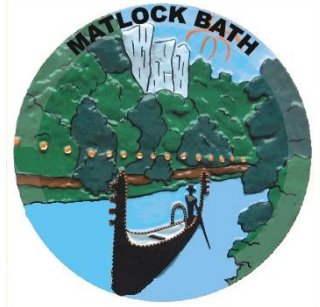


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DRAFT MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council held on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at the New Bath Hotel at 7.00 pm

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

A Public Participation

A representative from Willersley Castle attended. He outlined the purpose and ideas for Willersley Castle.

He stated that there were benefits for Matlock Bath in that the children staying at Willersley plus the staff who live on site were spending money. Willersley has also created more jobs for the area.

He stated that they were currently working with the climbers and fishermen regarding access when the children are not on site and would be talking to the organisers of the raft event shortly.

He further stated that he was concerned about ongoing problems regarding trespass and drug use as well as negative press from locals concerning childrens safety. For the future, he wants positivity in the community. He said he would be happy to leave his contact details with the Parish Council and direct any resident who had an issue, to contact him direct.

Clerk's Note: *Following the meeting the Clerk invited Willersley to submit an article for the newsletter outlining the above and inviting residents to contact him direct should they have any issues.*

B Report from Police Representatives

There was no Police representative present.

C Report from County Council

Cllr Dermot Murphy reported that the retaining wall by the Riverside Complex had a large crack and was breaking away. This had been raised with DCC and a structural survey and tree expert report obtained. However, the tree has a TPO and the landowner was experiencing problems getting permission to remove the tree.

Councillors were asked their opinion on this. Councillors felt that the planning permission process to remove the tree should be followed and with the support of a structural survey and report felt that there would be no alternative but to remove it if it was a danger to a supporting wall.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

Cllr Murphy was asked if there had been any progress on the work which had been done at the top of Orchard Road. He agreed to follow this up.

Councillors raised the matter of the outstanding TROs on Holme Road, Upperwood Road and Temple Road which were agreed in 2017. Councillors asked if Cllr Murphy could follow these up. The issue of the junction with Holme Road and the A6 was discussed. Cllr Murphy was asked for his assistance with this.

Cllr Purdy suggested road markings could be used to alert motorists of the danger when exiting Holme Road.

D Report from District Council

Cllr Purdy reported that the illuminations had opened. He also gave an update on the Mayoral Authority and levelling up agenda for the East Midlands.

Cllr Purdy reported that at DDDC Full Council meeting recently approved to set up a Traveller Working Group consisting of up to 11 Councillors to look into identifying which land DDDC owns and could be approved as temporary stopping sites for travellers. The Group will be conveyed by bus around all the sites and will recommend which sites have the least or worst impact. Three sites will be looked at in Matlock Bath – Artists Corner Car Park, Temple Road Car Park and Station Car Park. Cllr Purdy has already stated that he would not agree to the Temple Road Car Park being recommended as it is near the school and Station Car Park should only be recommended after the close of the illuminations.

The Working Group has to complete this piece of work within a two week window in order that their findings can form an agenda item for an Extraordinary Meeting which is planned to take place before the next Full Council meeting on 24th November.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

01.09.22 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Leisha Martin and Louise Moran.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Jennifer Nettleship had tendered her resignation. The Clerk was asked to thank Jennifer for all her work during her time on the Parish Council.

02.09.22 **Declaration of Members' Interest**

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

03.09.22 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th July 2022 be accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Problems Exiting Holme Road/Illegal Parking – The Clerk reported that she had received a response from DCC regarding problems exiting Holme Road and the Parish Council suggestion that the zig zag lines could be extended to replace the double yellow lines. This would give a clear view of traffic from the right. DCC was concerned that businesses/disabled motorists would have nowhere to load/unload/park if the double yellow lines were removed. A suggestion has been made as to whether a dedicated loading/unloading bay could be created on North Parade which would benefit all businesses.

It was reported that DCC will not install traffic lights on Temple Road as they are too expensive.

The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Team are aware of the problems with illegal parking along the Parades.

Noise – The Clerk reported that complaints about music being played by Gullivers prior to them opening each day had been received. Residents had met with Gullivers and now have a telephone number and dedicated person to contact should there be any further problems.

A further complaint about live music had also been received. The Clerk confirmed that the premises licences allow for live or recorded music to take place between 8am-11pm. If residents felt that the music was too loud, it would be a matter for Environmental Health.

Wirksworth Transition Community Land Trust – After discussion it was agreed to support the principle of the Wirksworth Transition Community Land Trust.

Pests in Big Belly Bins – It was reported that there was a nest of rats under the big belly bin in Pavilion Car Park. DDDC is currently dealing with this.

Masson Mills – It was reported that Masson Mills has been sold. It is unclear what the building would be used for except that it was hoped that the museum and conference centre would continue to be used.

Postcards – It was agreed that the remainder of the postcards should be sold in the shops in the village and the proceeds be given to a village charity.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

Committees**(a) Activities**

Art and Photography Competitions – It was reported that the competitions close on 2nd October. A shortlist for the Photography Competition will be drawn up on 5th October.

Unfortunately, the date for display and voting has had to be changed due to a double booking at the Pump Room. The work will now be displayed during half term week – Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th October.

Remembrance – It was confirmed that the ceremony will be held on Sunday 13th November at 10.45 am. Pauline Key will attend to represent Holy Trinity Church. The Committee is currently working on the programme.

Seniors Lunch – It was reported that 12 residents had signed up to attend. It was suggested that a reminder be sent round on the WhatsApp Group. The Clerk agreed to do this.

Singing Round the Tree – This will be held on Monday 19th December. It was agreed to ask Forget Me Not to provide refreshments as last year.

(b) Communications

Resident Survey – It was suggested that a survey be circulated to residents to ascertain what their priorities are for the village. This would assist when setting budgets. After discussion it was therefore **RESOLVED** to do this. A list of questions will be drawn up for discussion. It will be available on line and in hard copy

(c) Environment & Conservation Committee

Nature Reserve – It was reported that Derbyshire Wildlife Trust would be clearing the meadow towards the end of October.

Cllr Moran had agreed to organise a working party to clear the willow weed next summer. This item will be deferred to the next meeting. Some of the ash die back trees will be felled during the winter.

Footpaths – Following a complaint from a resident about the ivy on the handrail on Footpath 1, this has now been cleared.

Climate Advisory – There was nothing to report.

(d) Facilities Committee

Winter Lighting – It was reported that the electricians had done an initial investigation to ascertain the problems with the lights. We are currently awaiting an update.

Cleaning of War Memorial – The Clerk agreed to arrange for the war memorial to be cleaned.

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

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

External Audit – It was noted that no problems or issues had been raised by the External Auditor for 2021/2022.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** not to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

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

NEST	£118.86
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
Shelter Maintenance	£63.19
PKF Littlejohn	£360.00
Clerk Expenses, July 2022	£163.66
Clerk Expenses, August 2022	£58.67
HMRC	£59.29
Clerk Salary, August 2022	£1026.74
Shelter Maintenance	£63.19
NEST	£118.86
Crow Pie Marketing	£40.00
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Matlock Print	£265.00
HMRC	£59.29
Clerk Salary, September 2022	£1026.74
NEST	£118.86
SLCC	£171.00
DALC	£55.00
Clerk, Expenses, September 2022	£57.39
Total	£3848.35

Grants – It was reported that an application for a grant had been received from DASAC who organise the Raft Event. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £300.

(f) **Planning Committee**

Planning Applications - To note **no objection** for the following applications:

T/22/00089/TCA – Masson Cottage - Works to Trees
T/22/00090/TCA – Woodland to West of Upperwood Road – Works to Trees
T 22 00115 TCA – 104 North Parade - Works to Trees

To note **objection** for the following applications:

22/00894/FUL – 42 Clifton Road – Single Storey Rear Extension
22/00877/FUL – Croft Cottage – Single Storey Extension

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

Planning Decisions - To note the following decisions by DDDC:

T/22/00089/TCA – Masson Cottage - Works to Trees – Permitted
T/22/00090/TCA – Woodland to West of Upperwood Road – Works to Trees - Permitted
22/00383/FUL – Derwent Gardens – Use of Public Open Space – Granted
22/00562/FUL – Holy Trinity Primary School – Replacement windows – Permitted
T 22 00115 TCA – 104 North Parade - Works to Trees - Permitted

22/00894/FUL – 42 Clifton Road – Single Storey Rear Extension - Refused
22/00877/FUL – Croft Cottage – Single Storey Extension - Refused

Investigation/Enforcement Cases – It was reported:

ENF/21/00130 – Netherwood, Orchard Road – No further action as it is not in the public interest to pursue.

Gullivers – No further action as it is not in the public interest to pursue.

An investigation is still underway concerning a property which has been converted into an AirBnB.

06.09.22 **Noise/Acoustic Camera**

It was reported that a letter had been sent to Sarah Dines MP to stress the need to be included in the trial. No Derbyshire town has been selected to participate although Ms Dines will ask for us to be included in the next round.

07.09.22 **Trial of Speed Indicator Devices in Derbyshire**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted DALC to obtain advice on costings for the SIDs. It is still unclear however, what extra expenses should be budgeted for. It was reported that the process for obtaining the grant and setting up the SIDs was very long-winded. After discussion it was agreed to try and speak with other Parish or Town Councils who have implemented a SID for more information.

08.09.22 **Closer Working Meetings**

These meetings are working well and a useful avenue of communication All of the items discussed are included in the above Minutes.

09.09.22 **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.

10.09.22 **Halloween Trail**

It was **RESOLVED** to be part of the Halloween Trail again this year.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

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

There were no urgent matters.

12.07.22 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

The following were noted:

E-mail from resident regarding illuminations pass x5
E-mail from Matlock Town Council re Service of Thanksgiving
E-mail from DDDC re service plans during period of mourning and Queen's funeral
Various e-mails from DALC regarding protocols and arrangements following the death of the Queen.
E-mail from DDDC re postponement of first night of illuminations
Update on Lea Road
E-mail from DCC re highway retaining wall maintenance works update
Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter x2
E-mail from DASAC re advertising and support for raft event
E-mail from EMR re new website and app
E-mail from visitor re penalty notice
E-mail re Starkholmes allotments
E-mail from Keep Britain Tidy re Love Parks Week
E-mail from Age UK re event at New Bath Hotel
E-mail from Darley Dale Town Council re Eco 22 Nature Event
E-mail from DDDC re RESPECT banner
E-mail from member of the public re displaying banner
E-mail from DCC re County Deal

It was reported that an e-mail had been received from a resident regarding access to the Joyce Pawley Memorial. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk obtain a quotation for a handrail to be installed.

13.09.22 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st November 2022. This is a change of date.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Subject to approval at the next meeting.