

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council
held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at the New Bath Hotel at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Dave Mowle, Cllr Jackie Ligo, Cllr Leisha Martin,
Cllr Louise Moran, 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 sent his apologies.

D Report from District Council

Cllr Garry Purdy and Cllr Dermot Murphy sent their apologies.

01.01.22 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Helen Keay and Cllr Jennifer Nettleship.

02.01.22 **Declaration of Members' Interest**

Councillors were asked to consider the need to declare an interest in any matters on the agenda.

03.01.22 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

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

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

Webcam – The Clerk reported that a resident had enquired whether the Parish Council would consider installing a webcam in the village. Councillors discussed the issue but felt that running costs involved would be too high to justify and there was little benefit for residents. Councillors felt that it was more for visitors and suggested it might be something the businesses would wish to set up.

20s Plenty Zoom Meeting – Cllr Christopher Vivian agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and report back.

Temporary Closure – The Clerk reported that Lovers Walks will be closed on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th January for remedial works.

RHSSF Costings – The Clerk reported that DCC had provided a breakdown of costings for RHSSF which they had spent totalling £2123.69. Councillors noted that the costs were all administrative based. As there seemed to be so little produced for the village Councillors asked the Clerk to forward to Cllr Dermot Murphy for him to follow up.

05.01.22 **Committees**

(a) **Activities**

The Clerk reported that the Committee will be meeting shortly to discuss this year's activities.

(b) **Communications**

There was nothing to report.

(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

Issues on the Highway – Councillors were reminded that Cllr Dermot Murphy had asked for a list of issues regarding highways. A list was provided and included:

- A 30mph speed limit throughout the whole of the village.
- Introduction of a traffic signals at the junction of Temple Road and the A6.
- New pedestrian refuge required on South Parade.
- Traffic signals at junction of Holme Road and A6.
- Fence opposite Clifton Road to be permanent.
- Ongoing problems of drainage of thermal water on the A6.
- Cobbles on West Bank reinstated.

Other issues were raised concern the volume of traffic, pollution and overhanging trees.

Repair to West Bank Cobbles – It was reported that this will be considered for the capital schemes programme for 2023/2024.

Nature Reserve – It was reported that a meeting had been held with a tree surgeon to look at the trees affected by ash dieback. He has been booked for 2 days work in March. The Clearance of the logs will be undertaken by volunteers.

Cllr Peter Baranek confirmed that before any work he has had to complete forms for the Forestry Commission.

Cllr Louise Moran confirmed she had sought a quotation for the clearing of the meadow area.

Footpaths – It was confirmed that DCC had written to the landowner asking for the the fallen tree on Footpath 5 to be cleared.

Cllr Leisha Martin reported that Footpath 11 - Ember Lane/Devonshire Mine needed clearing. The Clerk agreed to notify DCC.

Noise Camera – It was reported that Kensington and Chelsea Council have noise cameras. Cllr Peter Baranek reported that he had contacted them for more information including the supplier of the camera.

Councillors discussed the need for a camera in Matlock Bath and agreed that we should speak in the first instance to Cllr Dermot Murphy and Cllr Garry Purdy to see if DCC and DDDC will take this initiative forward. The Clerk reported that she was still awaiting a response from the Minister for Roads, Buses and Places who had provided information previously about a noise camera.

Cllr Jackie Ligo agreed to do some testing of noise in the village and report back.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

Sports Area – Councillors discussed the payment structure for the sports area. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to increase the charge for non residents/groups outside the village to £10 per hour. It was felt this was in line with other sports areas.

Benches – It was reported that the bench on Waterloo Road had been cleared of overhanging shrubbery. Once the weather improves, the bench will be cleaned and renovated to enable it to be used as a bench.

The case regarding the criminal damage to benches on South Parade has been deferred to May.

Winter Lighting – It was reported that the electricians had supplied a quotation to look at the winter lighting. Although the quotation seemed fair, it was agreed to get two more quotations and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

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

Clerk, Salary, Nov 2021	£982.75
Spotless	£200.00
Fishpond	£362.70
S Allen (300284)	£150.00
A Holmes (300285)	£100.00
L Hardy	£50.00
C Heyes (300287)	£50.00
M Walters (300288)	£50.00
D Nightingale (300289)	£80.00
S Watson	£65.00
M Parkin (300291)	£50.00
P Thornhill	£50.00
J Hollands	£30.00
P & K Newberry	£60.00
P Astles	£30.00
M Payne	£30.00
J Derrick (300296)	£30.00
C Cookman (300298)	£30.00
V Morris (300302)	£30.00
C D'Cruze (300299)	£30.00
M Lodziak (300300)	£30.00
The Fishpond (grant)	£275.00
Gemma Books (grant)	£98.50
Matlock Print	£330.00
Clerk, Expenses, December 2021	£150.15
Crow Pie Marketing	£103.00
Mining Museum	£102.00
HMRC	£81.92
Forget Me Not	£285.00
Twigg	£3.46
Clerk, Salary, December 2021	£982.75
RDS	£360.00
D Sturt (300303)	£50.00
NEST	£116.84
Service Charge	£18.00
Churnet Valley (Arbour)	£883.50
Derbyshire Wildlife	£1,000.01
Clerk (Bulbs) (WBF)	£271.20
Clerk (Salary, January 2022)	£982.75
HMRC	£81.92
NEST	£116.84
Crow Pie Marketing	£80.00
Total	£8863.29

(The payment to Churnet Valley for the Arbour has been paid from donations).

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022.

(f) **Planning Committee**

Planning Applications:

To note the decision of No Objection of the following applications:

21/01275/LBALT – Installation of Flood Mitigation Measures – Derwent House, 210 Dale Road

T/21/00199/TCA – Tree Works – Tor Hill, 204 Dale Road

21/01283/FUL – Change of Use – Willesley Castle

Planning Decisions - To note the following decisions by DDDC:

21/01190/FUL – Two Storey Extension – Springbank House, New Bath Road - Granted

T/21/00186/TCA – Tree Works – Woodside, Upperwood Road – Granted

T/21/00185/TPO – Tree Works – Riverside Restaurant, South Parade – Permitted

T/21/00199/TCA – Tree Works – Tor Hill, 204 Dale Road – Permitted

21/01275/LBALT – Installation of Flood Mitigation Measures – Derwent House, 210 Dale Road - Granted

Outstanding Planning Issues

21/00772/CLEUD (Gullivers) – Councillors discussed the response received from DDDC and Cllr Garry Purdy where it was stated that it is not considered expedient to serve an enforcement notice in this case. DDDC is working with Gullivers to comply with the stipulations and to regularise the issues and make matters compliant.

It was felt that Gullivers were not been treated the same as residents and concern was expressed that the problem will happen again. It was agreed to contact our District Councillors outlining our concerns.

Gullivers – It was reported that the matter of a converted building being used as an indoor camping area has been passed to the Enforcement Team to investigate.

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

It was also noted that the banner advertising the holiday home has been in situ for more than 28 days. This would also be passed to the Enforcement Team.

Conversion of Garage into Holiday Let – It was reported that this has been passed to the Enforcement Team as this would require planning permission.

Co-option – It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Cllr Christopher Vivian to the Planning Committee. The Clerk confirmed that she is investigating training courses.

(g) **Climate Advisory Group**

There was nothing to report.

06.01.22 **Precept for 2022/2023**

Details of the Committee budgets and summary were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was reported that increasing costs overall including insurance for the renovated sports area meant that if we requested a standstill precept, there would be no contingency. It was confirmed that the Finance Committee at their meeting on 10th January had looked at the impact a slight increase on the precept would make to residents. They also looked at previous precept requests and noted that no increase had been made since 2016/2017. After discussion it was agreed that the precept be raised slightly to £29,000. This would incur a slight increase for residents.

07.01.22 **Welcome Back Fund**

It was reported that funds would be spent on:

- Bulbs/shrubs
- Postcards
- Footpath guides

Bulbs will be planted by volunteers around the village in the coming week.

Cllr Leisha Martin and Cllr Jackie Ligo agreed to go through the past entries of the Photography Competitions and choose some images for postcards. The intention is that they will be given to hotels/B & Bs to give to guests.

Work on the footpaths guides is ongoing.

08.01.22 **Reports from Outside Bodies**

- (a) **Pavilion** - There was nothing to report.
- (b) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – Cllr Christopher Vivian confirmed he would be attending the next meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.
- (c) **Illuminations Working Group** – It was confirmed that the review meeting for 2021 had been held in December. No figures were provided. The Clerk agreed to chase DDDC for these.

09.01.22 **Defibrillator on North Parade**

Following vandalism, the defibrillator has had to be housed in a locked unit. The code for the unit is C1267. This code is also held by the Ambulance Service.

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

There were no urgent matters.

11.01.22 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

The following were noted:

E-mail from DDDC re Bins update

E-mails of thanks from entrants of Art and Photography Competitions x4

E-mails of thanks from residents re seniors lunch x4

Christmas Greetings x2

E-mail from Derbyshire Police re proposals for the policing part of the Council Tax Precept

E-mail from MoP re far right extremist anti-vax group

E-mail from MoP re state of Memorial Gardens toilets – passed to DDDC

12.01.22 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 23rd March 2022.

It was **RESOLVED** to close the meeting to the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to allow Councillors to discuss the following agenda item which may contain issues of confidentiality.

13.01.22 **Co-options**

The completed co-option form received was circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Nigel Wiltshire to the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to notify Mr Wiltshire and send him the relevant information.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.