

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council

Held on Thursday 10th December 2020 (via Zoom)

Present

Cllr N Sellers (Chair), Cllr Mrs S Jackson, Cllr I Woods, Cllr R Bennett, Cllr Ms R Lees, Cllr N Barker

Also present

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO), District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen, District Cllr D Pegg, County Cllr P Murray

76/20 Clerk requested to add a late item to the agenda, which is to update on the Castle Crusaders lease. Council agreed.

77/20 Co-option and Acceptance of Office of new members

Cllrs N Sellers, Mrs S Jackson and I Woods voted for Richard Bennett, Rebecca Lees and Neil Barker to be co opted onto the council as members from this moment. All will sign their declaration of office and complete their register of interest forms and return to the clerk asap. RESOLVED that these three are now members of Castle Gresley Parish Council.

78/20 Apologies for absence

Cllr Miss L Johnson

79/20 Declarations of Interest

No members declared an interest

80/20 Public Speaking

a) Public

No members of the public attended

b) County Council

County Cllr P Murray advised the grit bin will soon be installed on Appleby Glade. He also advised the signage survey has been completed two weeks ago. He wished everyone in Castle Gresley a Merry Christmas.

c) District Council

Cllr Mrs M Bridgen gave details of a meeting attended by herself and Cllr D Pegg with SDDC officers regarding the proposed installation of 4 electric charging points in Castle Gresley. She reported that the proposal came from the Energy Saving Trust and SDDC had been successful in its bid for the funds. SDDC have completed a survey of possible car parks in the area. Issues such as the presence of knotweed, abandoned vehicles and a concern over an increase in anti-social behaviour were discussed. It was reported that the charging points would be slow charging, rather than the current fast charging ones in Swadlincote, therefore SDDC would expect people from outside the area would be more likely to use the fast-charging ones in Swadlincote, given there are also amenities, such as café, toilets, shops, nearby. SDDC are also looking at the site where the recycling bins currently are on

Bass Crescent, to consider if 6 car parking spaces could be made here to relieve some of the parking pressure in the area. Cllr Mrs S Jackson stated she believed that this area is not large enough for 6 cars. SDDC are reluctant to say no to the funding, with the target to become carbon neutral on the horizon. Cllr Miss R Lees explained that parking in this area for residents is already a huge issue, with many homes unable to gain planning permission to drop their kerbs and use their frontages for parking and double yellow lines on Linton Road. Cllr R Bennett asked if the spaces could be used by non-electric vehicles to which Cllr Mrs M Bridgen replied yes, although priority would be given to electric vehicles to charge. Cllr Mrs M Bridgen advised that if SDDC do not take the funding now it will be lost. The Parish Council agreed that it is not against progress and in the long term this would benefit residents, however, currently there is no one in the area with an electric vehicle and the councils concern is that this will take away parking from an already stretched area of the village. It was agreed that Cllr Miss R Lees will arrange to meet with SDDC officers in the new year to discuss the Parish Councils concerns.

d) **Crime reports**

November's report has been shared on email, the website and Facebook

RESOLVED that the reports be noted

81/20 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th November 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the chair

82/20 Exclusion of the Public

No such items

83/20 Chairs Announcements

Cllr N Sellers stated that he is incredibly pleased to have three new members join the Council tonight. However, he was also a little disappointed that there had not been more applicants and there is still one vacancy on the council. With the diversity of skills from the councillors, the Parish council can move forward and share responsibilities. Exciting times are ahead.

84/20 Clerks report

Bus shelter application	Location confirmed, installation expected imminently.
Overgrown pathway at the bottom of Bridge Street leading to the recreation ground	District Cllr D Pegg dealing with the land agents, Savills. SDDC have advised it should be completed within the next 2 weeks.
Remove old signatories and new	Cllr Ms R Lees to be added as a new signatory.
Clerk holiday	Break up Thursday 17 th December, returning Monday 4 th January 2021.

85/20 Items for Discussion/Decision

- a) Update on Patio plan for Recreation ground**
Clerk has requested advice as to whether the Parish Council need planning permission from SDDC, awaiting response. Clerk to advise planning of the planned road, as some may come under permitted development. Clerk to share response with council.
- b) Consider donation of £3,000 to Castle Crusaders**
Council voted and RESOLVED to donate £1500.
- c) Update on parking issues and SDDC planned installation of electric car charging points**
Covered in SDDC report.
- d) Update on Community Garden**
Clerk has investigated possible locations with SDDC, but no suitable land is available.
- e) Update on dog bag dispensers and bins- SDDC**
District Cllr D Pegg advised he is optimistic that SDDC will instal additional dog waste bins at sites given by the Parish Council as problem areas with Castle Gresley. Purchase of Dog bag dispensers deferred until January.
- f) Update on whether the noticeboard on Mount Pleasant should be moved**
Cllr N Sellers advised he has looked at the site and council agreed it should be moved. It was RESOLVED that it should be sited by the bench at the top of Mount Pleasant. Council believe the land will be owned by DCC Highways, clerk to investigate.
- g) Update on possible volunteers working on planters – insurance cover**
Clerk confirmed the Parish Council Insurance covers all ages, with over 16 only differentiated as covered for possible loss of earnings. All activities must have a written risk assessment prior to the activity.
- h) Update on wildflower verge planting plan**
Clerk awaiting detail from DCC on cultivation licence application.
- i) Update on new councillors**
3 new members were co opted at the beginning of the meeting.
- j) Update on Allotments**
Application to join the Allotment Association has been completed. Payment to be approved tonight.
- k) Update on lease for Castle Crusaders**

Clerk advised she has spoken with a solicitor, details of the area to be leased, a plan of the recreation ground, rental charges to be advised.

Council confirmed the changing rooms and container must be included. All correspondence with the solicitor to be shared on email with the council.

86/20 Finance

a) The following payments were approved

Chq	Recipient	Amount	VAT	Total	Item
3161	Payroll	645.66 26.00 63.18 13.50 5.28 27.41	0.00 1.05 5.48	645.66 26.00 63.18 14.39 13.50 6.33 32.89	Nov salary Home working allowance Flag Zoom for November Mileage x 30 @ .45p per mile Mobile for November Printer cartridge TOTAL: £801.95
3162	Bloomin Gardens	35.00	7.00	42.00	Invoice 647409 Memorial care
3163	Brick room	180.00	0.00	180.00	Room hire, 6 months @ £30 per month, Oct 19-March 20
3164	Allotment Association	55.00	12.00	67.00	1 year's membership
3165	Neil Sellers	153.93	29.57	183.50	Reimburse for locks and keys For the container
	TOTAL			£1274.45	

87/20 Planning

No applications received

88/20 Correspondence

Protecting victims of domestic abuse, Road safety week in Derbyshire, Simple tips to help keep safe during dark winter nights, Domestic Abuse Support, Domestic abuse is not always physical, Stay safe online when searching for support for domestic abuse, Police and Fire join forces to crack down on drink and drug driving this Christmas, Area Crime report, County lines Drug Gang Sentenced for Bringing Illegal Substances to Swadlincote, There Is No Honour in Honour Based Abuse, Mount Peasant Rec play equip (SDDC), SDDC Advent calendar, FAQs from Our Live Domestic Abuse Sessions, Neighbourhood Watch Covid Survey

89/20 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th January 2021, 7pm via zoom unless government guidelines change.