

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council

Held on Thursday 26th November 2020 (via Zoom)

Present

Cllr N Sellers (Chair), Cllr Mrs S Jackson, Cllr I Woods

Also present

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO), District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen

Members of the public - Richard Bennett, Rebecca Lees, Neil Barker, Pat Brown

64/20 Apologies for absence

Cllr Miss L Johnson, District Cllr D Pegg

65/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs S Jackson declared an interest in the CVS foodbank donation, she is currently a trustee of the CVS.

66/20 Public Speaking

a) Public

Richard Bennet thanked the council for the updates on Facebook over the last 2 months. It was RESOLVED that these will also be shared on the residents' page on Facebook by the clerk. The planter before Cadley island is currently an eyesore, with weeds growing high from it. Chair confirmed this is on the agenda tonight.

Pat Brown advised that progress is slow with the application for Common Land and requested the Parish Council to assist. Chair requested the information to be sent by Pat to the clerk and shared with full council to see what can be done.

b) County Council

No representative

c) District Council

Cllr Mrs S Jackson asked District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen for support with the following. A resident of the flats in Linton Road had complained to her that the stairwell lights do not come on until 8pm, too late for the time of year, with it being dark by 4. There is also rubbish blocking access to the electric meters for residents, making it difficult for them to add to their electricity account.

District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen advised she is meeting with officers next week regarding the proposed installation of 4 electric car charging points and she asked for the Parish councils' opinion on this. The Parish Council agreed that it is not aware of anyone owning an electric car in the vicinity of the proposed points and it is very concerned as this will take up 8 parking spaces in an already extremely congested area of Castle Gresley, this will not, the Council believes benefit local people. The council also agreed it would expect a public consultation to take place prior to any such large-scale project going ahead.

Cllr I woods advised District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen that he will speak with her tomorrow regarding current parking issues on Bridge Street .

d) **Crime reports**

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

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

67/20 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th October and Parish meeting on 21st October 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the chair

68/20 Exclusion of the Public

No such items

69/20 Chairs Announcements

Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and he expressed his hope to have more councillors co-opted on to the council very soon.

70/20 Clerks report

Mount Pleasant Rec driveway	Moved to agenda item for February2020
Bus shelter application	23/11 DCC in the process of arranging the installation. Approval for siting on SDDC land confirmed and wayleave agreement signed.
Grit bin for Appleby Glade	Ref: 8246827 Cllr Murray has confirmed directly with officers the location for the bin to be sited.
Overgrown pathway at the bottom of Bridge Street leading to the recreation ground	District Cllr D Pegg had advised the land agents and SDDC Environmental dept have also written to them requesting this be cleared asap
Update bank signatories	Awaiting Cllr to go in person to the bank to confirm identity.
Clerk holiday	The clerk will be on annual leave from Thursday 17 th December until Monday 4 th January 2021.

71/20 Items for Discussion/Decision

a) **Consider a 10-year lease to Castle Crusaders to play on Mount Pleasant Recreation ground football pitch (copy of request emailed to members with the agenda)**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should instruct a solicitor to draw up a legal agreement between the council and Castle Crusaders, based on the current agreement suggested by Castle Crusaders.

b) Consider a donation of £3,000 to Castle Crusaders

Rebecca Lees advised that Castle Crusaders has struggled to fundraise under the current constraints of the pandemic. Cllr Mrs S Jackson asked if this could be considered following the agreement of which patio would be installed (and therefore how much), council agreed to review this in December.

c) Parking issues around Linton Road, Bass's Crescent, Arnold Street, consider what can be done with SDDC and DCC.

Rebecca Lees advised that correspondence between herself and SDDC had been shared with council on email. She is currently awaiting a response to the last correspondence and advised that residents are disappointed with the lack of a public consultation.

d) Community Garden, consider possible land and what would be done with it

Council discussed this matter and possible locations, it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council do not have any suitable land and the clerk should contact SDDC to ask if it has any land which the Council may be able to rent. Size as an allotment plot, approx. 125 square metres.

e) Consider various proposals for the paving area to be installed by the container on Mount Pleasant

Council discussed the quotes, and it was RESOLVED to go ahead with the quote for a slabbed area, which was agreed will be more substantial in the long term. Clerk to check if planning consent is required.

e) Charitable fund nominations, Chair to update on latest situation

Chair updated Council on the addition of new members, and it was RESOLVED that the clerk will contact solicitors to advice of the charitable group details.

g) Dog poo bag dispensers, consider update from SDDC with regards to the addition of dog waste bins and collections

Bin proposal and locations has been given by District Cllr D Pegg to the Head of Services at SDDC, awaiting response.

h) Consider the Action plan and Budget proposal for 2021/2 from the working party (copies sent to members with the agenda)

It was RESOLVED that these were fully approved by council.

i) Mount Pleasant recreation ground, consider latest information on the driveway and possible working party

It was RESOLVED to put this matter on hold until the February when there are more councillors and a working party can be formed to take on this project

j) Minor maintenance, consider if any works are needed on the footpaths and allocate all footpaths to be checked – full list sent on email to members

No issues, all pathways in good order.

k) Parish Council leaf blower, consider selling it

It was RESOLVED to keep the leaf blower, at least until the current pandemic restrictions are eased, as it may be needed in the future.

l) Consider moving the noticeboard from the changing rooms to higher up the road on Mount Pleasant.

Cllr Mrs S Jackson advised that the current site of the noticeboard blocks the view from the bench and it may be better sited at the top of Mount Pleasant. Item to be reviewed in December.

m) Decide on planting for spring for the 4 village planters, perennial or annual and instruct Bloomin Gardens

It was RESOLVED that the planter by Triggs and Cadley island should be cleared for Spring planting with perennials and the two by the shops in Linton Road should be planted in Spring with annuals, following a community competition to design the planters. Clerk to check the Parish Council Insurance for the age range of volunteers who would do the planting.

n) Consider the sponsorship of planting at Cadley island and/or wildflower verge planting

It was RESOLVED that the council will go ahead with planting of wildflowers on the verge on A444. Clerk to contact DCC for cultivation licence and investigate costs.

o) Consider purchase of new Union flag

It was RESOLVED that a new union flag will be purchased.

p) Confirm interviews and arrangements for co-opting new councillors

The Council currently has 3 applicants who regularly attend the Parish Council meetings. It was RESOLVED that these 3 persons be co-opted onto the council to join the December Meeting, once the closing date of Dec 4th has passed.

q) Working with the community – Linnets school, Rickman's Corner, Charles Hanson

It was RESOLVED to put this on hold during the current Covid restrictions.

r) Allotments update, consider joining Allotment Association

It was RESOLVED that the clerk will join for the Council in the Allotment Association and take advice on the current wait list situation.

s) Consider "Winter Giving Campaign" foodbank donation

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council will donate £350.00.

72/20 Finance

- a) The following payments were approved

Chq	Recipient	Amount	VAT	Total	Item
3149	Payroll	645.66 26.00 5.28 11.99 3.50	 141.63 1.05 2.40 0.00	645.66 26.00 141.63 6.33 9.00 14.39 3.50	Oct salary Home working allowance Reimburse for payment to HMRC For tax and NI (payment made online) Mobile phone Oct Mileage .45p x 20 miles (10 deliver cheques, 10 collect them Zoom months fee x Oct Stationary TOTAL: £846.51
3150	Bloomin Gardens	285.00	57.00	342.00	Invoice 6473031. Memorial care, 2 x cuts at the Recreation ground & 2 at the Underpass
3151	Lorraine Johnson	39.97	0.00	39.97	Re imbursement for Remembrance wreaths
3152	lbbs Electrical	448.00	0.00	448.00	Electrical works at the container
3153	S J Harris	150.00	0.00	150.00	Cleaning at the container
3154	Air Ambulance	250.00	0.00	250.00	Donation for services under s.137
3155	PKF Littlejohn LLP	200.00	40.00	240.00	External audit fee
3156	Information Commissioners Office	40.00	0.00	40.00	Annual free for GDPR registration
3157	Bloomin Gardens	395.00	79.00	474.00	Cut A444 embankment
3158	Payroll	19.75	3.95	23.70	Re imburse for a wireless mouse
3159	lbbs Electrical	135.00	0.00	135.00	Callout and fix the boiler at the Pavilion
3160	CVS Foodbank	350.00	0.00	350.00	Donation to winter giving campaign
	TOTAL			£3339.18	

73/20 Planning

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Council made no objection on the above application.

74/20 Correspondence

Police. Nitrous Oxide cannisters. Hate crime awareness week. No to Hate crime & support report. Vulnerability fund. Internet scams. Covid Alert level info. Speeding reminder. Knife surrender. Tier 3 Covid restrictions. October crime report. Rural locations speeding issues. Volunteer team advert. Neighbourhood Watch Innovation fund. Virtual meeting to look at Covid response. Investment Safety tips after spike in fraud
CVS. Share your views on equality issues. Fraud awareness week. Stronger South Derbyshire bulletins. Winter Giving Campaign
PKF. External Audit report.
DALC. October newsletter. Public consultation survey. Training. HR Covid related issues.
SDDC. Street trader draft policy. Area forum meetings plan
Census 2021 information for councils

75/20 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 10th December 2020, 7pm via zoom unless government guidelines change.