

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council

Held on Thursday 11th February 2021 (via Zoom)

Present

Cllr N Sellers (Chair), Cllr Mrs S Jackson, Cllr R Bennett, Cllr Ms R Lees, Cllr N Barker, Cllr Miss L Johnson

Also present.

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO, District Cllr D Pegg, District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen, 5 members of the public

102/20 Apologies for absence

Cllr I Woods

103/20 Declarations of Interest

None

104/20 Public Speaking

a) Public

Ian Smith: concerns over the increasing amount of dog mess left on the streets, particularly around Mount Pleasant Road. Council confirmed it has recently been in touch with SDDC and notices have been displayed around the village, on the PC website and FB page advising people how to report issues and evidence to SDDC who will act.

The PC has approved (Oct 2020) the purchase of 4 dog bag dispensers to be sited in the village. District Cllr Pegg is also working on SDDC providing dog bins in these same locations. District Cllr Bridgen also advised that it may be possible soon to confirm ownership of offenders by DNA of the dog mess.

b) County Council

No representative

c) District Council

District Cllr Pegg advised the glass needing replacing in the back of the bus shelter on A444 (nr Mount Road) should now be completed.

SDDC will arrange the clearance of the overgrown path at the bottom of Bridge Street and deal directly with the land agents.

A detailed discussion took place around the planning application which has just been resubmitted for Oak Close. Deadline for comments is 5th March. The Parish Council is aware there are strong objections from within the community for this application and the council itself made a strong objection at the first application. Cllr Bridgen confirmed all comments on the original application will be carried forward. All objections will be considered by the officer responsible for this application, the officer will compile a report which will be considered by the planning committee. Cllr Jackson asked if a site visit could be undertaken late afternoon, as there is severe congestion of parked vehicles in the area. Cllr Bridgen advised residents

should consider if this is a sustainable development and the impact it may have on the area and log their individual objections on the SDDC planning portal.

Members also raised concern over the DCC Highways assessments, as it is believed they are often undertaken without a site visit and may not reflect the true situation. Chair raised the issue around the recent plan for SDDC to install electric charging points in Bass's Crescent. The Parish Council believed it was in discussion with SDDC on whether this should go ahead at the proposed site and how SDDC could support residents and mitigate the impact of removing the car park which is needed for residents without their own drives. Since the Parish Council met with SDDC residents of the area have received a letter advising the electric charging points will be installed. No public consultation has taken place and the Parish Council's views were not sought prior to SDDC taking the decision to install the charge points. Chair also expressed his disappointment that 106 monies from the development by Appleby Glade had never been given to the village. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Lees will compile an objection to the Oak Close planning application to be agreed on email with council, for the clerk to submit to SDDC.

d) Crime reports

January's report has been shared with members, the website and Facebook, as below. Chair also advised a knife had been found at the bottom of a hedgerow, which he handed to our PCSO.

01/01 – Bass's Crescent. ABH/Common assault.

02/01 – Hewer Drive. Theft.

05/01 – Bass's Crescent. Malicious Communications.

23/01 – Drift Road. Drunk and Disorderly.

23/01- Drift Road. Possession of Cannabis.

23/01 – Drift Road. ABH/Common Assault.

23/01 – Drift Road. Criminal Damage.

23/01 – Drift Road. Public Order.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

105/20 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

106/20 Exclusion of the Public

No such items

107/20 Chairs Announcements

None

108/20 Clerks report

Bus shelter application	26/2/20 – application sent to DCC. 11/2/21 licences signed by DCC, SDDC and PC. Await installation.
Grit bin for Appleby Glade	Ref: 8246827 DCC 17/2/20 to request.

	11/2/21, highways chasing officers but cannot get a firm date.
Overgrown pathway at the bottom of Bridge Street leading to the recreation ground	8/10, reported by public. In report from SDDC
Move Noticeboard from Mount Pleasant rec to the top of Mount Pleasant.	On agenda tonight
Patio by the container on Mount Pleasant Recreation Ground	SDDC planning advised under permitted development if under 25% and porous. Contractor to review quote with addition of drainage. Expect installation April.
Dog poo bag dispensers	Jan – Awaiting confirmation from District Cllr Pegg on possible new dog poo bins at the same locations.
Bridge Street underpass	Jan – 7/1, requested completed of cleaning graffiti and litter to be collected. Also informed Dave Mc to check if kids hanging around still. 19/1, reported to clean team again online. 11/2, not cleaned, clerk to report again
Bus shelter glass A444/Mount Road	Jan – reported originally Sept 20. Feb, Cllr Pegg advised should be completed by 12/2
DCC Lights out in underpass	19/1, reported to DCC ref: F765577. 28/1, DCC advice they expect to complete repair within 28 days.
DCC Drain broken and missing at underpass	19/1, reported to DCC ref: F765592. 28/1, DCC advice an investigation has been requested.
DCC Grit bin on Pine Walk needs filling	27/1, reported to DCC ref: F771108.

109/20 Items for Discussion/Decision

Clerk requested a late additional item to the agenda: Possible return of face-to-face meetings. Council RESOLVED to discuss this item tonight.

a) Consider the 10year lease agreement with Castle Crusaders

Council discussed the options, and a vote was taken by members. It was **RESOLVED** that a 10-year lease would be compiled by the clerk and Cllr Lees, to be presented for approval at the March meeting. A 10yr lease is needed by Castle Crusaders to allow it to apply for additional funding grants. A lease prepared by solicitors was quoted at £1800 to prepare.

b) Wildflower planting on A444 working group

Deferred until Cllr Woods can attend.

c) Consider allotment next steps

Council reviewed the waiting list, current tenancy agreements and discussed options. It was agreed that Chair and Cllr Lees would visit the allotment site and a letter to allotment holders would be agreed over email by members during the next month to enable the clerk to send the letters with the invoices for 2021-22, which must be sent by mid-March.

d) Advertise for Parish Councillor vacancy

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this until face-to-face meetings resume.

e) New location for noticeboard currently at the recreation ground

Councillors had looked at various locations and it was **RESOLVED** that the existing noticeboard should be moved close to the Mount Pleasant Inn (PC land) and a new smaller one should be purchased for the side of the container on the recreation ground. Chair and Cllr Lees to measure for the new board.

f) Consider approval for annual membership of SLCC

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk should renew the annual membership.

g) Update on SDDC proposed electric charging points

All correspondence between Cllr Lees and SDDC has been shared on email. It was **RESOLVED** that an email will be sent to Cllr F McArdle to express the Parish Councils concerns and disappointment with the installation and ask for a delay to the installation until such time as the parking issues have been addressed.

Cllr Lees also suggested the Parish Council could consider renting the car park from SDDC and managing permits for residents. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should write to SDDC Property Services to investigate this option.

h) Consider suppliers for future grit bin refills

Deferred until next meeting, clerk awaiting cost confirmations.

i) Confirm next steps for Recreation ground pathway working group

It was noted there had been a positive response from the residents group webpage, yet unfortunately no members of the public had contacted the clerk to be directly involved. It was **RESOLVED** that an extraordinary meeting should take place on 25th February for the purpose of progressing this proposal.

j) EMH planning for Oak Close

Item covered in District Council, item 3.

k) Pitch hires of Mount Pleasant

Chair has endeavoured to contact the person enquiring about hiring the pitch to no avail. Chair advised presently the pitch will not sustain two clubs using the pitch, but will hopefully in the future when the pitch has been improved.

l) Possible return of face-to-face meetings

Clerk advised DALC have confirmed that currently the law allowing Parish councils to meet remotely will expire on 7th May 2021. Therefore, Parish Councils should make plans to return to face to face meetings after this point. As the AGM takes place in May, it may be prudent to move this to late April. Cllr Barker suggested the rifle club have a large room, which may be suitable. Concerns were discussed around allowance for social distancing and not knowing the number of members of public who may attend. DALC suggested Parish Councils should consider remote joining for members of the public. It was **RESOLVED** that the AGM will take place in April, clerk to confirm the date. Cllr Johnson advised she will be unlikely to attend the March meeting, for health reasons.

110/20 Finance

a) The following payments were approved.

Chq	Recipient	Amount	VAT	Total	Item
3170	Payroll	644.66	0.00	644.66	Jan salary
		26.00	0.00	26.00	Home working allowance
		11.99	2.40	14.39	Zoom for December
		4.50	0.00	4.50	Mileage x 10 @ .45p per mile
		5.28	1.05	6.33	Mobile for December
		6.43	0.00	6.43	Postage
					TOTAL: £703.31
3171	Bloomin Gardens	35.00	7.00	42.00	Inv. 647675 Memorial care
3172	SLCC	130.00	0.00	130.00	Annual membership
	TOTAL				£875.31

111/20 Planning

No applications received from SDDC.

112/20 Correspondence

How to contact the force, Submit Policing Questions To the Commissioners
Virtual Spa Police Meeting, Sign Up For Flood Alerts As Heavy Rain Forecast
For Derbyshire, MEA Free Climate Action support (via DALC), Live Session on Thursday
to talk to officers about domestic abuse, Booklet to increase safety in rural areas is launched
in Derbyshire, Theft from industrial unit and workshop, DALC training, Current vacancies in
Force, Design a Croods 2 Inspired Treehouse and win it for your local community, Think Digital
when contacting the police, Support for Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Live and Local, Officers Issue
further warning After breaking up parties on North Derbyshire, DCC News, DALC Feb newsletter,
Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, SDDC active Communities Winter Health newsletter, PCC
Assurance Boards videos, DCC News, Funding for Vulnerable People, 20's plenty campaign.

113/20 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25th February, 2021, 7pm via zoom unless government guidelines change.