

Doveridge Parish Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm, Tuesday 8th June 2021

Present: Cllr. Bointon, Cllr. Dews, Cllr. Lyon, Cllr. Banner, Cllr. Mason, Cllr. Ewing, Cllr. Ogram, Cllr. Goulden, Cllr. Buck and Rachel Male (Clerk)

01.06.21 Apologies

Apologies were received from District Cllr. Allison and County Cllr. Bull

02.06.21 Variation of Business

No variation of business.

03.06.21 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Ewing declared an interest in agenda item 8. Village Reports: (c) Bench Review and Cllr. Bointon declared an interest in agenda item 8. Village reports: (g) Public Footpaths and Rights of Way i. DCC Rights of way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2021-2022.

04.06.21 Public Speaking

No members of the public present.

05.06.21 Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on 4th May 2021

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

06.06.21 Chairman's Announcement

Outlined the business for the evening and welcomed everyone back to face-to-face meetings.

07.06.21 Report from the Clerk on on-going matters

(a) Training for new Councillors

It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Ewing and Ogram would attend Councillor Essential Training through DALC as they are new to the Council at a cost of £50 each. This was proposed by Cllr. Lyon, seconded by Cllr. Banner and all remaining voting in favour.

(b) Litter Pick

It was RESOLVED Cllr. Ewing and the Clerk would arrange a date in the next few months for a village litter pick.

08.06.21 Village Reports

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

Football teams - Cllr. Bointon has set up a WhatsApp group for all clubs to liaise with one another on the field's use. Cllr. Bointon to mention to the managers that balls of

black tape are being found on the field and will request that players be mindful of this being left.

Playground wetpour repair – now the weather has improved it is hoped this will be repaired in the coming month.

i. Playing field – proposal of a new building for the Doveridge Scout Group – Update

It was **RESOLVED** that when the Doveridge Scout Group are ready to move forward and request a pre-application site visit with Derbyshire Dales the Parish Council will submit this initial application so there is no cost to the Scout Group as the Clerk has been informed there would be no cost incurred as the land is owned by the Council. This was proposed by Cllr. Lyon and seconded by Cllr. Ewing and all remaining Councillors voting in favour.

(b) Litter bin review

The litter bin by the basketball court needs a replacement liner. It was RESOLVED to replace this, if the cost is over £100 the Clerk will bring it back to the next meeting for approval. This was proposed by Cllr. Mason and seconded by Cllr. Dews and all remaining Councillors voting in favour.

(c) Bench Review

The Friends of Doveridge Playground have offered to buy a new bench/es to enable them to close the account. These would be for the playing field. It was RESOLVED to accept this offer and order one or two benches (like the new one in the play area) to enable them to close their account if they still wish to do so. This was proposed by Cllr. Bointon and seconded by Cllr. Ewing and all remaining Councillors voting in favour.

(d) Biodiversity Project

Emma Mortimer, Community Development Officer for Derbyshire Dales District Council is planning to carry out a survey on the strip on vegetation which was left uncut around the pond at the end of June.

(e) Burial Grounds

Notice board – DDDC have confirmed they will purchase a notice board for the entrance, the Clerk is awaiting confirmation they will also install this and that it is lockable. The name has been confirmed as Doveridge Burial Ground.

Solicitors acting on our behalf will now go back to DDDC legal team asking for the following to be written into the contract:

- Continue to mow the area until the land becomes Parish Council owned.
- Standpipe to be given to the Parish Council on completion ready for attachment when we have our first burial.
- Concrete blocks to be removed when we have our first burial.
- Lockable notice board purchased and installed by DDDC.

Mound along Derby Road – this matter is still being investigated over who's responsibility this is.

(f) Highways Report

No updates at present.

i. Derby Road

A discussion took place regarding the two accidents and speeding along Derby Road and Marston Lane. Following conversations with DCC Highways their response included the following:

We are aware that residents, not only in Doveridge, but in Derbyshire as a whole become disappointed when we say that there have been insufficient injury collisions on this section of the highway to warrant additional traffic management measures. As you can appreciate those resources we do have, should be targeted at those locations where our intervention will help to reduce further collisions from reoccurring.

With regards to the physical measures, I can advise you that, in nearly all of the engineering measures available the criteria for all of them is that there must be a history of personal injury collisions that have occurred, where either a trend can be identified or speed has been a factor.

I have checked the Police database that records all the collisions resulting in personal injury. The data reveals that, over the last 3 years period ending 31/12/2020 (the standard test period for assessment) there have been no personal injury collisions reported on this section of Derby Road.

I can advise that speed enforcement is carried out by the Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team (CREST) as part of Derby & Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership. They are committed to reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on our county's roads. They are continuously working towards making our roads safer, through intelligence led enforcement, education and engineering.

When the Clerk has questioned if we could purchase speed activated signage we had the following response:

Irrespective of funding, Vehicle Activated Signs are only installed where the intervention criteria is met i.e 6 injury collisions over a distance of 1km, and of which the majority of those collisions are speed related. We believe that this criteria should be maintained as these signs, if used frequently reduce the impact of the safety message elsewhere as drivers become accustomed to their presence and effectiveness is diluted.

It was RESOLVED we would invite the PCSO to our next meeting (they were invited to this meeting but sadly could not attend) to get their perspective on this situation and see what they can do to help and also get their help on the Community Speed watch initiative which was looked into by the Neighbourhood Watch Committee some time ago. Cllr. Bointon mentioned there is/was a device called a 'Golden River' – two wires across the road, which gives you the average speed of vehicles, it was RESOLVED to speak with the PCSO with regards to this.

(g) Public Footpaths and Rights of Way

i. DCC Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement 2021-2022

It was RESOLVED we would once again take part in this scheme where we can claim back a maximum of £495 to go towards the costs the Council incurs in maintaining our village footpaths. This was proposed

by Cllr. Lyon, seconded by Cllr. Dews and 6 Councillors voting in favour (Cllr. Bointon did not vote on this decision as he has an interest)

ii. Uttoxeter Town Council – Footpaths Committee

Uttoxeter Town Council have contacted the Council on behalf of their Footpaths Committee. They are working with Transforming the Trent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust on enhancing footpaths within the Town. They would like to seek the Parish Council's views in working with the Town Council, the Transforming the Trent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust to make improvements to the Uttoxeter to Doveridge footpath. Cllr Banner has represented the Council on this matter and a site visit along the footpaths has now taken place. More details will follow in due course.

(h) Village Hall

First committee meeting will be taking place on the 5th July. They are considering the possibility of replacing the curtains in the hall (stage and windows) and the carpet in the kitchen.

(i) St Cuthbert's Gift Weekend

It was RESOLVED Cllr. Ewing would arrange a suitable window display for this years Gift Weekend and if necessary, a budget of £20 was allocated should this be required. This was proposed by Cllr. Banner, seconded by Cllr. Ogram and all remaining Councillors voting in favour.

(j) Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022

A resident has emailed the Council asking if we would consider some village events/fundraising for the Queens Platinum next year. Following a discussion and in support of this, it was suggested a group of village residents/community groups could set up a village committee to plan such an event. Cllr. Bointon will visit the resident who has emailed to discuss this further.

09.06.21 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circulars

May and June's newsletters has been emailed to Councillors.

10.06.21 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Payments already made:

Rachel Male, Clerk's Salary	=	£474.80
EDF, Pavilion electric	=	£8.00 (direct debit)

Payments to be made:

C.Ewing, bench repair	=	£133.00
J.B Mowing (playing field and footpaths)	=	£292.00
Ink	=	£22.49
Michael Johnson, tree works (Meadow View)	=	£180.00

These payments were proposed by Cllr. Ogram and seconded by Cllr. Goulden. Banks statements were signed by the Chair.

(b) Income

Allotment Rent	=	£24.00
Playground Committee and Western Power		
Way leave	=	£354.46
Interest on reserve account	=	£0.08

(c) Budget Appraisal 2021/2022

The budget appraisal as of 08.06.2021 was presented to all Councillors and signed by the Chair.

11.06.21 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

It was RESOLVED to remove the following from our policies, which were added at the start of the pandemic.

Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

- *Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on a question shall be by a show of electronic hands or by each Cllr giving their vote verbally one at a time. At the request of a councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each councillor present and voting gave his vote for or against that question. Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda.*
- *A person shall notify the meeting when requesting to speak by raising an electronic hand or a verbal request.*
- *External audit – including the annual governance statement, shall be presented to the Council for consideration and formal approval before 31 August.*

12.06.21 To consider Planning Applications / Decisions

Applications:

21/00628/FUL - Ashbrook Barn, Derby Road - Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation,

RESOLVED: No objection.

Decisions:

21/00497/FUL – Bransdale, Pump Lane – single storey garage extension. Approved 26/5/21.

21/00418/CLPUD – May Cottage, 17 High St - erection of domestic outbuilding, permitted 20/5/21.

21/00477/FUL – 3 Florence Drive - single storey rear extension and erection of garage. Granted 21/5/21.

21/00334/CLPUD - Ashbrook Barn, Derby Road – certificate of proposed lawful development – conversion of garage into kitchen. Refused, 10/5/21.

21/00333/FUL – 9 Cavendish Close – extensions. Granted with conditions, 11/5/21.

21/00360/FUL – 19 Park Crescent – extensions and recladding. Approved, 11/5/21.

13.06.21 Correspondence

Resident – Sand Lane roundabout
DALC Newsletters
DDDC – News updates
DCC – Community news
Resident – Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022

14.06.21 Date of next Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council

It was RESOLVED we would hold the next monthly Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 21.28.