

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

Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Present

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

### Also, present.

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO), County Cllr S Swann, District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen, Louise Driver, Heart of England Way and Hannah Davies, member of the public

### **79/21 Apologies for absence**

District Cllr D Pegg

### **80/21 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Mrs S Jackson (Aldi planning application)

### **81/21 Public Speaking**

#### **Louise Driver, Heart of the National Forest**

A presentation was given on the National Forests "Heart of the Forest masterplan" Connecting all the attractions across the area, including Conkers, Forest Enterprise, Forest Hub, The Lakes, Moira Furnace and Hicks Lodge in a sustainable way is planned. The creation of a green web of forest trails, upgrading existing routes, prioritising new routes and access from surrounding towns and villages, culture arts and play along the routes, off road connections to train stations (the Ivanhoe line) additional bike hubs, ongoing habitat creation and enhancement. Currently this is under consultation until February with a final masterplan expected Feb - April 2022.

#### **Hannah Davies, CG resident**

Ms Davies explained her interested in joining the council, that she has extensive experience in local government and community engagement. A discussion took place around the role and responsibilities of a councillor and it was **RESOLVED** Ms Davies would be welcomed and co-opted onto the council. A declaration of acceptance was signed and a copy of the code of conduct shared with Ms Davies. Clerk to update SDDC.

#### a) County Council

County Cllr Swann updated the council that DCC have been advised by Greenbelt they have instructed a Contractor to attend site and survey the pond (Oak Close), they will then produce a list of recommendations for remedial works on the pond. This has not happened yet, but DCC are chasing this.

Cllr Swann also updated the council on the planned new Walton bridge. DCC are awaiting some key information from the developers. The problem of HGVs travelling on weight restricted routes for reasons other than access is an issue for communities throughout the area. Castle Gresley regularly suffers from contraventions and the concern is that developments such as those mentioned above plus potential future major projects like the proposed solar farms will exacerbate the issue. DCC Trading standards have only one

officer and weight restriction enforcement is not a statutory duty of Trading Standards. Cllr Swann suggested it may be useful to meet with the Safer Neighbourhood team.

#### District Council

District Cllr Bridgen reported no update on any of the issued previously raised. Cllr Bridgen has raised the concerns of the Parish Council with the Chief Executive of the District Council on a weekly basis; however, no improvement has been seen in communication with the parish council and members of the public. Cllr Bridgen advised she will investigate the complaints process and the Parish Council will investigate contacting the ombudsman. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk should post on the residents Facebook page, to ask if residents have evidence of their own experiences with poor service from SDDC. Cllr Bridgen advised she will speak with the head of planning re the process for the PC to apply for 106 funding from the current Aldi application.

#### b) Crime reports

Crime reports will no longer be sent by the Police. Reporting from

[https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/derbyshire-constabulary/linton-overseal-and-lullington/?tab=Crime Map](https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/derbyshire-constabulary/linton-overseal-and-lullington/?tab=Crime%20Map)

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Violence and sexual offences four, anti-social behaviour one, public order one

#### 82/21 Minutes

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### 83/21 Exclusion of the Public

No such items

#### 84/21 Chairs Announcements

Nothing to report

#### 85/21 Clerks report

Dog poo bag dispensers	Mount Pleasant Changing rooms, Bridge Street, Hillside Road, Tunnel Woods. Delivered. Arrange siting by groundsman
Christmas lamp post lights	Switch on Friday 3 December, 7.30pm.
Play frame on rec in need of repair	SDDC repaired the Pickup Sticks.
Potholes in Appleby Glade	DCCF853600 Nov – DCC reports completed, Cllr Jackson to confirm.
Lamp post with electrics visible	Oct, number 82496. <a href="mailto:etc.lighting@derbyshire.gov.uk">etc.lighting@derbyshire.gov.uk</a> Nov. completed
Bank	Update signatories, so chq payments this month
Cultivation licence	Granted by DCC. Groundsman to complete seeding for spring
Councillor vacancy	Applicant attended meeting and co opted

From councillor walks	Arthur Street- Leaves from trees surrounding Castle Court are filling up drains, there is also at least one sapling growing in the road gully next to a drain. Reported to DCC via SS. Clerk to chase. Letter sent to the resident of No 18 Bass's Crescent asking that the young tree branches overhanging the pavement are taken off. No response, clerk to write again. FP14, vegetation at the entrance to the path (Mount Pleasant pub end) needs cutting back, clerk to inform groundsman. Council advised the clerk vegetation around the bus shelter (opposite council homes) on A444 needs cutting back, completed.
Footpath fourteen broken gate	F860824, reported 14.10.21

### 86/21 Items for Discussion/Decision

**a) Budget 2022-2023 proposal from working group**

Cllrs Jackson and Hepkin to meet with clerk and present a budget proposal at the next meeting

**b) Update on lengthsman and grounds maintenance**

The post has been advertised with no applicants coming forward. In the meantime, small maintenance jobs to be undertaken by the groundsman

**c) Jubilee 2022 celebrations**

Defer to January's meeting

**d) Allotments update inc. next actions**

It was **RESOLVED** the groundsman should clear plots 6 and 7 ready for the next persons on the waiting list (£250 cost).

A discussion took place around the state in which plot holders who have vacated plots are leaving them and the cost the parish council then incurs to clear the plots for the next person. Council considered implementing (for new plot holders going forward only) a charge of £10 per month for 11 months following the first payment made in April. This £110 would be held as a "bond" and given back to the plot holder once the plot was vacated and left in a reasonable state. If the plot is not left in a reasonable state, the money would go towards clearing the plot. Clerk to check this with the Allotment Association and report at the next meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** £400 be approved for the purchase of a noticeboard to be sited at the allotments.

**e) Oak Close Pond**

See County Council report, minute 81/21.a)

**f) Community award/recognition**

It was **RESOLVED** the clerk to produce a flyer to be given at the Christmas event on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, asking if anyone could put someone forward who goes "above and beyond" within the community.

**g) Final Christmas arrangements, Lights, tree, and event on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Council discussed a run through of the event. It was **RESOLVED** to allow £400 to purchase a PA system to be staffed on the night. Council members were asked to help with the set up and break down of the event. It was also **RESOLVED** to allow £100 for the Christmas tree.

**87/21 Finance**

**87/21.1** The following payments were approved.

Council discussed the siting of the defib on Swadlincote Road and the clerk to investigate with SDDC if this could be sited in the bus shelter on A444 by Mount Road.

<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	Salary & Homeworking Oct
HMRC	3.6	0	3.6	tax
Expenses	27.99	5.6	33.59	Printer ink
Expenses	4.5	0	4.5	Mileage(18/10x10)
Expenses	5.35	1.07	6.42	Mobile Oct
Information Commissioners Office	40	0	40	GDPR registration
Keep Britain Tidy	125	25	150	We're watching you signs
JRB Enterprises	330	66	396	Dog waste bag dispensers
Oakley Services UK Ltd	3240.4	648.08	3888.48	2 x defibs
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4574.9</b>	<b>770.75</b>	<b>5320.65</b>	

**88/21 Planning**

**DMPA/2021/1510 The erection of an extension to form first floor at 8 Fields Lane, Castle Gresley, Swadlincote, DE11 9JL**

Council **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the above application

**DMPA/2021/1378 Erection of food store (Use class E) with car parking, landscaping, and associated works at land north of Drift Road, Castle Gresley**

Council **RESOLVED** not to object but to request deliveries are kept between 0730 and 2000, consideration is given to the safe access and egress of the site and that traffic lights and traffic calming is considered. The recycling unit (currently planned next to the road, close to residents) is moved to the opposite side of the site, away from residents. Consideration should also be given to the implementation of click and collect and the timings of this and safe access. The Parish Council also request a sustainable environment grant of £30k towards the installation of a road on the Mount Pleasant Recreation ground to allow accessibility for all the community to enable it to be fully utilized for play, physical activity, and events.

**89/21 Correspondence**

Navas tender documents, S Derby's CVS News, have your say on restorative justice, Police and Crime Commissioner Puts Violence Against Women and Girls Under the Spotlight, Be aware of WhatsApp scams, DALC newsletter, Cyber Crime survey, Dark Nights safety advice, Safety tips for when you have

unexpected callers, Rural bulletin, South Derbyshire CVS Community Development update, DALC training calendar, SDDC Flood liaison documents, Shopping online for bargains safely

**90/21 Date and Time of next meeting**

The next meeting is due to take place at 7pm, on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021, at the Brick Room, Linton.