

Doveridge Parish Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm, Tuesday 6th April 2021 held by video conference

Present: Cllr. Bointon, Cllr. Dews, Cllr. Lyon, Cllr. Banner, Cllr. Mason, Cllr. Ewing, Cllr. Ogram and Cllr. Buck.

In attendance: District Cllr. Allison (DDDC).

01.04.21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Goulden and County Cllr. Bull.

02.04.21 Variation of Business

No variation of business.

03.04.21 Declaration of Members Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

04.04.21 Public Speaking

District Councillor. Allison (DDDC) reported on the following matters:

- Remote meetings are suspended from 7th May. Awaiting further information on the way forward until all COVID restrictions are lifted June.
- Residents have contacted Cllr. Allison regarding the Seven Trent land up for sale in the village. They have heard that the District Council are intending to purchase the land for use as a traveller site. This is not true.
Cllr. Allison has contacted Severn Trent to ask if they would consider leasing the site on a peppercorn rent to a community group to develop a community orchard, but unfortunately, they are required under their licence from OFWAT to realise the maximum value from their redundant assets and cannot gift it in this way. The land has since been taken off the market.
Cllr. Allison has asked whether the Parish Council would consider the small piece of land next to the burial grounds being used to create a community orchard. There are residents who are interested in being involved in this, once a piece of land can be identified. The group would be able to access resources and grants available to help set it up.
- Litter bins – there is a facility on the DDDC website where you can report over-flowing bins and they will be emptied as soon as possible. If the community organise a litter pick the District Council will arrange for the litter to be collected from a location requested.

05.04.21 Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on 2nd March 2021

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

06.04.21 Chairman's Announcement

Outlined the business for the evening and commented on the land which was, until recently, up for sale by Severn Trent. Cllr. Bointon wanted to reiterate this is not a Parish Council matter and we have no control over who buys this land.

Cllr. Bointon would like to formally thank Cllr. Goulden for the work he put in manging the well works recently on behalf of the Council. Many comments from residents have been received saying it looks great.

07.04.21 Report from the Clerk on on-going matters

Citizen of the Year Board, Village Hall – it was RESOLVED the Clerk would arrange for the names of residents nominated for 2020 be added to the board. Proposed by Cllr. Ewing and seconded by Cllr. Ogram.

08.04.21 Village Reports

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

The new bench has arrived for the play area. The Playground Committee have offered to purchase 2 more similar benches which would use the remaining money they have raised. It was AGREED the Clerk would investigate possible benches which need to be replaced ahead of the next meeting.

(b) Biodiversity Project

The District Council are looking at increasing the biodiversity on their open spaces and road verges and they have several pilot sites, one which is the area around the village pond. This is in the early stages and they have no fixed plans yet, they are aware the Parish Council would like to improve the area for the community and would like to meet to get the project moving if we agree. Any plans they have for the site would be done in consultation with the Parish Council and local residents.

It was AGREED Cllrs Goulden, Buck, Mason and Ewing, along with a local resident will meet with Emma Mortimer, Community Development Officer for Derbyshire Dales District Council to discuss this further and report back at the next meeting.

(c) Climate Change

Following our last meeting where a member of the public was present and discussed their concerns in respect of climate change, it was AGREED the Clerk would inform her that DDDC would like to pilot a biodiversity site in the village as per agenda item 8. (b) above. We will ensure that as a Parish Council, we will bear in mind the effects of climate change on decisions we make.

(d) Keep Britain Tidy Campaign

It was AGREED by all Councillors that we would arrange a village litter pick in the coming months, depending on COVID restrictions at the time. The Clerk and Cllr. Ewing would move this forward and report back in the coming weeks.

(e) Litter bins around the village

Several residents have contacted the Clerk with regards to the lack on bins to the east of the village. It was AGREED the Clerk would investigate bin costs and review with Derbyshire Dales District Council and report back at the next meeting.

(f) Burial Grounds

The Community Asset Transfer has been drafted but is yet to be finalised. Once all papers are agreed and all enquires to the Parish Council's satisfaction, the matter may be arranged for completion.

i. Community Orchard

Further to District Cllr. Allison's comments during the public speaking the Parish Council discussed the possibility of a Community Orchard. The Council are concerned that as the area in question is an extension to the Burial grounds it will, as some point in time, be needed for burials. It was AGREED that District Cllr. Allison would ask the project group for a proposal on what their initial thoughts are for the area.

(g) Highways Report

No updates at presents

i. 20's Plenty for Derbyshire Campaign

The Council see little point in trying to establish a 20 mph within the village if we have no way of enforcing it. It was AGREED not to pursue.

(h) Public Footpaths and Rights of Way

Gates on High Street – this is still being pursued by DCC, Highways.

i. Meadow View – quote received for felling of 2 trees

It was AGREED to accept a quote of £650 to fell a large willow tree and 1 ash tree at the back of Meadow View. This was proposed by Cllr. Lyon and seconded by Cllr. Dews.

ii. Village Stiles

A stile towards the end of the field footpath which connects Pump Lane with Hall Lane which is damaged has been reported to DCC. DCC have inspected and they believe the stile is no longer needed as there is a wide gap to the side. They have asked if we would like the landowner to remove. It was AGREED the stile is still needed, the gap DCC have mentioned is easily flooded. To Clerk to advise DCC and ask for its repair.

(i) Village Hall

No update.

(j) Village Well

The work on the well is now complete, many thanks again to Cllr. Goulden for arranging the work.

(k) Gardening Club – request for donation

A request from Doveridge Gardening Club for £30 to purchase flowers for the village planter on Marston Lane has been received. It was RESOLVED to make this donation under S137, proposed by Cllr. Bointon, seconded by Cllr. Ewing.

09.04.21 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circulars

April's Newsletters has been emailed to Councillors.

(a) Annual Subscription

It was RESOLVED to renew at a cost of £444.72. this was proposed by Cllr. Lyon and seconded by Cllr. Dews.

10.04.21 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Payments already made (for year-end 31.03.21)

Paradise Landscapes, works to the Well	=	£1950.00
J.B Mowing, field cutting	=	£66.00
Michael Johnson, tree work	=	£940.00
Zoom	=	£14.39

New payments:

EDF, Pavilion electric	=	£8.00 (direct debit)
Rachel Male, Clerk's Salary	=	£569.40
DALC Subscription Renewal	=	£444.72
Bench for play area	=	£376.80 (Friend of Doveridge
Playground Committee will reimburse us the net amount back out of their funds		£314.00)
Printing of Citizen of the Year certificates	=	£5.00
Gardening Club S137 donation	=	£30.00

These payments were proposed by Cllr. Lyon and seconded by Cllr. Banner.

The Clerk's payslip and bank statements will be signed when social distancing allows.

(b) Income

Reserve Account Interest	=	£0.10
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(c) Budget Appraisal 2020/2021 – Year end

The budget appraisal as of 06.04.2021 was emailed prior to the meeting to all Councillors. This will be signed when social distancing allows.

11.04.21 To consider Planning Applications / Decisions

Applications:

21/00333/FUL – 9 Cavendish Close Doveridge – side and rear ground floor extension and dormer window to side elevation. Validated 16/3/21. NOTED.

21/00360/FUL – 19 Park Crescent Doveridge – single storey rear extension, front entrance canopy and recladding. Validated 17/3/21. NOTED.

21/00265/FUL – Brocksford Farm Sudbury. Two storey side extension. Validated 24/2/21. NOTED

21/00344/CLPUD, FOR INFORMATION ONLY NOT FOR CONSULTATION.

Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development - proposed conversion of garage into a kitchen at Ashbrook Barn Derby Road – 30.03.21. NOTED

Decisions:

21/00105/FUL – Dove Villa – removal of conservatory and erection of replacement single storey extension -granted with conditions 23/3/21.

Eaton Hall Cottage, Eaton Farm Upwoods Road – 21/00068/LBALT – single storey extension, granted with conditions 18/3/21.

12.04.21 Correspondence

Doveridge Gardening Club – Request for donation

DALC Newsletter

DDDC – News updates

DCC – Community news

13.04.21 Annual Parish Meeting

It was RESOLVED we would hold this meeting virtually on the 20th April 2021 at 7pm.

14.04.21 Date of next Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council

It was RESOLVED we would hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7:30pm on Tuesday 4th May 2021 virtually.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 20.59.