

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council**

**Held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

### **Present**

Cllr Ms R Lees (Chair), Cllr Mrs S Jackson, Cllr I Woods, Cllr A Hepkin,  
Cllr Ms H Davies, Cllr R Bennett, Cllr N Sellers, Cllr N Barker

### **Also, present**

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO), County Cllr S Swann

#### **3.22 Election of Chair for Civic Year 2022/23**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr R Lees will take the office for 2022-2023

#### **4.22 Declaration of acceptance of Office (Chair)**

The office was accepted by Cllr R Lees and the acceptance form signed

#### **5.22 Apologies**

Apologies were noted for Cllr R Bennett, District Cllrs Mrs M Bridgen and D Pegg

#### **6.22 Declaration of Members Interests**

None

#### **7.22 Election of Vice Chair for Civic Year 2022/23**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr N Barker will take the office for 2022-2023 and the form was signed

#### **8.22 Public Speaking**

No public were present

#### **9.22 County Council**

Cllr Swann confirmed he has attended every PC meeting over the last year and regularly consults with the clerk on local issues. Cllr Swann also meets with local councillors and residents. Cllr Swann advised he can offer £200 to aid with the costs of Jubilee celebrations. Cllr Swann updated the council on the progress with the Walton bridge.

#### **10.22 District Council**

No member present. Cllr Bridgen emailed as below:

The developer has appealed the Oak Close planning decision. Allison Thomas has given her notice and will be leaving SDDC. I have asked SDDC planning if the Aldi application is being put before the planning committee. The consultation period for the solar farm is now open until 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### **11.22 Police**

Crimes reported April 2022. Theft x 3, Harassment x 1, Criminal Damage x 3, Vehicle Interference x 1, Fraud x 2, Public Order x 2, Assault x 2, Malicious communications x 1, Dog causing injury x 1

#### **12.22 Minutes**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### **13.22 Items (with the public excluded)**

No such items

#### 14.22 Chairs announcements

Chair suggested she make enquiries with Charles Hanson regarding the possible use of the small chapel for the Parish Council and Community and report back at the next meeting. Council agreed to this. Chair and Cllr Jackson met with Frank McArdle and his senior staff from housing and Swadlincote police to walk around Castle Gresley and consider current issues. This is with a view to improve the area around the Linton Road shops, Arthur Street MUGA, request for a community garden (which SDDC advised is a strong possibility in Bass's Crescent) and an additional 3 parking spaces (SDDC advised these will be implemented at the end of May 2022).

Chair and Cllr Jackson attended an event held by the Police and Crime Commissioner, where it was advised that the plan is to improve liaison with Parish Councils and the police. Chair has also recently attended a funding workshop and said there is a possibility of the PC applying for funding from Severn Trent.

#### 15.22 Clerks report

a Arthur St missing bin, awaiting SDDC to replace

b Groundsman, strimmed underpass, clerk to report to council when this has been done since Sept, requested brighten and weed all planters

c Mount Pleasant Rec bin. SDDC to replace

d Defibs, all now sited. Grangewood to be moved to main road, Chair to confirm to electrician. Cllr Sellers to install the bleed kits. The vandalised defib at Mount Pleasant is recorded as offline, currently being serviced to be returned to clerk on 17/5

e White Lady tree works taken place over week of 9<sup>th</sup> May, wildlife inspections were carried out in advance of all works. All works completed in accordance with the law.

f Linton Road shop area. Chair and Cllr Jackson met with SDDC to progress improvements

g Taylor Wimpey land, no response, remove from report

h Councillor walks, clerk to action after audit

i Council requested to "reply all" with communications during the month

j Dog bag dispensers, all bags removed as soon as filled. Chair to try to have them modified to dispense only 1 bag at a time.

#### 16.22 Finance

a Payments were authorised as below

Recipient	Value	VAT	Total	Item
Eon	131	0	131	Electric for Pavilion & container <b>salary inc homeworking (April)less</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>669.53</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>669.53</b>	<b>Tax&amp;NI</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>5.98</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>7.17</b>	<b>Mobile April</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>Post</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Travel. Meet SDDC &amp; meeting. Miles x 20</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.99</b>	<b>Key for Brick room</b>
HMRC	13.4	0	13.4	Tax & NI
Grangewood				
Fencing	39.12	7.82	46.94	Posts & post mix for allotments
J Taylor	125.00	0	125.00	Internal Audit
R Evans	550.00	0	550.00	Grounds maintenance
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1577.53</b>	

b The internal audit report was received and noted. Clerk to ensure the notice of public rights remains on the website

c The AGAR section 1 was completion and signed by the Chair

d The AGAR section 2 was approved and signed by the Chair

## **17.22 Planning**

DMPA/2021/1631. The removal of conditions no. 1 and 6 of permission ref.

DMPA 2021/0442 (relating to voltaic panels and loft space) for the erection of a dwelling with access at 21A Bridge Street, Castle Gresley

Council **RESOLVED** this application is for neighbours to consider and the council will not comment

The erection of 100% affordable 70-unit residential scheme with associated works on Land at Oak Close Castle Gresley Swadlincote Derbyshire DE11 9JD

Appellant: Mr Matt Rice

Appeal Ref. No: APP/F1040/W/21/3287625

Appeal Starting Date: 04/05/2022, response by 01/06/2022

Council **RESOLVED** that the chair re post the Councils original objection on Facebook for residents to see. All earlier objections carry forward and residents should make their own comments to SDDC

## **18.22 Outside meetings and training**

Cllr Davies said she has attended a series of carbon neutrality meetings via DALC. Cllr Davies pledged to grow fruit and vegetables using peat free compost.

## **19.22 Correspondence**

The correspondence report was noted

## **20/22 Items for Discussion/ Decision**

- a) Review Asset register, standing orders, financial regulations, and risk register  
It was **RESOLVED** that the asset register be updated to include noticeboard at the allotment £178, 4 dog bag dispensers £400, 2 defibrillators £4000, 2 bleed kits £1000.  
Clerk to put together a list of assets with replacement costs for the insurance review in July
- b) Confirm calendar of meetings until May 2023  
It was **RESOLVED** that the meetings will continue to take place on the second Thursday of each month, apart from August when there will be no meeting
- c) Consider Speed Indicator Devices and location  
Council **RESOLVED** to ideally buy two devices, for siting at Highcross, Hillside Road and Burton/Linton Road. Clerk to contact DCC Highways to start site approval for the application
- d) Clerk annual performance review and salary (to be noted)  
Clerks annual review took place on 15<sup>th</sup> March and was conducted by Cllr Jackson. The clerk's salary was raised in line with the NALC pay scale
- e) Carbon neutral report (Cllr Davies)  
Reported under 18.22
- f) Consider Jubilee event and associated costs  
Cllr Jackson proposed the purchase of a Jubilee Stone at a cost of £135, council **RESOLVED** for the clerk to order this to be sited at the memorial, delivery to groundsman.  
Clerk has confirmation from Sound tech company they will not charge a cancellation fee. 5<sup>th</sup> June event fully cancelled. Council **RESOLVED** to support the event arranged by the Mount Pleasant pub, the Parish Council will pay (with invoices directly from the supplier) for Face painting and Crafts, Local Acoustic duo, King Shakes band, Jubilee cupcakes and decorations to a total sum of £1000.00. Clerk to order bunting from RBL to a value of £90.
- g) Consider leaflet for residents to inform 5-year plan  
Chair has compiled a questionnaire to ask residents what they would like to see, Cllr Barker will add this online.

- h) Consider allotment plot 15 request for greenhouse  
Council **RESOLVED** to grant permission for the greenhouse.
- i) Items for next meeting  
None raised

**21.22 Items for information only**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 7pm**, at the **Brick Room, Linton**