

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council
Held on Thursday 11th January 2024

Present

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

Also present

County Councillor Stuart Swann, Mrs S Lloyd (clerk)

122.23 Apologies

Cllr N Sellers, District Cllr Tilley, Cllr I Woods

123.23 Declaration of Members interests

None declared

124.23 County Council

Cllr Swann sent his report in advance of the meeting.

He advised Council about the HGV which blocked Cadley Lane on 5th January and that improvements to road signage is expected.

New Walton on Trent Bridge, SDDC will be considering the lift this month to the housing cap before the bridge is constructed. Flooding has caused the current bridge to be closed on a number of occasions recently, disrupting travel for many people.

Walton Road, Drakelow flooding, DCC has been working with Countryside Partnerships to help resolve the severe flooding issues on Walton Road (particularly near the Barn Lane junction). A senior exec at CP has stated, "We are also working hard in the background".

There has been an increase in potholes earlier than usual as a result of some of the extreme weather conditions experienced, DCC are taking steps to fix as many as possible.

125.23 District Council

Cllr Tilley sent his report in advance of the meeting, he advised council that he has raised with the housing repair department 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 The missing bricks have not yet been replaced. He have reported the Bus Shelter in poor condition at the top of Mount Pleasant Road to the Head of Service and am waiting for a reply. He has asked SDDC planning for an explanation of what is happening with the semi-detached house on Mount Pleasant Road that has been demolished. I have been informed that this is now being investigated. Some remedial work has been undertaken to the exposed party wall and roof.

He also advised that he is aware that a resident of Oak Close has made numerous complaints to the Developer and EMH regarding unacceptable behaviour of contractor on the site. Cllr Dan Pegg will now be following up issues on this site.

126.23 Public Speaking

EMH & Lovell

Council was advised that there had been a number of complaints from local residents to the site. Melissa had been on site and managed these. The decision had been made after the complaints in December to hold off all works, until the site is fully set up with parking space and welfare facilities. Our Chairman asked about financial support Lovell could offer as the Parish Council is currently in the process of purchasing new play equipment for the Mount Pleasant Recreation Ground. Clerk to email Lewis with details.

Council will be advised of the start date with three weeks' notice, to allow the Council to inform residents. The Section 73 application had been submitted before Christmas, but not yet validated by SDDC.

Cllr Davies shared a photograph of some horizontal trees on the site, which may have fallen over and need removing, Lovell to investigate. Our Chairman will take the Councils defibrillator postcards to Lovell to distribute to residents.

127.23 Police

December: 2 assault, 1 burglary, 2 domestic incidents, 1 theft, 1 RTC, 1 stalking, 1 criminal damage, 1 drug offence

128.23 Minutes

Council **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the council meetings held on 14th December 2023.

129.23 Items (with the public excluded)

No such items

130.23 Chairs announcements

Cllr Barker advised the clerk to order either 5x3 or 6x4 flag. He also advised the clerk he had emailed the data from the faulty SID and to send this to SWARCO.

131.23 Clerks report

SID fault: reported and Swarco will send an engineer

Pavilion & Container: Cllr Sellers, PAT tester didn't arrive, will re book

Footpath 2 broken stile: DCC have said it will carry out the work if the landowner doesn't

Unity Bank: Cllr Davies gave her documents to the clerk to be 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, clerk to ask Rich, the groundsman, if he will now carry this out

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

132.23 Finance

a Payments were authorised as below

Recipient	Value	VAT	Total	Item
				Electricity for Pavilion & container
Eon	383.19	0	383.19	DD
Payroll (clerk)	744	0	744	Dec salary inc homeworking
Expenses (clerk)	0	0	0	Travel
Expenses (clerk)	7.01	1.4	8.41	Mobile
Expenses (clerk)	9.99	0	9.99	HP Instant ink
Expenses (clerk)	11.98	0	11.98	Envelopes
HMRC	25.6	0	25.6	Income tax
SLCC membership	148	0	148	Annual membership
Legionella Safe	254	50.8	304.80	Remedial Works
Christchurch, Linton	90	0	90	Brick Room hire
TOTAL			£1725.97	

b 3rd quarter bank reconciliation and budget review presented and approved by council, no questions raised, as below

3rd quarter bank rec

Opening balance (01/10/23)	91554
Receipts (01/10/23-31/12/23)	6800
Payments (01/10/23-31/12/23)	13536
Closing balance (31/12/23)	84818
Balance on bank (31/12/23)	84818

Unpresented receipts	0
Unpresented payments	0
Total funds available (31/12/23)	84818

Budget Monitoring Outturn as at 31st December 2023

	2023-2024 budget	Actual to date	Comments
Income	£		
Precept	25,309	25309	
SDDCGrant	2,876	2876	
Concurrent func	7,454	0	Claim 03/24
Minor Maintenance	300	0	Claim 03/24
Allotments rent	660	617	
VAT (variable)	1,000	2407	for 22/23
From reserves	5,000	0	
Pitch Hire	400	900	£100 p.month
Other	0	9550	£3k PCCO for SID. £6500 for climb wall
Total Income	42,999	41659	
Expenditure	£		
Salaries	9,500	7438	
Chairs allowance	200	160	
Admin	2,000	838	
Elections	1,000	0	
Audits	375	342	
Insurance	1,000	1035	
DALC, SLCC & training	1,000	50	
Sports Mobile	2,000	1325	
Utilities	3,000	4491	Boiler & electric, electric reducing now
Allotments inc water	7,000	438	Fence & tap houses cxld
Pavilion & Container	0	640	Valuation & Legionella
Grounds maintenance	7,000	4110	
Grit bins maintenance	500	152	
S137 donations	2,500	450	
Village events	5,000	3728	Inc Christmas lights
VAT	1,000	2857	
SID	0	5387	£3k grant received towards costs
Play equipment at rec	0	0	Expect to pay March 24
Memorial	0	2752	Memorial clean and lettering

Total Expenditure

43075

36193

133.23 Planning

No new applications

134.23 Outside meetings and training

No outside meetings

135.23 Correspondence

The correspondence report was noted.

136.23 Items for Discussion/ Decision

a Update on play equipment from working group. Decide on the contactor. Confirm preferred installation dates and location required for climb wall and play equipment and who will manage the site

It was **RESOLVED** to choose Creative Play as the contractor, once the clerk has obtained satisfactory guarantees from them. Installation preferably March/April, weather depending. Clerk to arrange the climb wall for late February. Both the Chairman and Clerk will be available to meet contractors for the installations.

b Consider moving SID

It was **RESOLVED** not to move these at present

c Review updated risk assessment with addition of allotments

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the updated risk register with the addition of the allotments, as presented

d It was **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of a sign to be displayed on the Mount Pleasant Recreation Ground gate, to advise people not to park and block it. Size 50cm width, clerk to arrange

e Items for next agenda. Play equipment update

137.23 Items for information only

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 8th February 2024, 7pm**, at the **Brick Room, Linton.**