

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council**  
**Held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Present**

Cllr N Barker (Chair of this meeting), Cllr Mrs S Jackson, Cllr I Woods, Cllr Ms H Davies

**Also present**

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

**86.22 Apologies (noted)**

District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen, Cllr Ms R Lees (Chair), Cllr N Sellers, Cllr A Hepkin

**87.22 Late Addition**

Clerk requested two additions to the agenda to consider "Mount Pleasant Recreation ground play equipment responsibility" and response to SDDC planning re "Oak Close". Council agreed.

**88.22 Declaration of Members Interests**

None

**89.22 Public Speaking**

No public were present

**90.22 County Council**

Cllr Swann stated he was pleased to see so many at the Remembrance service and he provided his report as below:

I liaise regularly with the Parish Chair and Clerk, as well as residents, and actively address any issues as soon as they are brought to my attention, reporting back as appropriate.

Walton on Trent Bypass and Bridge, further update provided, Countryside and DCC are working to progress matters.

County Council Motion: HGVs - Call to Ban Use of Car Sat Navs. The local Police SNT has made the enforcement of Weight Restrictions one of its priorities.

Crossroads - I have lobbied extensively on this issue and Derbyshire Highways will now be implementing safety measures on and around the crossroads in the coming months.

The Cabinet Member and Director both agreed and work on delivering the improvement plan will now begin. This will include a high friction road surface, increased and more effective signage – including interactive signs – and improved visibility on the junction approaches.

East Midlands Devolution - People can take part through an online survey, available at [www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk](http://www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk) .

Bird Flu Prevention Zone Across the Country – Mandatory Housing for Captive Birds An Avian influenza Prevention Zone has been declared across Great Britain making it a legal requirement for all bird keepers to follow strict biosecurity measures.

**91.22 District Council**

No member present.

**92.22 Police**

Crimes reported October. 1 assault, 1 vehicle interference, 1 domestic incident, 1 theft, 1 public order, 1 theft of vehicle.

Cllr Woods shared that he has received reports from a number of residents that cannabis has been smelt from nearby properties. Clerk advised these must be reported directly by the person witnessing this to the police. Clerk to share reporting again on Facebook. He also advised there is more graffiti on the underpass, clerk to report to SDDC clean team.

**93.22 Minutes**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the council meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

#### **94.22 Items (with the public excluded)**

No such items

#### **95.22 Chairs announcements**

None

#### **96.22 Clerks report**

Groundsman. Hedge on recreation ground to be cut back and billed to Taylor Wimpey. Memorial weeded and tidied for Remembrance. Council agreed the groundsman needs to clear the bramble areas left on A444 embankment, opposite the council properties.

Mount Pleasant Rec. Bin relaced

Defibs & Bleed kits. Chair preparing a postcard to be distributed to all homes.

Linton Road shops area. F McArdle said will action. Clerk to report to clean team the area between no.35 and Indigo Hair is overgrown and full of rubbish.

Bus shelters. O/s 17 Burton Road and opp. 112 Burton Road. SDDC will inspect and clean at minimum. No action reported by councillors, clerk to chase.

Cultivation licence (by Old Memorial), will only be granted if rocks are removed. On agenda Land at the topside of 37-39 Bass's Crescent needs clearing of brambles, clerk to report to SDDC.

#### **97.22 Finance**

a Payments were authorised as below

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Item</b>
Source for Business	39.41	0	39.41	Water for Mount Pleasant
Eon	131	0	131	Electricity for Pavilion & container
Payroll (Clerk)	674.73	0	674.73	salary inc homeworking (Sept)less Tax&NI
Expenses (Clerk)	5.98	1.19	7.17	Mobile Oct
Expenses (clerk)	9.99	0	9.99	Instant Ink
Expenses (Clerk)	13.5		13.5	Travel. Oct meet & Drum& Monkey & defib replace
HMRC	8.2	0	8.2	Tax
<b>Donation to CVS</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>Payment made on 18/10</b>
ICO	35	0	35	Data protection. Set up DD 18/10
Sing4Pleasure	200	0	200	For 16th Dec event at Drum & Monkey Face paint & colouring for 16th Dec Drum & Monkey
Funtastic Faces	150	0	150	Monkey
<b>Pennon Water</b>	<b>85.49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85.49</b>	<b>Water for allotments. Paid 03/11/22)</b>
Swarco	2263.88	452.78	2716.66	Deposit for SID
Richard Evans	1098	0	1098	Grounds maintenance (May-Oct 2022)
SDDC	44.00	0	44.00	Bin for allotment
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>5463.15</b>	

#### **98.22 Planning**

No new applications

#### **99.22 Outside meetings and training**

None

#### **100.22 Correspondence**

The correspondence report was noted

## **101.22 Items for Discussion/ Decision**

### **a) Review Wild flower planting**

This was discussed and suggestions were made to have a new site by Cadley Island. Council deferred any decision until the December meeting as so many councillors are not present.

Groundsman reported the current location failed this summer and suggested he dig over the area and replant for Spring. Add to December agenda.

### **b) Consider Parish Warden**

Council discussed the possibility of a Parish Warden, no one has applied to date. Council **RESOLVED** to defer this to December.

### **c) Maintenance of White Lady's**

Council **RESOLVED** to have an annual tree inspection and carry out recommended works, along with paying for the hedge on the main path to be kept tidy and the stream running free and no additional works to take place. Clerk to put a post out on Facebook and noticeboards (once approved by council) to advise the public of this, in light of environmental considerations and finances.

### **d) To consider lamp post poppies for Remembrance 2023 (currently have 9)**

Council considered additional poppies for 2023 and **RESOLVED** it should purchase additional poppies for 2023. Agenda for next month to confirm how many are needed.

### **e) SIDs update**

Clerk confirmed all details are with the PCCO to receive the funding which has been confirmed but not yet released to the Parish Council. The new lamp post needed has been ordered with DCC Highways and the order for the two Speed Indicator Devices and training for councillors has been confirmed, expected to take place in early January.

### **f) Finalise the Christmas events**

Clerk took the council through the 3 events to be funded by the PC.

2 December, 30 tree lights, switch on 4pm daily, throughout Castle Gresley.

7 December, Gresley Male Voice Choir to sing at Castle Court Care Home, for the residents, with mince pies provided, clerk to deliver.

16<sup>th</sup> December, joint event with the Drum & Monkey Pub. Parish Council are financing children's facepainting, Singing, Christmas tree and decorations, mince pies and gingerbread people.

Cllr Sellers to arrange the tree (Max. £150 was agreed for a tree and base to hold water) for delivery to the pub by 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Cllr Lees and clerk to decorate tree on 13<sup>th</sup> and deliver mince pies and gingerbread people on 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **g) Cultivation licence and rocks**

DCC have advised they will grant a cultivation licence at the old memorial, providing that the rocks are removed. Council **RESOLVED** the clerk should contact the resident asking for the cultivation licence and confirm the options to either remove the rocks (which were instated to prevent cars parking on the grass) or withdraw the licence application.

### **h) Councillor training and code of conduct**

Clerk advised Cllr Davies is attending Councillor training in the new year and will feed back to the council. This training is not only for new councillors but to update councillors whilst they are a member. There is a focus in Councils at present around Civility and Respect and all council members are reminded of the Code of Conduct they sign up to when joining the council.

**i) Play Equipment**

SDDC have advised the play equipment will be the responsibility of the PC from 01/01/2023. This will incur costs to the Parish Council for inspections, maintenance, repairs, insurance, both public liability and against damage. SDDC have not said any additional funding will be given to the Parish Council to carry out these duties. The clerk has asked for legal advice from DALC and will share the response as soon as it is received. Clerk to reply to SDDC, copying in Frank McArdle, stating that SDDC paid for the equipment approx. 15 years ago, agreeing to the ownership and maintenance of the equipment, which they have done ever since. If an audit has shown this to be incorrect, could SDDC please provide evidence of this.

**j) SDDC Planning letter response**

In response to SDDC planning, council **RESOLVED** to respond as per the suggested email.

**k) Items for next meetings. Memorial, professional cleaning.**

**102.22 Items for information only**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 7pm**, at the **Brick Room, Linton**