

# Matlock Bath Parish Council

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**DRAFT MINUTES** of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at the New Bath Hotel at 7.00 pm

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

## A **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

## B **Report from Police Representatives**

PCSO Charles Foster was in attendance. Charles reported that there were still cases of anti-social behaviour in the village and that the Police were pushing for a PSPO to be introduced. This would be one step to help solve the issues. However, DDDC are reluctant to introduce one.

Councillors informed Charles that investigations were being made in relation to a noise/acoustic camera. There is a camera in Derbyshire and Charles agreed to investigate where it is and to look into funding for such a camera.

*Clerk's Note: The acoustic camera in Derbyshire is a 'hand-held' one and not a permanent static one which the Parish Council is looking into. Derbyshire Police are looking at arranging an operation with the acoustic camera.*

It was reported that there was a slight increase in drug related problems as well as door to door salespeople. Charles stressed that genuine salespeople should have identification and permission from the Chief Constable. It was suggested that an article be put in the newsletter warning residents of the increasing problem.

## C **Report from County Council**

Cllr Dermot Murphy was in attendance. Acoustic Camera – It was reported that Inspector Troupe should have funding.

It was reported that although Upperwood Road was open, the repairs are temporary. Cllr Dermot Murphy stated that there are lots of trees near the highway which look dangerous and he has asked officers to survey them and contact landowners. He confirmed that other issues reported to him had been passed to officers.

## D **Report from District Council**

Cllr Garry Purdy and Cllr Dermot Murphy were in attendance. It was reported that a meeting would be held with the Environment Flood Minister to look at flooding in the Derwent Valley. Money should be available from the Levelling Up Fund.

The cinema in Matlock will go ahead despite more funding needed and be open in 2023.

Further talks would be held regarding County Deals for a unitary authority. There are three levels. Level 1 – do nothing, Level 2 – aiming for more ‘ticks in boxes’ which would mean more money available or Level 3 – a Mayor. Option 3 would mean there would not be a District or Borough Council. The current arrangement cannot stay as it is otherwise Government will impose. Currently it will not affect Parish Councils.

DDDC is currently in difficult talks with SERCO. Currently the Clean and Green Team are being used to help cover.

Concern was expressed over the derelict Belper Mill and the empty Masson Mills which could have a threat to the UNESCO inscription. Should the area lose the inscription it would be a huge negative for the area.

Councillors asked if some of the rocks which have come from the cliffs on Lovers Walk could be utilised as a rockery around the Joyce Pawley Memorial. Garry agreed to follow this up.

01.03.22      **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jennifer Nettleship and Cllr Louise Moran.

02.03.22      **Declaration of Members' Interest**

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

03.03.22      **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

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

**Event Enquiry – Matlock Canoe Club** – Councillors had no objections to the enquiry from Matlock Canoe Club.

**DofE Volunteer** – The Clerk reported that the volunteer had now finished his Gold Award. The Clerk was asked to thank him for all the work he had done in the village.

**PSPO Consultation** – The Clerk reported that she had confirmed with DDDC that no amendments be made to the current PSPOs in the village.

**Flooding and Sandbags** – The Clerk reported that unfortunately no sandbags had been delivered to the Sandbag Hub in Matlock Bath prior to the floods. This is being investigated by DDDC.

**Upperwood Road Closure and Correspondence** – It was reported that Upperwood Road had been closed off due to a tree falling on the road. Following reports from residents to DCC, the road was re-opened quickly.

It was noted that further e-mails had been received from a resident criticising both the Parish Council and the District Council for not notifying residents about the closure. The Vice Chair, Cllr Dave Mowle, confirmed that he had written to this resident advising that all future correspondence should be sent to him or Cllr Louise Moran and not to the Clerk.

**Wapping Mine** – It was reported that an e-mail had been received concerning the entrance to Wapping Mine and whether it could be 'gated'. The Clerk was asked to ascertain which cave the e-mail referred to.

05.03.22      **Committees**

(a)      **Activities**

**Art and Photography Competitions 2022** - It was reported that both competitions were now open.

*Clerk's Note: Sponsorship from Sir Richard Arkwright's Masson Mills and the Heights of Abraham has been received.*

**Christmas Lunch** – It was reported that the Activities Committee felt that the usual Seniors Christmas Lunch should be open to all residents. The idea is that the 'seniors' would still get their meals for free but that any other residents wishing to attend would have to pay. This was **RESOLVED**.

**Remembrance** – It was reported that there had been some criticism over the 2021 ceremony as it was felt that the contribution from the Church was a little too long.

**Singing Round the Tree** – It was reported this had been booked for either Monday 19<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December depending on availability of the musicians.

**Previous Winners Artwork** – It was reported that the winning paintings were ready to be transported to the Pavilion. Frames and plaques have been cleaned and a photographic record has been made. Cllr Mowle agreed to confirm a date when the Pavilion could receive them.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Notes of the Activities Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

(b) **Communications**

It was confirmed that the Spring Newsletter will be delivered at the end of March.

(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

**Nature Reserve** – It was reported that a meeting between the Forestry Commission and the Chair of the Parish Council had been held. It was advised that we should apply for a license to thin trees rather than a felling license. Replanting would not take place until 2027. The license was agreed in principle subject to the necessary consultations being carried out.

**Footpaths** – It was confirmed that DCC has placed Footpath 11 (Ember Lane/Devonshire Mine) on the maintenance list.

**Lamppost on Upperwood** – The Clerk was asked to contact DCC to see if one of the lampposts on Upperwood Road could be illuminated all night to take account of the lamppost which has been removed.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

**Sports Area** – It was reported that residents were using the sports area and bookings had been received.

**Bus Shelter Maintenance** – Councillors discussed the contract for the bus shelter maintenance. The Clerk confirmed that a quote had been received from another company to clean the 4 bus shelters, 2 noticeboards, 1 information board and 4 lecterns. Although there would be slight increase in costs, it was felt that the service offered would be better. It was **RESOLVED** to change the contractor.

**Floral Towers** – It was reported that perennials would be planted in the floral towers in the village instead of bedding plants. This will reduce the cost of plants each year, creating less work and is better for the environment.

**Winter Lighting** – It was reported that an e-mail had been received from the Tree Officer at DDDC requesting that the Parish Council's lights be removed in order for 2 of the trees to be pollarded. Cllr Peter Baranek reported that he had met with the Tree Officer to discuss the matter since the power for the lights came from Memorial Shelter. To remove a section of lights would mean the whole length of lights would not work. Following the meeting, the Tree Officer agreed that although the lights would still need to come down, they could be reinstated.

Councillors discussed the matter and agreed that the Tree Officer should be contacted to explain that the Parish Council does not have funding to remove the lights. However, they would be willing to obtain a quotation; payment for which would need to be negotiated.

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

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

Spire	£64.44
DALC	£50.00
Twigg	£10.00
Clerk (WBF)	£42.48
Clerk, Off Expenses, January 2022	£67.66
Clerk, Payment to Handyman	£165.00
Clerk, mileage (WBF)	£32.40
Twigg	£6.97
Crow Pie Marketing	£100.00
Hot Graphix	£5.00
Spotless	£200.00
HMRC	£514.62
Clerk, Salary, February 2022	£1631.15
NEST	£116.84
Clerk (litter picks)	£39.12
Clerk, Off Expenses, Feb 2022	£67.43
Clerk (printer cartridges)	£287.91
ICO (data protection)	£35.00
Clerk (Plants for towers)	£36.00
Clerk, Payment to Handyman	£50.00
Sign & Print (WBF)	£63.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£140.00
Clerk (WBF)	£672.35
Matlock Print (WBF)	£480.00
HMRC	£180.73
Clerk, Salary, March 2022	£1126.59
NEST	£141.15
DALC	£374.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6700.40</b>

It was noted that the Welcome Back Funding (WBF) costs have or will be reimbursed by DDDC.

**Internal Auditor** – It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Brian Wood as Internal Auditor for 2021/2022.

**National Pay Award** – It was noted that a national pay award had been made to Council staff's salary.

**Grants** – It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £500 to the Village Jubilee Party.

(f) **Planning Committee**

**Planning Applications:**

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

T/22/00014/TCA – Works to Trees – Woodland to West of Upperwood Road

T/22/00016/TCA – Works to Trees – 1 Birklands, Brunswood Road

2022 02 14 TPO 25 – Works to Trees – Gullivers

22/00135/LBALT & 22/00134/FUL – Construction of underground Garage – Belmont House, Waterloo Road.

To note the Objection to the following application:

22/00067/FUL – Change of Use to Dwellinghouse – Paxton Lodge (Parochial Hall). The Planning Committee commented that the dwellings offered no parking or outside areas for a permanent dwellinghouse.

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

T/22/00014/TCA – Works to Trees – Woodland to West of Upperwood Road – Permitted

T/22/00016/TCA – Works to Trees – 1 Birklands, Brunswood Road – Permitted

21/01283/FUL – Change of Use – Willersley Castle – Granted

### **Outstanding Planning Queries**

ENF/22/00027 (174-176 South Parade – Previously Tipsy Toad) – It was reported that this had now changed hands and that an enforcement enquiry had been opened regarding the renovations which were being made to this listed building.

**Gullivers** – No further information is available.

**20/00128/FUL Paxton Lodge** – As the fence was not part of the planning approval, the owners have 3 months to remove the fence and replace it with planting and a temporary wire fence until the end of the growing season.

**Converted Garage on Holme Road** – No further information is available.

**Planning Training** – It was noted that Cllr Christopher Vivian will attend the planning training on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**Pavement Licenses** – It was reported that the temporary legislation for tables and chairs on the highway during Covid has been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. It is thought that responsibility for furniture on the highway will remain permanently with DDDC. DDDC is currently contacting businesses with regard to obstructions on the highway with tables and chairs. The Parish Council has asked if the powers of enforcement will also be passed to DDDC. These currently are the responsibility of DCC.

### (g) **Climate Advisory Group**

There was nothing to report. It was suggested that the future of this Committee should be discussed at the meeting in May.

### 06.03.22 **Local Projects Fund**

As the footpath guides project could not be completed within the timescale of the Welcome Back Fund, it was suggested we should apply for grant funding through the Local Projects Fund. However, it was thought no money was available and Cllr Dermot Murphy suggested applying for DCC funding.

*Clerk's Note: £500 has been requested from the DCC funding.*

### 07.03.22 **20s Plenty**

Cllr Christopher Vivian attended a meeting with around 40 parishes. Currently there are 6 campaigns in the county.

It was agreed that Cllr Vivian should attend further meetings. Cllr Spencer Wiltshire agreed to work with Cllr Vivian on this.

08.03.22 **Welcome Back Fund 2**

It was reported that Matlock Bath had received a further grant of £1600.

09.03.22 **Noise/Acoustic Camera**

It was reported that Cllr Dermot Murphy was making investigations with the Police Crime Commissioner regarding the acoustic cameras and that there was one in Derbyshire. A meeting with all interested parties will be held as soon as possible. The company who has supplied Kensington and Chelsea with their cameras has agreed to provide a demonstration.

10.03.22 **Jubilee Street Party**

It was reported that a party for the village will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> June. The location is unconfirmed at the moment. Depending on funding, there may be a small charge with all profits going to Holy Trinity School.

The idea of the party is to bring the village together. It will be ticket only.

The Clerk agreed to apply for a grant (£500) from DDDC for the party.

11.03.22 **Reports from Outside Bodies**

- (a) **Pavilion** - There was nothing to report.
- (b) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – Cllr Christopher Vivian reported that CCTV has been installed in the waiting room and above the message board at the station. The café at Whistlestop has also been renovated.
- (c) **Illuminations Working Group** – It was reported that the first meeting of the Illuminations Working Group had been held. The Illuminations this year will be held from 10<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> October. Fireworks evenings will be in October (6 nights). DDDC is currently looking at entertainment and pricing.

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

There were no urgent matters.

13.03.22 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

To note the following:

E-mail from DDDC re Peak District 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash  
E-mail Newsletter from PCSO – circulated to Councillors  
E-mail from resident re setting up tennis team  
E-mail from DDDC re temporary closure of Jubilee Bridge and Lovers Walks – circulated  
E-mail from DDDC re Community Forums  
E-mail from DCC re covid vaccines  
E-mail from a member of the public re Planning Consultation for Willersley Castle  
E-mail from DCC re February's health and wellbeing calendar  
E-mail from DCC re Matlock-Nottingham Services  
E-mail from DDDC re bin updates (various)  
E-mail from resident re noise  
E-mail from member of the public re Memorial Gardens toilets – passed to DDDC

E-mail from member of the public re Covid signs  
E-mail from Police re survey on policing priorities.

14.03.22      **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.