

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council

Held on Thursday 10th September (via Zoom)

Present

Cllr N Sellers, Cllr Miss L Johnson, Cllr Mrs S Jackson

Also present

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO), 9 members of the public

37/20 Apologies for absence

Cllr I Woods, County Cllr P Murray, District Cllr D Pegg

38/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr N Sellers declared an interest in item J on the agenda, Castle Crusaders. This is not a pecuniary interest.

39/20 Election of new Chair

Cllr Jackson proposed Cllr Sellers for Chair, Cllr Johnson seconded this. Cllr Sellers accepted the position of chair until May 2021.

40/20 Public Speaking

a) Public
None

b) County Council
None

c) District Council
Cllr Jackson thanked District Cllr Pegg for resolving the issue of the manhole covers outside of the Linton Road shops

d) Crime reports
Clerk shared the July and August Crime reports for Castle Gresley as below

19/07 – Oak Close. Criminal Damage. Window Smashed.

31/07 – Burton Road. Criminal Damage. House door and gate damaged.

09/08 – Oak Close. Public Order.

12/08 – Linton Road. Possession of Drugs.

22/08 – Linton Road. ABH/Common Assault.

29/08 – Mount Pleasant Road. Theft of Motor Vehicle. (Van Stolen).

31/08 – Burton Road. Stalking.

31/08 – Burton Road. Malicious Communications.

31/08 – Oak Close. GBH/Serious Assault.

31/08 – Burton Road. Possession of Weapon.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

41/20 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th July 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the chair

42/20 Exclusion of the Public

None

43/20 Chairs Announcements

Cllr Sellers stated it is an honour and a privilege to be the chair of the Parish Council. Going forward he would like the council to work with the community of Castle Gresley, in an open and honest manner and the council will welcome any comments from the public. He also stated the public may comment through the meeting today if they wish.

44/20 Clerks report

Clerk requested to add a late item to the agenda. To confirm the request from an allotment holder to plant a fruit tree and to install a shed. Council agreed to add the item to the agenda.

White Lady stiles	Not yet installed, S&R met with Jan and knows where they need to go but had staff in hospital so behind on jobs. Will do asap.
Mount Pleasant Rec driveway	SDDC have said do not need planning permission. Permitted Development allowances of Class A part 12 of the GPDO 2015. 25/2 spoke to buildings control to ensure compliance with all building regs, none needed. 25/2, speak to DCC, Cllr Murray to confirm who by Thurs. April emailed SLCC for advice on regs, specification guidance. Guidance is for the council to instruct a surveyor to put together a specification of works (request approval to instruct at next meeting). July – clerk request approval for instructing a surveyor. Approval granted. Sept – Clerk needs to contact 3 surveyors. Contacted Nava's at Ashby, Local Surveyor in Ashby, Bakemans Ltd at Derby.
Bus shelter application	26/2/20 – application sent to DCC. 3/9/20 - DCC emailed to confirm location, which was correct, they are ready to start the process to install again.
Grit bin for Appleby Glade	Emailed DCC 17/2 to request. Chased DCC on 26/2. Behind schedule due to flooding issues. Await response. 1.5.20 not installed. Not priority until post Covid 19 restrictions lifted. 7/9 – Chased DCC.
White Lady Bridge and exposed roots	Cllr Sellers to check if any work is needed.
Manhole cover at Linton Road shops	District Cllr Dan Pegg resolved.

45/20 Items for Discussion/Decision

a) Councillor vacancies update

Clerk confirmed there are now 4 vacancies on the council. Cllrs Mrs J Pallett, Mr O Pallett and Mr T Dowds resigned in August. SDDC have advised they will not post the notice as if an election is needed this is not possible due t Covid 19 and cannot take

place until May 2021. Council agreed for the clerk to obtain written advice from DALC and SLCC and share with council to inform next steps. Council agreed this is a desperate situation with only 4 councillors to carry the workload (two of those have mobility issues) and 3 are needed to be quorate. Cllr Johnson suggested volunteers from the community could take on some tasks in the interim, the clerk will check with the Parish Council insurance which activities would be covered. Cllr Jackson suggested volunteers could be on working parties with council members. Council agreed to wait for advice from SLCC and DALC. Update at the next meeting.

b) Parish Council property and Councillor responsibilities inc. bank signatories

Cllr Johnson agreed to be a new signatory for the bank. Clerk to arrange with the bank. Clerk went through tasks for members and will confirm all details and keys etc to individual members.

Checking footpaths each month, prior to the meeting: Cllr Sellers

Flag changing and key holder: Council agreed to leave the Union colours flying for now.

Posting agenda and notices onto the noticeboards: Cllr Jackson.

Defibrillator resetting: Cllr Sellers.

White Lady checking: Cllr Sellers.

Allotments: Council agreed for a plot holder who speaks regularly to a member to be asked to report any issues in the short term.

Dog waste bag distribution: Council agreed for the clerk to look at costs for dispensers for the next meeting.

Line manage the clerk: Cllr Jackson and Cllr Johnson.

c) Online banking

Council agreed for the clerk to plan to move the Parish Council to online banking.

d) Minor Maintenance payment (Footpaths 9, 10, 11)

Covered in b).

e) DALC Parish Council bespoke training for Castle Gresley

Clerk suggested an online training session just for Castle Gresley members. Council agreed this to be a good idea but would like this once new members are on the council.

f) Parish Council land for Community garden

Ms R Lees explained that residents would like to see a small area of land made available for local people to grow produce, plant flowers, etc. Cllr Sellers suggested an area to the side of the football pitch or a piece of land opposite to Toons, on the other side of the island, which could be owned by British Rail. Ms Lees will investigate the ownership of this land and report back to council.

g) Paving area at the container

Ms Lees is obtaining quotes for this, add to next agenda.

h) Charitable fund nominations

Clerk confirmed the £66k funds are still available for a community group in Castle Gresley with charitable status, solicitors holding the funds have requested the parish council put forward any such groups. Council advised the clerk to advertise on the Parish Council website, noticeboards and facebook page for any local charitable status groups. Carol Williams, Neil Barker, Rebecca Lees and Olivia Allegrini-Jones all volunteered to become trustees of the existing charitable status tgroup in the name of Caslte Gresley Rest Rooms. Cllr Sellers (already a trustee) advised he would set up a meeting with all those currently in the Castle Gresley Rest Rooms group and the volunteers named above.

i) Castle Crusaders

Cllr Sellers stated the first match has been played this week. The container is nearly finished and looks great.

Parents of the Castle Crusaders team have completed much of the work as volunteers and items for the container have been donated. Ms Lees suggested the Parish Council may wish to sponsor Castle Crusaders for the year ahead. Cllr Jackson suggested this be added to the October agenda for consideration and Ms Lees will send a proposal to

the council. All activities from the container have been risk assessed and are compliant with latest government guidelines on Covid 19.

j) Allotment shed and fruit tree

Clerk confirmed there was a request from an allotment holder to plant a fruit tree, the allotment agreement states no fruit trees shall be planted. And, to install a shed, for which the agreement states written agreement shall be obtained from the council.

Council agreed for a shed to be installed to a maximum of 10' x 8', but that no fruit tree should be planted. Clerk to inform allotment holder.

Cllr Sellers asked the clerk how many people are on the waiting list for an allotment.

Clerk confirmed there are 6 currently. As two holders each hold 3 plots, council discussed whether it would be fair to ask those allotment holders to give back one or two of their plots each to enable more people to have a plot. Clerk confirmed the Parish Council must give one year's notice, as per the allotment agreement. It was agreed this is a sensitive issue as people have put a lot of work into their allotments. Council asked the clerk to confirm with those on the waiting list that they are still in need of a plot and review this at the next meeting.

Cllr Johnson also confirmed she is looking into plans for the remembrance service, which is planned for Christchurch from 10.15 to 10.45 on Sunday 8th November. Linton Heath Chapel is not yet holding services. Plans may need to change depending on latest Covid 19 guidelines. Clerk confirmed the road closure has been confirmed. Cllr Johnson will arrange for 2 wreaths from RBL.

46/20 Finance

a) The following payments were approved

Cheque	Recipient	Amount	VAT	Total	Item
3141	Payroll	1308.66	Less	1246.66	July & August salary (inc. homeworking Allowance of £52. Per quarter) Mobile phone Aug Mileage, .45 x 20 miles (10 deliver cheques, 10 collect them Zoom months fee x July & August TOTAL: 1281.77
		5.28	62.00NI	6.33	
		23.98	1.05	28.78	
3142	Bloomin Gardens	285.00	57.00	342.00	Invoice 647032. Memorial care x 1, Grass cutting at rec x 2, Grass cut by underpass x 2 August Invoice 646903. Memorial care x 1, Grass cutting at rec x 2, Grass cut by underpass x 2 July
		285.00	57.00	342.00	
3143	SJD Electrical	1250.00	250.00	1500.00	Electrical installations at the container
	TOTAL			£3465.77	

b) Payments in £0.00

47/20 Planning

No applications received

RESOLVED that this be noted

48/20 Correspondence

DCC response to parking on Bridge Street

Police Action Fraud

Stronger South Derbyshire Update

Police neighbourhood alerts

Community Speed watch

49/20 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 8th October 2020, 7pm via zoom unless government guidelines change.