

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council
Held on Thursday 8th February 2024

Present

Cllr N Barker, Cllr Ms H Davies, Cllr Ms M Ulyatt, Cllr N Sellers,

Also present

County Councillor Stuart Swann, District Cllr Tilley, Mrs S Lloyd (clerk)

138.23 Apologies

Cllr I Woods

139.23 Declaration of Members interests

None declared

140.23 County Council

Cllr Swann sent his report in advance of the meeting.

He updated council on the proposed new bridge at Walton on Trent, advising that DCC recommended the tightening of the conditions for Countryside to ensure the bridge will be built. Countryside applied to increase the cap on the number of occupied homes from 400 to 785 prior to installing the bridge. Currently, the increase in traffic has severely negatively impacted the surrounding villages and particularly the current bridge at Walton on Trent. The outcome of the committee meeting was to allow the increase in homes occupied before the construction of the bridge.

The A444 is seeing increased number of HGVs travelling via the A444 to and from the massive Mulberry Logistics 24-hour distribution centre on the former Bison site in Swadlincote.

Cllr Swann also updated council on a flood resilience scheme, access to bus health service and potholes.

141.23 District Council

Cllr Tilley sent his report in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Tilley has raised with SDDC housing repairs the lack of lighting in the tunnel at the side of the shops and the missing bricks in the brick wall at the entrance to the flats. The lights have been replaced and damaged again. The missing bricks have not yet been replaced. He also called out the clean team to remove more rubbish dumped at the back of the shops.

He has reported the Bus Shelter in poor condition at the top of Mount Pleasant Road to the Head of Service, he is chasing a response.

The planning department have replied to Cllr Ian Woods enquiry regarding 32 Chapel Street, Castle Gresley – 9/2012/0188 refers. Condition 5 requires parking/manoeuvring area to be laid out and retained for said purpose. There is no planning restriction on who parks where and therefore no further action that can be taken from a planning perspective.

18 Chapel Street, Castle Gresley – 9/2018/1394 refers – this was for a change of use from a dwelling to residential care home for up to 5 adults with learning and physical disabilities. The use of the building is authorised. The site has now been inspected and there are no unauthorised building works needing planning permission evident at 18 Chapel Street.

Proposed auction of 2 acres of land next to Appleby Glade, Cllr Tilley spoke with Cllr Alan Haynes. The land is in his ward. He confirmed that he is both SDDC ward councillor and County Councillor for that area of land. The land belongs to Derbyshire County Council. They are trying to raise money to help balance the budget. Alan has applied for a tree protection order, most of the trees are over 30years old. He will keep Cllr Tilley updated.

142.23 Public Speaking

No public attended

143.23 Police

January: 2 assault, 2 domestic incidents, 1 theft, 1 fraud, 1 sexual offence

144.23 Minutes

Council **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the council meetings held on 11th January 2024.

145.23 Items (with the public excluded)

No such items

146.23 Chairs announcements

Cllr Barker advised

147.23 Clerks report

Groundsman: A444 verge cut. Advised of climb wall installation on 1 March. Sign for gate is with the Chairman.

SID fault: reported and Swarco now fixed

Pavilion & Container: PAT tester didn't arrive, to review after flood repairs. On agenda

Footpath 2 broken stile: DCC have said it will carry out the work if the landowner doesn't. Clerk chase with Cllr Swann

Unity Bank: Cllr Davies documents submitted to the bank

White Lady's: Works required following the tree survey will be carried out in the next few weeks.

Regarding maintenance to the hedge and stream, Rich, the groundsman, will now carry this out

Bus Shelter on Mount Pleasant Rd, by the Linnet: State of repair reported to Cllr Tilley

Flag: New flag with Chairman to install

FP9 fallen tree at Foxley Woods: Reported to DCC

Litter on Bridge Street: Reported to SDDC clean team

Clerk: Not in office on 15 Feb

148.23 Finance

a Payments were authorised as below

Recipient	Value	VAT	Total	Item
Eon	383.19	0	383.19	Electricity for Pavilion & container
Payroll (clerk)	744.2	0	744.2	DD Jan salary inc homeworking
Expenses (clerk)	9	0	9	Travel
Expenses (clerk)	7.01	1.4	8.41	Mobile
Expenses (clerk)	9.99	0	9.99	HP Instant ink
Expenses (clerk)	97.83	19.57	117.4	Flag
HMRC	25.4	0	25.4	Income tax
Eden Tree Care	2250	450	2700	Tree work at White Lady's
Rich Evans	520	0	520	Grounds maintenance
N Barler	21.50	0	21.50	Domain hosting
TOTAL			4539.09	

149.23 Planning

No new applications

150.23 Outside meetings and training

No outside meetings

151.23 Correspondence

The correspondence report was noted. Clerk pointed out the information on D Day celebrations.

152.23 Items for Discussion/ Decision

- a) Mount Pleasant new play equipment update
Council confirmed the new play equipment has been ordered and the company will undertake an inspection of the grounds at the end of February with the Chairman and with a view to installation in April. The Climb challenge will be installed on 1st March, Chairman to meet contractor at 0930.
- b) Amendment to precept request
Council reviewed the current precept request and with the increase in houses, **RESOLVED** to keep the per household cost the same, resulting in an overall precept request of £28280.10.
- c) Review agreement for Recreation ground facilities, including container and access arrangements and repairs
Council reviewed the current hire agreement and **RESOLVED** to make amendments as discussed. Clerk to update the document and circulate on email. Clerk was also instructed to advise the team that the council would like to extend the current agreement until the end of the playing season. The container is to be made out of order (giving 2 weeks' notice) with all of the teams equipment to be removed from the container and stored in the Pavilion. Council will meet at the container on 25th February and review the damage and discuss options for repairs. Clerk to also ask the team to send a copy of their licence for food preparation.
- d) Complete services/facilities survey for SDDC
Council completed the survey for the clerk to return to SDDC
- e) Items for next agenda. Container damage and repairs. Review amended hire agreement.

153.23 Items for information only

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 14th March 2024, 7pm**, at the **Brick Room, Linton**.