

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Castle Gresley Parish Council

Held on Thursday 21st November 2019

Present

Councillors Mrs J Pallett (Chair) and T Dowd, Mrs S Jackson, Miss L Johnson, O Pallett, I Woods

District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen

Also present

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO)

Seven members of the public were in attendance

268/19 Apologies for absence

Cllr N Sellers, Cllr B Greaves, District Cllrs D Pegg and County Cllr Pat Murray

269/19 Declarations of Interest

None

270/19 Public Speaking

(a) Public

The issue of parking vehicles over the road from SHB and the mess it makes of the verges was raised. Chair advised she has visited SHB on a few occasions over recent years but this has not stopped the issue. Ownership of the land remains unconfirmed from a Land Registry Search done by the Parish Council and both DCC and SDDC had been asked but neither claim ownership. Cllr Mrs M Bridgen stated she would look into it.

Council were advised that the Commons Land application for Mount Pleasant has gone into DCC.

There is concern over drug related issues on Linton Road and other areas in the village. The advice from the police is to always report this at the time directly to the police on 101. There is also a new police service called Derbyshire Talking, which gives residents the ability to log on and mention issues in the area so the police can build up a picture of what is happening.

www.derbyshirealert.co.uk/derbyshiretalking

b) County Council – No attendance

District Council – District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen advised following the recent flood issues, SDDC will be organising a flood liaison meeting.

Police – No attendance, PCSO send guidance on how to report and address general issues

c) Crime reports from police:

Crime reports are no longer collated by the police.

As at 21/11/19, crime stats online show latest figures from September 2019.

Crime figures are publicly available at <https://www.police.uk/derbyshire/SS06/crime/>

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

271/19 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th October 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the chair.

272/19 Exclusion of the Public

273/19 Chairs Announcements

There had been reports of a car parked on Linton Road without the handbrake on, this had caused the car to roll into a nearby house and break the bollards at the entrance to the property.

The memorial service on 10th November had gone very well.

274/19 Clerks report

Grit bin request on old part of Swad Lane	Now been sited
Speeding traffic	Speed awareness training took place in Walton, with residents from Walton and Castle Gresley on 16 th November, sited have to be approved before any sessions can take place.
Pavement with tree roots coming up, outside 23 Mount Pleasant Road	F07373 reference, reported to DCC. 19.09.19
Dead Silver Birch Tree	Reported to SDDC June, Dan Pegg chasing. Cllr Pegg chased.
D Day event 2020	Requested to SDDC if PC can use the rec by Drum & Monkey.
Man hole cover tarmac damage (outside of chemist on Linton Road)	Reported to Cllr Pegg on 17/10. Land belongs to SDDC
Mount Road Railway bridg	19/9 – reported repairs needed to network rail. Given reference: 190919-000263 chase 21/10 – sent photo to confirm size, chased again.

275/19 Items for Discussion/Decision

a) Container and path update, consider costs for soakaway

One quote is in, Cllr Sellers obtaining more quotes, not likely the works will be done before weather improves, which is the same for the intended pathway down the slope. Consider quotes in December.

b) Safety Signage for road traffic, meeting with Highways report (distributed on email)

A crossing on the A444 may be possible, but Highways confirmed there are no other signs or traffic calming they can put in this road, due to their regulations, which are connected to the road width, speed of the road and visibility. There is a possibility of investigating a 'lollipop' person style crossing, but council agreed as the children are 11-16, they are not likely to use this service, as younger children would.

From this meeting, regarding a possible bus shelter to be investigated at the Linton Road stop, there is a DCC scheme which would enable the Parish Council to have a shelter installed, with 50% of the cost covered by DCC. Item to be on the December agenda for consideration.

Council agreed for the report from DCC Highways to be shared with residents on fb and the council website.

c) Picnic benches for White Lady Springs and fitting plan

Council agreed to go ahead with 1 standard bench to be delivered to Cllr T Dowd. Clerk to arrange.

d) Review of CGPC facebook group

No issues were raised regarding the group, there are 28 followers currently.

e) Stiles for White Lady

Council agreed that although there was only currently one quote, they have struggled to get other quotes and therefore need to go ahead with replacing the current broken ones asap, so will proceed with the quote from S & R Landscapes. Clerk to instruct the works.

f) Budget for 1920/21

Council were unanimous in agreeing the proposed budget, presented by the clerk, following a working party meeting with Cllrs Mrs J Pallett, S Jackson and the clerk. See below.

Income	19/20	20/21
Precept	23369	23369
Grant	2876	2876
Concurrent functions	7454	7454
Minor Maintenance	315	315
Allotment Rents	330	330
VAT (variable)	2500	3500
From reserves (£25k for village improvements plus £10k for container)		35,000
Total	£36844	£72844

Expenditure	19/20 budget	19/20 year to date (end Sept)	19/20 expected year end	20/21 proposal
Salaries	6500	3500	7000	7550
Chairs Allowance (personal expenses)	200	200	200	200
Admin (inc. post, meeting r/hire, website, stationary, quickbooks)	2000	1024	1300	1500
Elections	1000	0	0	1000
Int & External Audit	600	368	368	400
Insurance	1200	815	815	1000
Membership subscriptions & training	1500	618	618	1000
S137 (donations inc. RBL)	300	300	300	300
Sports-mobile (4 events 2019/20)	1000	720	720	1000
Utilities (Elec & water, previously water only)	700	260	540	600
Allotments (water supply)	330	0	0	350
Pavilion (inc. container)	5100	45	12000	12000 (soakaway, electric water)
Village Improvements (inc access path down rec inc rail)				25000
Village events	1000	70	270	3500 (VE day & xmas)
Grounds maintain (inc litter & war memorial care, white lady maintenance)	12000	2629	6000	7000

VAT (variable)	3500	1465	3500	10000
Grit bin refills and maintenance		0	0?	500
Total	36930	12014	33631	72900

Reserves proposal 20/21, £68,000 Expected value at end of March 2020

£35,000 to the budget for 20/21

£11,600 6 months precept cover for possible late payment

£20,000 general reserve

£1,000 allotment driveway top up (2021/22)

g) 22nd December carol service

Although this has been a successful event in the past, concerns over the location in White Lady had been raised by Cllrs. With little parking nearby and people walking with no street lights, it was felt the safety of residents should be the priority and the council proposed to cancel the event this year, with the intention of holding an event in 2020 at a more suitable location.

Residents suggested moving to Castle Court. Chair to speak with Castle Court.

h) 9th May event working party, date and plan

Council requested the clerk to put a request on fb and the website for residents to bring their ideas for an event to a meeting on 6th January. Suggestions will then be considered at the next full council meeting on 12th December.

i) Village Improvements plan

Cllr Mrs S Jackson stated that there is currently no focal point in the village for a Christmas tree, and she would suggest for 2020 that some festive decorations are added to the old memorial, possibly solar lighting.

The clerk to speak with bloomin gardens to look at options for 2020, report back at December meeting.

j) White Lady update

Cllr O Pallett advised he had met at White Lady with the Forestry Centre who have advised that the area looks exactly as it should following the work that has been completed down there over the last 5 years. He suggested habitat boxes and feeders, totalling £314. Council fully agreed to go ahead with the installation of these. Cllr Pallett to confirm.

k) Call for sites from SDDC

A discussion took place around possible sites, with various opinions from councillors. It was then agreed that the clerk should respond to SDDC stating that because of a number of current and recent developments within Castle Gresley, the Parish Council believe strongly that there should be no further development within the village.

The Chair asked the clerk to record a formal warning to Cllr Mrs L Johnson for carrying on a conversation with the public after the public session has ended.

l) Consider change of date of December meeting

Clerk confirmed there is no need to change the date due to the election, the date will remain 12th December.

264/19 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	10.42	0.00	10.42	Mount Pleasant
3083	Lifestyle Accounting	15.00	3.00	18.00	Salary prep Sept
3084	Bloomin Gardens Inv. 645675	65.00	13.00	78.00	Remove broken branch across footpath at Tunnel Woods
3084	Bloomin Gardens Inv. 645739	35.00	7.00	42.00	Memorial care
3085	Geldards	668.00	133.60	801.60	Legal fees (from SDDC

					Funds in reserves)
3086	Info Commission Office	40.00	0.00	40.00	Annual Data Protection Fee
3087	Payroll	628.29	0.00	628.29 9.00 7.51 2.49	Oct salary Mileage .45 x 20 (finance & council) Mobile Oct Stamps Total: £647.29
3088	O Pallett	30.00	0.00	30.00	flowers for litter picker thank you
	TOTAL			£1687.31	

Payments in
£0.00

265/19 Planning

Ref. No: DMPA/2019/1192

Outline application (matters of access, layout to be considered now with matters of scale, appearance and landscaping reserved for later consideration) for proposed of two detached bungalows and amended access arrangements on Land At 156 - 160 Burton Road, Castle Gresley, Swadlincote, DE11 9E

No objections were raised

RESOLVED that this be noted

266/19 Correspondence

Email from resident re anti social behaviour and SHB parking
Derbyshire County Council updates

267/19 Date and Time of Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 12th December 2019, 7pm at the **Brick Room, Linton**