

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

Held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Present

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

### Also, present.

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO), County Cllr S Swann, District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen, District Cllr  
D Pegg

### **91/21 Apologies for absence**

Cllr N Barker, Cllr Neil Sellers – apologies noted.

### **92/21 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **93/21 Public Speaking**

#### **a) County Council**

Chair requested Cllr Swann to chase a response from RW of DCC regarding the Oak Close Pond. Cllr Swann had provided a full report on matters by email prior to the meeting as below.

Hedge at 15 Linton Road now cut back and SDDC will not have this in their cutting scheme. Damaged road by Drum & Monkey (this falls under Church Gresley) the works will commence next week.

A444 traffic. CREST undertook a 24/7 survey of the road. 8 Dec, 4 SNT members conducted an enforcement operation between Toons and the entrance to Mount Road.

New MD of DCC is Emma Alexander.

#### **District Council**

An update on various matters had been sent to council via Cllr Bridgen prior to the meeting, with a response to matters from AT of SDDC.

Bass's Crescent area. Site has been inspected and works will be completed in January.

Details supplied on the planning at Manorfields regarding industrial allocation.

Oak Close Pond. Title Deed mentions maintenance as set out by SDDC. Council maintains the grassed area but not pond.

New parking. Application submitted and validated. Decision expected on 4<sup>th</sup> Jan at committee.

Recycling Point. Bins removed. Applications for new spaces will be presented in Jan 2022.

SDDC Land on Bass's Crescent requested by PC for a community garden. Not available as this land being considered for future council housing.

Use online reporting for abandoned vehicles.

Insurance for homes affected by Japanese knotweed. SDDC have taken out a policy, but this does not cover residents, however this could be offered to them at £50.40 per property.

Council discussed the responses, and it was **RESOLVED** to add SDDC service complaint to the January agenda. Clerk to ask residents to share their experiences of SDDC service on

Facebook, noticeboards, and website. Chair to formulate a response for emailing to AT of SDDC, which will be agreed on email with councillors.

Council instructed the clerk to send a request to SS of SDDC planning and the 106 officer to attend a meeting in February to explain the 106 process and to support the council with planning matters.

SDDC free Carbon literacy training to be taken by Cllr Davies in January.

b) **Crime reports**

The Police will no longer send crime reports. Reporting from police.uk  
November crimes not yet available

**94/21 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**95/21 Exclusion of the Public**

No such items

**96/21 Chairs Announcements**

Chair requested all councillors undertake a walk of their areas and report to the January meeting with any actions needed.

Chair has also compiled a newsletter to be distributed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December event and displayed on noticeboards and Facebook. She had shared the newsletter on email with councillors. She requested councils approved to cover the printing costs, at a max of £80 which was agreed unanimously.

**97/21 Clerks report**

Christmas Lamp post lights to be added to January agenda for review. Time to switch on should be considered earlier, e.g., 4pm.

NAVAS. Discussed this at great length. Council **RESOLVED** to terminate the agreement with NAVAS at no cost to the council. A new contractor will be sought in 2022.

Keep Britain Tidy Spring Litter Pick – to be considered at January's meeting.

Dog poo bag dispensers – to be sited by groundsman. Chair to supply map. Sites agreed by the flagpole, on the container, Scott's Lane and opposite the Mount Pleasant pub.

Potholes in Appleby Glade - completed

Cultivation licence for wildflower planting – groundsman working on.

Cllr Walks – 18 Bass's Crescent, cut back.

Castle Court Care home leaves – SS of DCC chasing

33 Linton Road, hedge needs taking back so not over the pavement, clerk to write to.

Declaration of Members Interests which give personal addresses of councillors has been removed from the website. If members of the public wish to see the declarations, they can request them from the clerk.

Allotments – Plot 6 and 7 to be cleared in Jan by groundsman.

Advice from the Allotment Association was considered on a "bond" which new plot holders would pay to enable it to be used for clearing the plot if it is not left in a reusable state. It was **RESOLVED** the contract will be updated and a photo of the plot at the beginning of the contract would be attached to the agreement. Chair to update contract and share.

Clerk confirmed the bin at the bottom on Mount Pleasant Rec will be replaced by AG at SDDC.

The 2 new defibrillators have arrived, one will be sited at the Mount Pleasant pub and one on A444 – clerk to arrange, Grangewood to be contracted to put on their site.

Clerk will be on leave from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, returning on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January,

2022.

**98/21 Items for Discussion/Decision**

**Chair requested the addition of consideration of a donation to the air ambulance which was agreed by all and added as below.**

**a) Confirm budget and precept request**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the budget presented and request precept at the same value as last year.

**b) Update on lengthsman**

No applicants to date. Jobs, such as siting the dog poo bag dispensers to be undertaken by the groundsman.

**c) Final Christmas event arrangements**

All details were confirmed, and Cllrs agreed to set up on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and breakdown on Saturday morning. At least 60 people are booked to come so far, with tickets still being requested. Expect 100 to attend.

**d) White Lady's tree survey works**

One quote received. Awaiting additional quotes to be reviewed at January's meeting.

**e) Summer play scheme 2022**

This has been cancelled the last 2 years. £2000 is in the agreed budget for 2022/23. Council **RESOLVED** to delegate Cllr Jackson and clerk to confirm dates and activities.

**f) Matters for next meeting**

Jubilee event, review of annual plan

**g) Donation to Air Ambulance**

Council **RESOLVED** to donate £500 to the Air Ambulance in recognition of the work they do locally

**99/21 Finance**

**99/21.1** The following payments were approved.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Item</b>
Eon	131	0	131	Electric for Pavilion & container
Payroll	667.06	0	667.06	
HMRC	3.6	0	3.6	
Expenses	5.35	1.07	6.42	mobile
Expenses			13.08	Stamps
Expenses	11	2.2	13.2	printer cartridge
National Allotment Society	55	11	66	Annual Membership
BB Trees	560	112	672	White Lady tree survey
Rebecca Lees	117	0	117	Reimburse for Christmas tree, lights and decs
S Lloyd	24.16	4.83	28.99	Laptop adaptor cable
Mr Storer	90	0	90	Compensation (relinquish allotments)
Rich Evans	1015	0	1015	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£2,823.35</b>	

**100/21 Planning**

**DMPA/2021/1264** The creation of three public parking spaces from land used as amenity open space at Land between No 37 Linton Road and Bass's Crescent, Castle Gresley

**DMPA/2021/1698** An energy storage facility, together with associated equipment, infrastructure, and ancillary works. Land off Mount Road Castle Gresley,

**DMPA/2021/1458** The erection of extensions and the conversion of existing garage with the creation of a first floor at 84 Mount Pleasant Road, Castle Gresley

Council **RESOLVED** not to comment on these applications.

**101/21 Correspondence**

Area forum meetings, international men's day, National Forest presentation, Police Action Plan to address road safety concerns, DALC Bullying info, new inspector takes charge of policing in South Derbyshire, Police and Trading Standards Join Forces to Test Shops on Under-Age Knife Sales, Linton Community Meeting, Campaign to crack down on Drink and Drug driving this Christmas, South Derbyshire CVS News, Minor Road Traffic Offences reports to move online, DALC consider not meeting in December

**102/21 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting is due to take place at 7pm, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, at the Brick Room, Linton.