

Doveridge Parish Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm, Tuesday 5th October 2021

Present: Cllr. Bointon, Cllr. Dews, Cllr. Goulden, Cllr. Banner, Cllr. Ewing and Cllr. Ogram.

In attendance: County Cllr. Steve Bull, District Cllr. Jacqui Allison and Rachel Male (Clerk)

01.10.21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Lyon and Cllr. Mason.

02.10.21 Variation of Business

No variation of business.

03.10.21 Declaration of Members Interests

No declaration of members interests.

04.10.21 Public Speaking

District Cllr. Jacqui Allison reported on the following matters:

- Bin collections. Green bins – DDDC are renewing the green waste at £35 per year, if you do not wish to renew (01.04.22) you must cancel 12-weeks before, otherwise it will automatically renew.
- Affordable housing – DDDC are trying to purchase the 2 remaining 1-bedroom houses on the Bellway site to rent out as part of their Council housing commitment. Initial offers have been made.

County Cllr Steve Bull reported on the following matters:

- A site visit has taken place with Charlotte Cupit, Cabinet Support Member for Highways at Derbyshire County Council (DCC) regarding various highway issues in the village. These are now being investigated.
- Alongside the Police and Crime Commissioner, DCC are reviewing their policy on traffic activated speed signs, with a view to the possibility of allowing Parish Council to install their own signage.

05.10.21 Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September 2021

It was **RESOLVED** that minutes be approved. Proposed: Cllr. Ogram, Seconded: Cllr. Bointon. The Chair, Cllr. Bointon signed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

06.10.21 Chairman's Announcement

Outlined the business for the evening and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

07.10.21 Report from the Clerk on on-going matters

(a) Litter pick

Cllr. Ewing reported on the recent village litter pick. Special thanks to Doveridge Scout Group for their support.

(b) Litter bins update

2 replacement bins have been purchased with a delivery date of w/c 1st November.

(c) Bench order update

3 replacement benches have been ordered for around the playground.

(d) Training

RESOLVED for Clerk to attend report writing course at a cost of £40 (to be shared with Etwall Parish Council).

08.10.21 Village Reports

(a) Football Field, Pavilion, Play areas, Mowers, Street Furniture and Football teams

Small goalpost – still to be re-sited. Waiting for materials.

i. Scout hut building proposal on playing field

Cllr. Bointon met with 2 members of the Doveridge Scout Committee to discuss the size. They are going to re-look at their plans.

ii. Doveridge FC Clubhouse – changing rooms extension proposal

Doveridge Football Club had some initial plans drafted which were reviewed by the Council.

Following a discussion on both the above items i. and ii. it was **AGREED** the Clerk will contact the Planners to see what their thoughts are on a way forward in respect of both ideas. Cllr. Banner will contact the tennis club to bring them up to speed on the suggestions to gauge their thoughts and see if they have plans for expansion.

iii. Playing field hedges and tree review

The Clerk is still investigating - hedges close to the play area and tennis courts need trimming back, Clerk will check ownership, if this is the Council's responsibility will arrange for our contractor to cut back.

Awaiting quote on the following, site visit carried out 4th October - a couple of hawthorn trees are growing in the corner of the playing field (Derby Road) the roots and growth are coming through a resident's garage. The Clerk has had an approximate quote of £300 (maximum) to cut them down to ground level.

(b) Biodiversity / Pond Project Update

The pond area was not a viable location for a biodiversity site (following a plant survey). However, Derbyshire Dales are happy for the Council to have a small wildflower area, this would have to be managed and paid for by the Parish Council. In respect of the area around the pond and creating a footpath we are awaiting a site visit from their Estates team to see if this would be permitted. It was **AGREED** to only pursue the footpath at this time.

(c) Burial Grounds

No update on the Community Transfer – the Clerk will continue to work on this.

(d) Bowls Club

Legal Services at Derbyshire Dales have asked if the Parish Council would be interested in a Community Asset Transfer for the Bowls Green/Allotments which we currently lease from them. It was **AGREED** to discuss this at our next meeting.

(e) Sycamore tree growing on the allotments

Following last month's meeting where a resident has raised a concern regarding a large sycamore tree, growing in the top right-hand corner of the allotments, and is overhanging the adjacent properties and that it may cause a problem when we have high winds – we are waiting for a quote on removal should this be our responsibility.

(f) Highways Report

i. Derby Road traffic

A site visit with DCC Cllr. Steve Bull and Cllr. Charlotte Cupit, Cabinet Support Member for Highways at Derbyshire County Council has taken place regarding various highway issues in the village. They have taken on board our concerns and we are awaiting an outcome.

A response from Derbyshire's Police Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster on our speeding concerns has been received informing us that our concerns are being investigated.

(g) Public Footpaths and Rights of Way

i. Uttoxeter Town Council – Footpaths Committee

Work is on-going.

ii. Footpath between Hawthorn Close – High Street

Work is on-going but no updates at present.

(h) Village Hall

No update received.

(i) Remembrance Wreath / Poppies

It was **AGREED** to purchase a wreath with a donation of £50.

Lamppost poppies – we have a number of poppies in storage, and it was discussed if we should display them around the village. Discuss at the next meeting the locations.

09.10.21 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Payments already made:

04.10.21	EDF Energy, Pavilion electric	=	£8.00
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Payments to be made:

M E Tomlinson, playing field hedge cutting	=	£390.00
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R. Male – Clerk Salary	=	£376.00
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HMRC (tax and ni)	=	£90.20
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J.B Mowing, field and footpaths	=	£183.50
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Ink + Microsoft Office Renewal	=	£102.48
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Michael Johnson tree services (Meadow View)	=	£470.00
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It was **RESOLVED** to make these payments, proposed by Cllr. Ogram and seconded by Cllr. Dews.

Banks statements were signed by the Chair.

(b) Income

29.09.21	013	Bowls Club	Rent	£5.00
30.09.21	014	Natwest	Interest	£0.09

(c) Budget Appraisal 2021/2022

The budget appraisal as of 05.10.2021 was presented to all Councillors and signed by the Chair.

(d) External Audit Sign Off – 2020/2021

Sign off received from PKF Littlejohn for the 2020/2021.

10.10.21 To consider Planning Applications / Decisions

Applications:

No new applications received.

Decisions:

Glebe Farm Lower Street - 20/01001/CLEUD – certificate of lawful existing use – continued use of former agricultural buildings for B2 (general industry) B8 (storage and distribution) purposes for a period in excess of 10 years. Permitted 1/10/21.

21/00976/FUL – 39 High St Doveridge. Single storey rear extension. Approved 23/9/21

11.10.21 Correspondence

DALC Newsletters

DDDC – News updates

DCC – Community news

WI Christmas Tree Festival 11th/12th December – Cllr. Goulden **AGREED** to arrange this for the Council. Agenda item for December.

12.10.21 Date of next Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council

It was **RESOLVED** we would hold the next monthly Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed by:.....

Date:.....