

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council
Held on Thursday 11th May 2023

Present

Cllr N Barker, Cllr Ms H Davies, Cllr I Woods, Cllr N Sellers, Cllr A Hepkins, Cllr Ms M Ulyatt

Also present

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

3.23 Election of Chair for Civic Year 2023/24

Council voted and elected Cllr Barker as Chair

4.23 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Barker signed the acceptance of office form

5.23 Apologies

None

6.23 Declaration of Members interests

None declared

7.23 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Ms H Davies was elected as Vice Chair

8.23 County Council

Cllr Swann shared his report prior to the meeting, a summary is below.

Cllr Swann commended Castle Gresley Parish Council on the way it works proactively and effectively on behalf of its residents.

During the last year, Cllr Swann provided grants for the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II held at the Mount Pleasant Inn, the Parish Council's Speed Indicator Device project, Gresley Rovers in the Community, and Gresley Ladies Under 16 FC. Issues pursued for the benefit of local residents over the past year, include efforts to gain measures to restrict the road-width of the access on the Staffordshire side of the Walton Bailey bridge to prevent blockages. He also worked with the Police Safer Neighbour Team on HGVs contravening the Weight Restricted area that covers most of the Linton Division. He was pleased to say that following his initiative at the Area Forum meeting, the police have become much more proactive in dealing this moving traffic offence. Among many other local issues, he has also ensured that Parish Councillors have been kept fully informed of matters such as the proposed new bridge and bypass at Walton on Trent, the problems with the Chetwynd Bridge in Staffordshire, issues on the A444, and the ongoing safety works at Drakelow crossroads.

He also paid tribute to Sheila Jackson who has stepped down from the Parish Council after well over two decades of fantastic and dedicated service to the local community.

As we move into the new Council year, he will continue to offer Castle Gresley Parish Council, and local residents, all possible support.

Chapel Street/Cross Street One Way Markings. Following photographs he forwarded to the Highway Traffic and Safety department on 9th May, officers are now planning to install some further one-way arrows in the centre of the carriageway along Chapel Street and Cross Street, effectively one where the garages site enters the street (above No.6) and another (outside No.1 Cross Street) around the corner so that people from side access points are aware it's a one-way street to help aid compliance.

Officers have also been asked to replace/refurbish the faded road markings at the junction of Chapel Street and Mount Pleasant Road and renew markings (No Entry) at the junction of Cross Street and Bridge Street. They have also been asked to check the condition of all signage and replace/refurbish as necessary.

Pothole Repairs Update. Further to his report last month, DCC's latest figures show:

- Number of potholes repaired week beginning 23rd April: **2802**.
- Total number of pothole repairs completed since January this year: **41721**.

The County Highways teams continue to work extended hours daily and are working weekends to fix as many potholes as possible.

Walton on Trent Proposed Bypass and New Bridge. Officers of Derbyshire County Council continue to meet with Countryside Partnerships (the developer's new name following its recent takeover), alongside officers from Staffordshire CC and the Environment Agency.

The company are reported to be starting to make positive noises around amending designs to meet the standards for such an engineering project and address the flooding challenges.

There remains a certain amount of scepticism in respect of their commitment to the bridge and bypass. DCC, however, continues to provide all assistance to try and move the project forward at pace.

9.23 District Council

No councillor in attendance. Council requested the clerk to email Cllr Pegg and ask if he will be attending meetings. Council also considered contacting SDDC Environmental to advice regarding the video of Lovell contractors washing down water following Japanese knotweed treatment. Clerk was advised to look into the correct contact at SDDC and to email EMH and Lovell to advice that council were disappointed with them not attending the last meeting and to ask why it is taking so long to investigate the video footage.

10.23 Police

April crimes: 1 public order, 1 criminal damage, 1 drugs supply/production

Clerk was requested to invite the new PCSO to the next meeting.

11.23 Minutes

Council **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the council meeting held on 13th April 2023

12.23 Items (with the public excluded)

No such items

13.23 Chairs announcements

No announcements

14.23 Clerks report

Groundsman. Planters re planted. Requested they be cleaned. Will re seed memorial grass.

Request grass by the underpass to be cut short and the planter by Cadley island to be moved closer to the sign. A tree at the back of Pavilion needs cutting back from overhanging. The planters were discussed and Cllr Woods is to plant up all of the planters with a budget of £25. He will be reimbursed on production of a VAT receipt at the next meeting.

Defib postcard. Cllr Hepkin to order.

Linton Road shops area. Car park to be cleaned of vegetation.

Allotments. Clerk to prepare notice on rat prevention for noticeboard.

Speed Indicator Devices. Licence received. SIDs to be installed 23rd May and councillors trained.

No mow sign. Cllr Hepkin to order.

Castle Court Cre home Coronation event was a great success.

Memorial cleaning. Lettering to be completed 15th May.

Broken Sign at Chapel Street. Cllr Swann arranged replacement.

Pavilion. Council authorised the clerk to go ahead with the valuation at £140 plus VAT. Cllr Barker will arrange an assessment of the boiler.

15.23 Finance

a Payments were authorised as below

Recipient	Value	VAT	Total	Item
Eon	500	0	500	Electricity. Temporary increase to reduce debt
Payroll (clerk)	709.46	0	709.46	Salary April 23
Expenses (clerk)	4.5	0	4.5	Travel, 1 meeting
Expenses (clerk)	7.01	1.4	8.41	Mobile
Expenses (clerk)	9.99	0	9.99	HP Instant ink
Expenses (clerk)	3.75	0	3.75	Stamps
HMRC	16.8	0	16.8	Income tax & NI
East Midlands Audit	132	0	132	Internal Audit for 2022-2023
Lois Lake	150	0	150	Singing at Care Home Coronation event
TOTAL			£1534.91	

b Internal audit report, this was shared with council and duly noted

c AGAR section 1, this was read out by the Chair to members, completed and signed by him

d AGAR section 2, this was approved by Council and duly signed by the Chair

16.23 Planning

DMOT/2023/0494 65 Bank Street, Castle Gresley Works to 1 Lime Tree with TPO no.123

DMPA/2023/0493 Land adjacent to 4 Cross Street The erection of two detached dwellings

Council **RESOLVED** not to comment on either application

17.23 Outside meetings and training

Clerk attended SDDC planning department and will share her report on email with members

18.23 Correspondence

The correspondence report was noted

19.23 Items for Discussion/ Decision

a) **New councillors. Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Michelle Ulyatt was welcomed by the Chair and completed the necessary forms. Clerk to email SDDC Elections as the other expected new councillor did not attend.

b) **New members code of conduct from SDDC (from 18th May 2023, attached)**

The new code of Conduct was accepted by members, to replace the current code on 18th May 2023.

c) **Consider Councillor responsibilities, committees (for confirmation at June meeting)**

Council discussed and reviewed the current tasks and the possibilities of committees and will confirm who will take them on at the June meeting.

d) **Investment in new taps and taphouses, consider any other investment needed for the allotments**

Council discussed the allotments and **RESOLVED** that the taps should be left without housing.

e) **Parish Warden. Cllrs Davies and Hepkin report on meeting with possible candidate**

Cllrs Hepkin and Davies had reviewed the proposed contract outside of the meeting and shared their suggestions on the role of the Warden. It was also discussed to use the groundsman to complete some of the tasks, such as checking the defib at Mount Pleasant. The council agreed not to contract for a Warden at present, but to monitor any reports of litter, etc. The quarterly council walks would also end.

f) **Items for next agenda**

Policies will be reviewed

20.23 Items for information only

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 8th June**

2023, 7pm, at the Brick Room, Linton.