enforcement Team to investigate.

Regarding the back wall, DDDC has confirmed that details of the wall have been approved as part of permission 21/00630/VCOND. The wall sits behind the building with limited visibility from the road. Cllr Louise Moran agreed to photograph the wall for the Clerk to submit to DDDC.

Rental Property – The Clerk reported that following a complaint regarding a property where the garage has been converted into accommodation without planning permission, DDDC Enforcement will investigate.

(g) **Climate Advisory Group**

There was nothing to report.

06.11.21 **Vandalism to Signage**

It was reported that the case against the lady arrested for the damage to the Covid signs put up by the Parish Council, has been closed and that no further action will be taken. The Crown Prosecution Service feels it is not in the public interest to prosecute the offender due to some issues with the evidence. Whilst on bail the offender was not allowed to enter the area of Matlock Bath, the bail conditions have been cancelled meaning the offender can return to the area without any restrictions.

The Police has advised that the Parish Council could instigate a civil injunction which must be applied for within 3 months of the notice.

After discussion Councillors **RESOLVED** that the matter be referred to the next Full Council Meeting when we can see if any further damage is done in the meantime.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

07.11.21 **Re-opening of the High Street Safely Fund**

The Clerk confirmed that all invoices had been met by DDDC. It was **RESOLVED** to reimburse the Clerk for extra hours undertaken for this project, monies of which have been covered by the funding.

08.11.21 **Welcome Back Fund**

The Clerk confirmed that all invoices had been met by DDDC. It was **RESOLVED** to reimburse the Clerk for extra hours undertaken for this project, monies of which have been covered by the funding.

09.11.21 **Reports from Outside Bodies**

- (a) **Pavilion** - There was nothing to report.
- (b) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – There was nothing to report. Cllr Christopher Vivian agreed to be the Parish Council's representative on the Partnership.
- (c) **Illuminations Working Group** – The review meeting following this year's illuminations will be held on 1st December at 6.30 pm at The Fishpond.

10.11.21 **Problems on the A6**

Cllr Peter Baranek reported that he had spoken to Cllr Dermot Murphy, our County Councillor regarding a number of issues relating to highways. Cllr Murphy has asked that a list of the problems be drawn up which he will take up with the County Council. Cllr Baranek suggested that this be discussed by the Environment Committee with other Councillors having input if they wished.

The Clerk reported that a scheme for the introduction of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) is included in the 2021/22 Capital Schemes programme. Investigations are at an early stage to determine the exact location of a proposed VAS in Matlock Bath.

11.11.21 **Closer Working Meetings**

Graffiti – It was reported that all graffiti has been removed from Jubilee Bridge and the electric pillar as well as a big belly bin. If there are any further cases of graffiti, these should be reported on line to DDDC.

Bins on Upperwood & Green Lane – It was reported that DDDC will not add new bins until the Clean and Green service review is complete due to the lack of resources. The request for the replacement bin on Green Lane could be explored.

Memorial Gardens – It was reported that the cutting of the hedge in front of the Information Board has been completed. The delay was due to the fact that the team were working in Derwent Gardens preparing for the illuminations.

Illuminations – Following an enquiry as to why the concrete posts and roping in Derwent Gardens are removed each year, DDDC has confirmed that this is down to preventing theft and the fact that the Environment Agency do not want any permanent structures in case of flooding.

12.11.21 **Memorial for Cllr Joyce Pawley**

It was reported that a ceremony unveiling the memorial had been held during the illuminations. A total of £1500 has been donated from residents, businesses and the Parish Council. Thanks have been received from the Pawley family for the memorial. The area will be landscaped in due course with any remaining funds collected going towards some plants.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

13.11.21 **Ancient Shelter on Lovers Walk**

Councillors expressed concerns regarding the removal of this ancient shelter which was taken down for safety reasons. The shelter is legally a listed building by virtue of its age. As such the demolition required listed building consent even if temporary until the rebuild. Cllr Purdy is taking the matter up with the Estates Department. Councillors felt that the matter should also be referred to the Conservation Officer at DDDC.

Cllr Jennifer Nettleship left the meeting.

14.11.21 **Raft Event 2021**

Signage Request - The Clerk reported that a Community Group has agreed to 'sweep' the River Derwent following the raft event but have asked if signage could be erected asking people not to use plastic bags. Councillors agreed that this request should be directed at the organisers of the event.

It was also suggested that DDDC could include this in any press release.

Judging the Event – The Clerk reported that she had been approached by the organisers asking if anyone was available to judge the event. Unfortunately, none of the Councillors are available on Boxing Day.

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

There were no urgent matters.

16.11.21 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

The following were noted:

- E-mail from DDDC re Community Safety Survey
- E-mails from DDDC re bin updates (various)
- E-mail from resident re bench
- E-mail from DALC re AGM
- E-mail from PCSO
- Copy of E-mail to DDDC from resident re Travellers on Station Car Park x6
- E-mail from DDDC re Allotment provision
- E-mail from resident re illuminations passes x2
- E-mail from visitor re state of pavement on Parades
- E-mail from visitor re car parking – passed to DDDC
- E-mail from PCSO re monthly newsletter
- E-mail from community group re utilising the bandstand – passed to DDDC
- E-mail from resident regarding the 'blocking' of Orchard Road

The Clerk reported that further derogatory e-mails had been received from a resident. After discussion it was agreed that the Cllr Dave Mowle, Vice Chairman and Cllr Louise Moran write formally to the resident concerned asking him to refrain from contacting the Clerk in future. The Clerk confirmed that she was happy to answer any queries raised by the resident providing he was civil.

17.11.21 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 12th January 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.