

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council held on Wednesday 25th May 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

There was no Police representative present.

C Report from County Council

Cllr Dermot Murphy attended as County Councillor. Councillors reported that it is understood that between the Heights of Abraham and the 'gap', the road is to be resurfaced. Councillors asked if the area from the gap to Waterloo could be included. Concern was also expressed about both the surface and kerbstones on Clifton Road.

Cllr Dermot Murphy reported that he was still waiting for an update from officers regarding the new tarmac and damage to the cobbles at a property on Orchard Road. It was confirmed that planning permission was not required from DDDC.

Cllr Murphy reported that a more hydraulic study will need to be done with regards to the drainage and flooding on Dale Road. DCC will need to obtain government funding for the job.

Cllr Dermot Murphy reported that Sarah Dines MP had written to the Minister for Transport to put a case forward for Matlock Bath to be included in the acoustic camera trial. She had reported that there was fierce competition but it is likely that further trials will be held.

Cllr Murphy reported that he had received some videos from residents and had spoken with the Police Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster. He stressed the need for residents to report the noise problems and send in videos for evidence.

Cllr Mowle suggested borrowing a camera from a local business to measure noise levels.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

Cllr Dermot Murphy reported that a response had been received from Children's Services regarding Manor Adventure; the contents of which were not helpful. He has since spoken to a senior person who has agreed to look further into the problems reported.

The Chairman reported to Cllr Murphy that the repair to the fence at the side of Temple Road had been completed.

D Report from District Council

Cllr Garry Purdy sent his apologies.

Councillors outlined the problems the Parish Council was having receiving updates on planning issues reported. Cllr Dermot Murphy asked that a detailed list of outstanding updates be sent to him to follow up.

Councillors raised the issue of air pollution and Cllr Murphy agreed that it was a matter for DDDC.

Cllr Dermot Murphy reported that an extraordinary meeting had been arranged for 31st May to look at another temporary site for the travellers. The original list of sites would be considered; this included Artists Corner Car Park and Station Car Park. Councillors expressed concern that as we enter the summer season, should the travellers be put on the coach park, coaches will not stop in Matlock Bath and would have an adverse effect on our tourists and businesses. Cllr Murphy agreed to put our points forward.

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01.05.22 **Apologies**

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

02.05.22 **Declaration of Members' Interest**

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

03.05.22 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th March 2022 be accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Missing Lampost – The Clerk reported that she had been advised by DCC that in order to change the lantern times, they had to be contacted by the Police. The Clerk reported that after investigations with the PCSO, she was not aware of this. The Clerk agreed to follow up.

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) – The Clerk reported that the Community and Environment Committee of DDDC considered and agreed revisions at their meeting in April. It has been agreed and recommended that for all District Council land driving and parking has been removed. However, DDDC has agreed to bring in other measures for Matlock Bath to prevent unauthorised vehicles entering Derwent Gardens.

Problems Exiting Holme Road/Illegal Parking – The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by two residents concerning the ongoing problems with vehicles exiting Holme Road due to vehicles being parked on the double yellow lines. After discussion it was agreed to contact Highways to request a site meeting to discuss if any measures can be put in place.

Allotments – The Clerk reported that the owner of the Temple had asked if the Parish Council wanted to discuss using the additional land at the Temple for allotments. After discussion it was agreed that it was not feasible to have allotments at this site due to access the amount of work required to clear the site and availability of water.

Minor Maintenance Agreement 2022/23 – It was agreed to sign up to the Minor Maintenance Agreement with DCC to clear footpaths.

05.05.22 **Committees**

(a) **Activities**

Christmas Lunch – It was agreed to hold the Christmas Lunch at The Fishpond.

Previous Winners Artwork – It was agreed that the Artwork of previous winners would be transported to the Pavilion on Saturday 28th May.

(b) **Communications**

It was confirmed that the Summer Newsletter will be delivered at the end of June.

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(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

Footpaths – It was reported that the handyman had started work on clearing the footpaths. It was suggested the handyman be asked to clear Green Lane (FP2) which was very overgrown.

Ash Dieback in Nature Reserve – It was confirmed that we were still waiting for a permit to be issued by the forestry commission to fell trees.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

Activity Area – It was reported that the activity area was being well used by residents and some outside groups. Unfortunately we have had an incident where the gate was left unlocked and litter left. This was due to the fact that one user had passed the code onto someone else. As a result, the code was changed and residents notified. The Clerk reported that a statement asking that bookings are made 72 hours prior to use had been put on the website.

Charges were discussed and it was agreed that the charges should be as follows:

Residents – Free

Residents (with exclusive use) - £2 per hour

Groups in the Village - £5 per hour

Residents from surrounding villages - £5 per hour

Groups from outside the village - £10 per hour

It was suggested that a more automated system be looked into which could operate when the Clerk was not available. The Clerk agreed to look into this but felt that it might not work if users claimed to be residents when they are not.

Winter Lighting – It was reported that DDDC is looking into whether their contractors would allow our electrician to use their cherry picker to remove the lights to enable DDDC to prune their trees.

Bus Shelter Maintenance – The Clerk confirmed that the new contractors had started cleaning the bus shelters and there was a vast improvement on previous cleans.

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

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

Clerk, Expenses, March 2022	£129.44
Twigg	£20.63
Matlock Print	£330.00
DALC	£224.56
Wish Computers	£45.00
Matlock Bath Jubilee Committee (Grant)	£500.00
NEST	£141.15
DDDC (lease for activity area)	£10.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£100.00
Clerk (AVG renewal)	£79.99
HMRC	£89.10
T Allen (repair of benches)	£351.00

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Clerk, Salary	£996.93
NEST	£118.86
Matlock Bath Jubilee Committee (DDDC Grant)	£500.00
Shelter Maintenance	£63.19
Brian Wood	£75.00
Clerk, Expenses, April 2022	£350.96
Twigg	£10.00
Twigg	£22.37
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
Clerk (Microsoft renewal)	£79.99
Cathy Cresswell	£17.75
HMRC	£89.10
Clerk, Salary	£996.93
NEST	£118.86
Gallagher (insurance)	£1007.03
Total	£6507.84

(f) **Planning Committee**

Planning Applications:

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

T/22/00058/TCA – Works to Trees – Belmont Cottage
 22/00386/FUL – Erection of Independent accommodation – Will Penny Farm
 22/00367/FUL – 2 Storey Extension – Springbank House
 22/00383/FUL – Use of Public Open Space – DDDC
 22/00562/FUL – Replacement Windows – Holy Trinity School

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

22/00067/FUL – Paxton Lodge – Change of Use – Granted with Conditions
 22/00135/LBALT & 22/00134/FUL – Construction of underground Garage – Belmont House, Waterloo Road – Granted with Conditions
 T/22/00058/TCA – Works to Trees – Belmont Cottage

Outstanding Planning Queries/Enforcement Notices/Enquiries - The Clerk reported that there were a number of outstanding planning queries where no update has been given by DDDC to the Parish Council. Councillors agreed to pass details on to Cllr Dermot Murphy to chase on their behalf.

Councillors agreed that if no information was forthcoming to submit a Freedom of Information request or contact the Planning Inspectorate.

Willersley Castle – The Clerk reported that she had been approached by the residents of Woodland Terrace to bring to the notice of the Parish Council the problems they are facing with regards to the use of the river by Manor Adventure (Willersley Castle). Two wooden structures have been constructed opposite Woodland Terrace and the area is being used to launch the canoes. It is understood that further structures have been constructed along the walk to Willersley from Lovers Walk. As part of the planning approval, no structures can be erected as this area is part of the SSSI. Residents are concerned that noise levels are high and the canoeists are encroaching on their private land. Residents are concerned about safety and have contacted child services for advice and the fact that the riverbank has been damaged due to the canoes being pushed in the water and dragged out.

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The Clerk further reported that Manor Adventure have recently been using 'the beach' on Lovers Walk to launch canoes. Although the leaders have been telling residents that they have permission to do this, DDDC has confirmed that they do not have permission.

Cllr Christopher Vivian reported that a number of residents were unhappy about Lovers Walk being used to launch canoes as this was a public area.

Cllr Peter Baranek reported that he understands that an Enforcement Order has been served but no details regarding the enforcement have been released.

(g) **Climate Advisory Group**

There was nothing to report. As agreed at the Annual Meeting this Committee will become a Sub-Committee of the Environment and Conservation Committee.

06.05.22 **Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022**

The Annual Governance Statement for 2021/2022 was approved.

07.05.22 **Audit 2021/2022**

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit had been completed without any problem. After signing the relevant document, paperwork will be sent to the PKF Littlejohn, our External Auditors.

08.05.22 **Annual Report**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Annual Report for publication on our website. A summary will be included in the Summer Newsletter.

09.05.22 **Funding for Maps**

The Clerk reported that funding for the production of maps of walks round Matlock Bath had been received from our District Councillors Local Projects Fund and our County Councillor's MCLS.Fund. Cllr Jackie Ligo reported that she had completed one map and was working on around 4/5 others. Once printed these will be distributed to hotels, B&Bs as well as locations around the village.

10.05.22 **Noise/Acoustic Camera**

Councillors discussed this and agreed that they wished to pursue this initiative. The Clerk reported that Cromford Parish Council had been in touch and asked if they could be included in any meetings or discussions as they would also like to actively pursue this.

It was agreed that a petition should be set up and distributed to residents and businesses to obtain signatures both hard copy and on line in support of being involved in the national trial. Cllr Helen Keay agreed to circulate a preamble to the petition outlining the intentions.

11.05.22 **Jubilee Street Party**

It was reported that 450 tickets had been sold for the street party on 5th June. The party will be held at Holy Trinity School.

A grant of £500 from DDDC Jubilee Fund has been awarded to the Parish Council on behalf of the Committee. This has been passed to the Committee.

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12.05.22 **Trial of Speed Indicator Devices in Derbyshire/VAS Request**

The Clerk reported that more information had been sent regarding this trial. Grants can be applied for from the Police Crime Commissioner. After discussion it was agreed that the information should be looked at together with costings.

The Clerk reported that DCC has now advised that a VAS will not be installed in Matlock Bath due to the low risk.

Cllr Helen Keay left the meeting.

13.05.22 **Reports from Outside Bodies**

- (a) **Pavilion** - There was nothing to report.
- (b) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – Cllr Christopher Vivian reported that the CCTV at the station was working well.
- (c) **Illuminations Working Group** – Nothing further to report.

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

There were no urgent matters.

15.05.22 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

To note the following:

E-mail from resident re acoustic camera
E-mail copies to County Councillor re acoustic camera x7
E-mail from DCC re closure of Temple Road
E-mail from DDDC re site for Travellers
Telephone complaint from residents of Woodland Terrace re Willersley Canoeing
E-mail from resident re Willersley canoeing
E-mail from resident re problems exiting Holme Road x2
E-mail copy to Cllr Dermot Murphy re 20s Plenty
Copy of e-mail from resident to DDDC re ancient shelter in Derwent Gardens

16.05.22 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th July 2022.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.