

# Doveridge Parish Council Minutes

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**In attendance;** Cllr Bointon, Cllr Dews, Cllr Ogram, Cllr Lyon, Cllr Buck, Cllr. Ewing. County Cllr. Bull and Members of the Public.

### **01/03/23 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Wallis, Cllr. Goulden, Cllr. Mason

### **02/03/23 Variation of Order of Business.**

None

### **03/03/23 Declaration of Members Interests.**

Cllr Ogram declared an interest in Agenda item 17.

### **04/03/23 Public Speaking**

- A member of the public asked that the Parish Council are aware of developments with the East Midlands Freeport for any potential impacts on Doveridge.
- A member of the public highlighted a 3-hour interactive training session available for anyone to learn about impact of climate change. A link to the training would be forwarded to the Parish Clerk for dissemination to councillors who may wish to attend. Also, suggestion that a training session could be held in the village.
- Cllr. Bointon asked if the Parish Council would be interested in facilitating communication to residents from a company that has contacted the Parish Council concerning government grants towards reducing fuel costs for low-income households. Cllr Bointon will provide further information.
- Cllr Bull provided a brief update on devolution which could potentially see a merge between Nottingham and Derby City and County Councils.
- A Member of the public brought to the attention of the Parish Council the poor road condition at Pump Lane and asked for Parish Council support in resolving this with County Council. This issue had been previously forwarded to the Parish Council and would be discussed in Agenda item 10 (Correspondence) County Councillor Bull indicated that he would need to leave the meeting before item 10, the chair then confirmed (with the approval of all members present) that item 10a was brought forward so that Cllr Bull could discuss the issue with residents present. Residents were advised to report the issue on line to DCC and it was agreed that the issue would in addition be reported by the Parish Council on the DCC "Do it Now" portal, and an e mail would be sent to the Highways Inspection Officer. Cllr Bull was willing to attend a site meeting with residents and highways officer.
- Cllr Ewing reported that following feedback the tree supplied under the Queens Canopy scheme to Doveridge Parish Council would be planted in the Meadow View Utility area.

### **05/03/23 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were **RESOLVED** as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Ogram, Seconded Cllr Ewing. All in Favour.

### **06/03/23 Chairmans Announcements**

Cllr Bointon referred to the upcoming council elections and thanked the councillors for their efforts over the year and hoped they would wish to remain on the Parish Council.

### **07/03/23 Finance – To review Income and Payments to 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Income and payments as shown in attached schedule, to approve the monthly budget review and the bank reconciliation of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Proposed Cllr Lyon, Seconded Cllr Bointon. All in Favour.

It was **RESOLVED** to make payment to a member of the PTA for purchase of tea urn for use at fundraising events. Maximum payment of £80 inclusive of VAT. Proposed Cllr Bointon, Seconded Cllr Buck, All in Favour.

It was **RESOLVED** to renew Derbyshire Association of Local Council (DALC) membership at the standard rate of £491.26. Proposed Cllr Bointon, Seconded Cllr Dews. All in Favour.

### **08/03/23 Report from Clerk on on-going matters**

- **Pond Platform** - DDDC have confirmed that planning permission would be required to erect the pond viewing platform. If the land transfers to the Parish Council under a Community Asset Transfer, the platform could be installed under “permitted development.”
- **Kings Coronation** - The Parish Council have received a request for funding from the Village Hall Committee for a weekend of Coronation celebrations. The Parish Council have **RESOLVED** to grant funding of **£750** to the Village Hall Committee for this event to include bunting in the centre of the village. The Parish Council will also purchase an official portrait of the King for displayed in the Village Hall.
- **401 Bus Service** – Following intervention by the Parish Council to MP Sarah Dines, Staffordshire County Council and Derbyshire County Council have confirmed funding of this service until September 2023.
- **A50 Road Noise** – At the recent Marston Lane Planning meeting held by DDDC it was suggested that Cllr Purdy would follow up potential planned re-surfacing of the A50 to reduce road noise in Doveridge. The Parish Council have been unable to confirm that this work is planned. Connect Roads have advised it is not part of their current plans. The Parish Council will follow up with DDDC and our MP Sarah Dines.
- **Consultation on Community Assets Transfers** – We have received some feedback from residents regarding the potential transfer of the pond and bowling green areas, none of which are negative. Parish Clerk will re-publish to gain more feedback before 18<sup>th</sup> March when consultation closes. Thank-you to those residents who have responded.
- **Bus Shelter Decoration, Sand Lane** – The WI will be doing a display in the bus shelter for the Kings Coronation.
- **Local Minerals Plan** – 8-week consultation is now commencing. Whilst this doesn't directly affect Doveridge, the Parish Council may support Sudbury Parish Council whose village may be impacted by the plan.
- **The Well** – Cllr Goulden has requested funding of £65 plus VAT to renew Gravel and Slate at Well. It was **RESOLVED** to approve this spend. Proposer Cllr Ogram, Seconded Cllr Lyon, all in Favour.
- **The Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on Tuesday **4<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** in the village hall. The chair of the Parish Council will provide an annual summary of activities undertaken in 2022/23 and outlines Parish Council Plans for 2023/24. ***The Citizen of the Year Award*** will be presented by the Parish Council at this meeting.

- It is hoped residents will support this meeting which is held in conjunction with the **Neighbourhood Watch AGM**. (A monthly Parish Council meeting will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023)

### **09/03/23 Allotments - To review allotment arrangements/agreements.**

The Parish Council discussed guidelines and agreements that would be updated and issued for allotment holders. This will be published once completed. There is currently a waiting list of 9 residents.

### **10/3/23 Annual Health & Safety Inspection of Assets**

*-To review findings from inspection and agree actions required. Councillor Bointon abstained from discussion/decisions on this item.*

It was **RESOLVED** to instruct groundsman to undertake the action below. Proposed by Cllr Ewing, seconded by Cllr Lyon, All in favour.

- Carry out identified maintenance at Pavilion, and Bus Shelters and to arrange for external contractor for door work at pavilion,
- Carry out remedial work to playing field fencing where possible, and to arrange for quotation for replacement fencing where required.
- To order parts required, for playground repairs as previously identified and carry out repairs. Spend on playground must not exceed allocation in 22/23. In addition, it was agreed to transfer £1000 of underspend from other budget lines into Playground Repairs providing a total budget of £2800 (plus Vat) to undertake necessary Playground repairs in this budget year.
- To investigate selling the unused small mower.

### **11/03/23 Neighbourhood Plan Review -Update from Working Group**

Initial findings indicate that there is no update required unless the DDDC local plan changes which is potentially due in the Autumn. We will seek feedback from residents on the current neighbourhood plan.

### **12/03/23 -Planning Applications**

No applications/Decisions

### **13/03/23 Burial Ground**

Ownership of the Burial Ground has now formally transferred to the Parish Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to not seek a third quotation for Gates after reviewing two quotations and to accept the quote from a local supplier. Proposed Cllr. Lyon, seconded Cllr Ewing. All in Favour.

It was **RESOLVED** to form the Burial Ground Committee chaired by Cllr. Lyon and adopt the Terms of Reference. Proposed Cllr. Lyon, seconded Cllr Ogram. All in favour.

### **14/03/23 Correspondence**

#### **a) E mail from residents regarding road surface on Pump Lane**

This item dealt with in Public Speaking above.

#### **b) E mail from residents requesting re location of dog waste bin**

Dog waste bins are a DDDC responsibility. It was **RESOLVED** for the Parish Council to request DDDC re-locate a dog waste bin to junction of Derby Road/Yelt Lane. Proposed Cllr Lyon, seconded Cllr Dews.

**15/03/2023 Pond Project**

No Update

**16/03/23 Exclusion of the Press and Public Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

Cllr Ogram and the Parish Clerk left the meeting.

**17/03/23 To discuss Annual Performance Review and Annual Pay Review for Parish Clerk**

Performance and pay were reviewed – clerk will be informed by Chair.

Parish Clerk and Cllr Ogram returned to the meeting.

**18/03/23 Parish Magazine**

Cllr Ewing will collate input from councillors for the Parish Magazine.

**19/03/23 MEETING CLOSE**

Meeting close 9.36