

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council

Held on Thursday 9th January 2020

Present

Councillors Mrs J Pallett (Chair), Cllr O Pallett, N Sellers (vice chair), Cllrs I Woods & T Dowd (Cllr Dowd had to leave urgently)

Also present

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO), District Cllr Mel Bridgen and County Cllr Pat Murray
Members of the public (approx. 25)

292/19 Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs S Jackson, Cllr Miss L Johnson, Cllr B Greaves, District Cllrs D Pegg

293/19 Declarations of Interest

None

294/19 Public Speaking

(a) Public

Mr Beggin asked if the council meeting is quorate with 4 councillors. Council confirmed it is required to have a minimum one third of members present or 3 (whichever is the greater) to be quorate.

Ms Lees asked about the weight limit on Linton Road, the sign was moved several years ago and there has been an increase in traffic over the 7.5 limit using the road. This issue was raised with DCC Highways by the Parish Council last year and at a meeting this winter with DCC Highways. County Cllr Pat Murray advised that the CC has had to spend an unplanned £20M on flood related issues and the sign will be moved, but they are behind on this action due to the unforeseen spend. He will take up the issue and pass on the concern of the residents and council to action the sign moving ASAP.

At this point the council became aware of a member of a parishioner filming the councillors on her phone. The Chair asked the parishioner, was she filming, and the parishioner confirmed she was. A heated debate took place between council members and the public, regarding the way in which meetings are conducted and the public are spoken to. Council also stated that the business of the meetings is often interrupted throughout the agenda items, following the public session, where members of the public are not permitted to interrupt. County Cllr Murray also objected to being filmed at the meeting, as the parishioner had not advised in advance. The chair closed the meeting.

The parishioner apologised and asked the chair to confirm she would speak properly to the public. A further heated discussion took place on better communications going forward between the public and council. Chair re opened the meeting.

b) County Council – Refer to public session

District Council – District Cllr Bridgen advised council that SHB are not in breach of planning regarding the parking on the verge. She also contact DCC Highways who she will chase to see if there is anything they can do.

District Cllr Bridgen also advised the planning application for Oak Close, will go to committee and she would encourage anyone with objections to the application to take them to the meeting, she will advise the PC of the date.

- c) Crime reports from police website for the area of Castle Gresley, Church Gresley, Linton, Lullington and Overseal for November.

All crime	45
Anti-social behaviour	14
Bicycle theft	0
Burglary	2
Criminal damage and arson	3
Drugs	0
Other crime	1
Other theft	1
Possession of weapons	0
Public order	5
Robbery	0
Shoplifting	0
Theft from the person	0
Vehicle crime	6
Violence and sexual offences	13

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

295/19 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th December 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the chair.

296/19 Exclusion of the Public

None

297/19 Chairs Announcements

None

298/19 Clerks report

Speed awareness latest	Awaiting confirmation from the police for the proposed sites. Police confirmed will be after 8 th Jan, as they have a new person responsible for co ordinating this.
Pavement with tree roots coming up, outside 23 Mount Pleasant Road	F607373 reference, reported to DCC Highways 20/12 chased DCC no response.
Dead Silver Birch Tree	Reported to SDDC June, Dan Pegg chasing. Cllr D Pegg chasing.
D day event 9/5/20	Meeting to discuss ideas went ahead on 6/1/20, no public attended or have responded by email. Awaiting confirmation of a suitable location from SDDC.
Manhole cover tarmac damage (outside of chemist on Linton Road)	Reported to Cllr Pegg on 17/10. 6/1. D Pegg reported it should be done now.

Mount Road Railway bridge	19/9 – reported repairs needed to network rail. reference: 190919-000263 chase 16/12 –Clerk resent photo with request to know what happens now.
White Lady picnic bench	Delivered to Cllr Dowd.
White Lady stiles	25/11 Instructed contractor to remove old and install kissing gates, following receipt of risk assessments and insurance.

299/19 Items for Discussion/Decision

- a) **Bus shelter for Linton Road consideration, 50% funded with DCC (information circulated with agenda to councillors)**
Defer to February meeting for all councillors to consider and clerk to receive responses from agencies. Members of the public interrupted with questions around the type of bus shelter being considered.
- b) **Clerk proposal to process PAYE from April 2020**
Council approved the clerk to take on the payroll from April 2020 and to give notice to Lifestyle Accounting.
- c) **SHB vehicles parking on verges update**
Covered in the public session.
- d) **Crossing of school children on A444 and Linton Road**
Defer to February meeting.
- e) **Christmas tree and lights (2020) for old memorial or current memorial consider costs**
Defer to February meeting.
- f) **CGPC Facebook group policy**
Clerk has emailed a first draft to council. Council asked the clerk to bring printed copies for next month's meeting.
- g) **9th May VE day celebrations update**
Concern was expressed re the time left to organise an event as no location is confirmed. The recreation ground on Station Street was discussed. Clerk to chase SDDC to confirm if the PC can have vehicular access to Arthur Street and if the PC could use Station Street Rec instead. Add to February agenda.
- h) **Village improvements plan update**
Clerk presented two quotes from Bloomin Gardens re wildflower planting. Council advised clerk to bring quotes to the February meeting from two alternative suppliers.
- i) **Summer holiday play & sports mobile provision**
Council agreed to book 1 sports mobile, 1 play mobile, 1 adventure mobile and 1 session with 2 x combo, totalling £990. Clerk to book.

300/19 Finance

- a) The following payments were approved.

Cheque	Recipient	Amount	VAT	Total	Item
DD	Eon	18.00	2.00	20.00	DD electric
DD	Waterplus	5.09	0.00	5.09	Used water Pavilion
3095	Lifestyle Accounting	15.00	3.00	18.00	Salary prep Dec
3096	DALC	50.00	0.00	50.00	Spring Seminar x 1

3097	Payroll	680.29	0.00	680.29	Dec salary
		18.00	0.00	18.00	Mileage .45 x 40
		5.28	1.05	6.33	Mobile Nov
		7.32	0.00	7.32	Stamps
					TOTAL: £711.94
3098	Bloomin Gardens	35.00	7.00	42.00	Grounds maintenance for memorial
3099	Pete Thorley	100.00	0.00	100.00	Land access off White Lady
	TOTAL			£947.03	

- b) Payments in £0.00
- c) The following budget review and bank reconciliation for the third quarter was presented to council by the clerk. No questions were raised.

Budget review 3rd quarter 19/20

	Income 2019-20	Actual to date 2019-20	Forecast to year-end 2019-20
Income	£	£	£
Precept	23,369	23,369	23,369
Grant	2,876	2,876	2,876
Concurrent func	7,454	0	7,454
Minor Maintenance	315	0	315
Allotments rent	330	0	0
VAT (variable)	2,500	3,550	3,550
Other	0	2,530	30
	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Income	<u>36,844</u>	<u>32,325</u>	<u>37,594</u>
Expenditure			
	Budget	Actual to date	Forecast
Salaries	6,500	5,220	7,000
Chairs allowance	200	200	200

Admin	2,000	1,530	1,750
Elections	1,000	0	0
Audits	600	368	368
Insurance	1,200	814	814
DALC & training (Inc. CILCA)	1,500	618	1,500
Sports Mobile	1,000	720	720
Utilities	700	414	700
Allotments inc water	330	119	238
Pavilion (inc container)	8,100	7,945	7,945
Grounds maintenance	9,000	3,978	5,000

S137 donations	300	150	200
Village events	1,000	70	100
VAT	3,500	3,463	3,800

	<u>36,930</u>	<u>25,609</u>	<u>30,335</u>
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Spend from reserves	<u>4,593</u>	Defib, benches, planters
	<u>802</u>	Legal fees
		Picnic bench ordered Dec 19

Bank rec as 29 Dec 2019		
Opening balance	01/10/2019	80886.05
Receipts		0
Payments		16886.26
Closing balance	29/12/2019	63999.79
Balance on bank statement	29/12/2019	64489.64
Unpresented receipts		0

Unpresented payments		489.85	Bloomin Gardens
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Total funds available	29/12/2019	63999.79	
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301/19 Planning

Ref. No: DMPA/2019/1329

The erection of a single and two storey extension at 15 Burton Road, Castle Gresley, Swadlincote, DE11 9HB

No objections were raised

RESOLVED that this be noted

302/19 Correspondence

DCC News update

New allotment holder and one further to add to the wait list

Request from Swadlincote CVS Foodbank for donation (to be added to Februarys agenda for consideration)

Application for a grit bin (to be added to Februarys agenda for consideration)

303/19 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 13th February 2020, 7pm at the Brick Room, Linton