

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council

Held on Thursday 14th October 2021

Present

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

Also, present.

Mrs S Lloyd (Clerk and RFO), County Cllr S Swann, District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen Will Rogers (Planning Potential), Richard Thompson (Aldi), David Moore (STOAS (architects)), Alex McGarrell Highways Consultant (AMA)

67/21 Apologies for absence

Cllr R Bennett, Cllr N Sellers - accepted

68/21 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs S Jackson declared an interest in the proposed Aldi Store

69/21 Public Speaking

Representatives as above regarding the application for a new Aldi Store at Drift Road Council was advised a consultation has taken place with the public, 5,500 homes close to the site have been contacted. Approx. five hundred responses have been received, approx. 80% in support of a new store, concerns were expressed over traffic, the road junction and pollution.

The planning application has been submitted to SDDC, but not yet validated.

Chair shared the feedback she has had from speaking with parishioners is that 50% are in favour, however concerns, were in the main around highways and traffic. The A444 is already a busy road and there are vulnerable residents in the Trent and Dove housing nearby, consideration should be given to the residents, some of whom are sensitive to the increase in traffic, noise, and lights.

Possible use of 106 monies was discussed.

It was confirmed the new store will, if approved be in addition to the current store in Swadlincote. The plan is for 130 parking spaces in total.

County Cllr Swann expressed his concern over the road junction on and off A444. The junction has been assessed and considered adequate for the expected traffic, however these comments will be looked at. Expectation is for approx. 150/200 vehicles per day to the site. DCC Highways will conduct their report. County Cllr Swann advised there is already an increase in traffic with the Mercia Park, and likely to be more traffic from here soon. The Parish Council expressed concern that the DCC Highways report will be conducted "desk based" when a site visit is really needed. The Drift Road junction is already terribly busy and traffic flow will increase, and this is the only way in and out of the estate. The PC expressed concern for the safety of residents.

It was advised they expect some people currently using the Swadlincote store to move to this store. It was advised there will be two lorries for deliveries per day, deliveries are received 'inside' closed units, so noise is not an issue.

District Cllr Mrs Bridgen informed the meeting that SDDC Stephen Saunders is meeting soon in person with DCC Highways to look at considerations on planning applications.

a) County Council

County Cllr Swann advised the lights to have been fixed in the underpass. A flood on A444 two weeks ago was down to DCC not properly supervising the contractor who carries out the gully works, this is SDDC. SDDC have been waiting for a part for over a year now.

District Council

District Cllr Bridgen advised a national pallet company will be moving to the site previously occupied by Bison.

Council advised that works to clear the overgrown trees and vegetation at 72 Bass's Crescent has still not been started. The hedge at 15 Arnold Close has still not been cut, MH of SDDC has still not replied to the council about the additional parking to be added since the electric charging points were installed and no response on the Japanese knotweed and a decision on who would pay for the resident's insurance has been received. Cllr Bridgen advised she will chase all these matters.

b) Crime reports

None received

70/21 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

71/21 Exclusion of the Public

No such items

72/21 Chairs Announcements

On the SDDC 2002 Oak Close planning application, SDDC state the area with the pond should be a public open space and they themselves will maintain it.

73/21 Clerks report

DCC. Overgrown pathway at the bottom of Bridge Street leading to the recreation ground	8/10/20, reported by the public. October – DCC mapping portal shows a S.31 granted and no legal right of way. Application to register as common land given priority five. No further action can be taken.
Dog poo bag dispensers	Jan –PC confirmed locations and purchase Oct – Confirm locations as Mount Pleasant Changing rooms, Bridge Street, Hillside Road, Tunnel Woods. Clerk to order.
DCC Lights out in underpass	F813059. Oct – DCC completed works
Lights out	F809025 Oct - DCC completed works
DCC Broken stile on footpath two	F819395, with photo. Oct –DCC reported it has been inspected and they deem it safe, but

	they have written to the landowner to replace the plank.
Christmas lamp post lights	Switch on Friday 3 December, 7.30pm. Oct – Locations confirmed
Play frame on rec in need of repair	16/9, Grounds contractor reported needs attention. Clerk reported to SDDC. SDDC aware of the log that needs replacing on the Pickup Sticks. We have instructed a contractor to conduct the work, but as the log in question, is a longer piece than normal, it has been difficult to get hold of. This is on order now and soon as it is delivered it will be fitted. The Contractor replaced another log on this piece of equipment recently as well. Our Play Equipment Inspector has been out to site to tape off with hazard tape as a temporary measure. He had previously done this, but people tend to pull it off. He conducts a monthly inspection at this site. Zurich Insurance conduct annual inspections and send reports through as and when they have completed these. Zurich are currently in the process of going around all the play sites in the district and have not yet completed their rounds so eventually you will receive the annual report from them. YW Park life Officer
Perspex on back of bus shelter on A444 (by junction to Mount Road)	20/9, Cllr Sellers reported to clerk it has been smashed again. Clerk reported to SDDC AG for repair. Oct – Replaced
Potholes in Appleby Glade	16/9, Cllr Sellers reported with photos to clerk, reported online to DCC: ref: F853600 Oct - Your query has been logged but now no updates are available.
Lamp post with electrics visible	Oct, number 82496. 4.10.21, reported to etc.lighting@derbyshire.gov.uk
Bank	Taking 3 weeks to update signatories, so chq payments this month
Cultivation licence	5/10, applied for 3 x 1.5m on Burton Road
Councillor vacancy	Oct. To be advertised
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. Clerk to report to DCC. Letter to be sent to the resident of No 18 Bass's Crescent asking that the young tree branches overhanging the pavement are taken off. FP10, 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, clerk to ask groundsman.
Footpath ten broken gate	F860824, reported 14.10.21

74/21 Items for Discussion/Decision

a) Christmas Carol evening on 17th Dec, finalize all arrangements including Christmas tree, catering, hamper raffle and promotion

It was **RESOLVED** that the chair will produce a flyer to be displayed in and around the local area promoting the event. Clerk to arrange a 6ft tree for delivery to the Mount Pleasant Inn, for 3rd December. Lights from current PC lights. A hamper for a raffle prize will be ordered by the chair for a maximum of £100 from Dobzalicious. Raffle numbers from event attendance tickets. Cllr Hepkin to meet with landlord of pub to confirm finer arrangements.

b) Consider quotes for Tree survey in White Lady Springs

It was **RESOLVED** the clerk should instruct BB Trees Ltd, after requesting quotes from them, along with RH Tree Surgery, Eden Tree Care and AFAS TreeTech

c) Allotment update, inc. quotes for fencing

It was agreed the fence to be put on hold whilst expenditure for road to be confirmed. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a noticeboard for display at the allotments up to the value of £250.

d) Confirm all remembrance Sunday arrangements and publicity

Service at Trinity by Minister Rev Moira Biggins. Road closure confirmed with SDDC. Act of remembrance at the memorial, two wreaths have been delivered. Brownies will attend.

e) Approval of Hogweed eradication quote for White Lady's, £350

It was **RESOLVED** this is now approved.

f) £250 donation for volunteer work in the village, how to use

It was **RESOLVED** residents should be asked how this money should be used, via Facebook, notice boards.

g) Consider costs for Artwork on container

Chair presented a quote for approx. £1200 to put together a concept and complete the works. It was **RESOLVED** the community should be asked to design a green themed display and the quote to be accepted. Chair to put together a poster for display.

h) Proposed roadway on recreation ground, tender, public consultation

Council **RESOLVED** to go through documents received from NAVAS this week, clerk to inform them the payment will not be released until all documents are accurate and any tender documents sent to companies should be retracted.

i) Budget 2022 initial planning

Meeting date of Tuesday 2 Nov, 9.30am set for working group.

j) Lengthsman contract, consider zero hours contract initially and advert

Council **RESOLVED** to contract as per the agreed Lengthsman Contract on a zero working hours contract. Clerk to arrange advert.

k) Flood action at Oak Close

See Chairs report.

l) Additional defib in village and village postcards to residents

Council **RESOLVED** an additional defibrillator should be purchased for the Swadlincote Lane area of the village. Clerk to purchase. It was also **RESOLVED** that postcards to be delivered to every home should then be printed to advise on locations of the defibs and bleed kits.

m) Dog fouling. Consider the Keep Britain Tidy eyes signs and free dog poo bags

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase five of the Keep Britain Tidy “eyes” signs to be displayed around the village. Clerk to purchase.

75/21 Finance

75/21.1 The following payments were approved

Eon	112	0	112	Electric for Pavilion & container
Payroll	670.66	0	670.66	Salary & Homeworking Sept
Expenses	33.45	6.69	40.14	Memorial plaque
Expenses	1.83	0	1.83	Postage
Expenses	4.5	0	4.5	Mileage(27/9x10)
Expenses	5.35	1.07	6.42	Mobile Sept
Richard Evans	315	0	315	Grounds maintenance
Royal British Legion	50	0	50	S.137 donation via charity bike ride
South Derbyshire Mental Health Association	50	0	50	S.137 donation via charity bike ride
PKF Littlejohn	200	40	240	Annual external audit
Came & Co	794.59	0	794.59	Insurance
Turtle	858.32	171.67	1029.99	Emergency Bleed Kit x 2
DALC	150	0	150	Chair training x 3
TOTAL			3465.13	

75/21.2 The 2nd quarter bank reconciliation and budget review were accepted as below, no questions raised.

Opening balance (01/07/21)	80148
Receipts (01/07/21-30/09/21)	13102
Payments (01/07/21-30/09/21)	4872
Closing balance (30/09/21)	88378
Balance on bank (30/09/21)	89057

Unpresented receipts	0
Unpresented payments	
30004 chq	682
Total funds available (30/09/21)	88378

	Expected Income 2021-22	Actual income to date 2021-22	Forecast to year-end 2021-22
Income	£	£	£
Precept	25,309	25,309	25,309
Grant	2,876	2,876	2,876
Concurrent func	7,454	0	7,454
Minor Maintenance	315	300	300
Allotments rent	330	330	330
VAT (variable)	5,500	3,190	3,190
From reserves	36,000	36,000	36,000
Other			0
Total Income	77,784	55,351	75,459

Expenditure

	Budget	Actual to date	Forecast to yr end
Salaries	8,800	4,074	8,800
Chairs allowance	200	200	200
Admin	2,000	472	1,800
Elections	1,000	0	0
Audits	400	125	325
Insurance	1,000	0	745
DALC, SLCC & training	1,000	635	800
Sports Mobile	1,000	0	0
Utilities	1,000	727	1,000
Allotments inc water	2,000	155	2,000
Container	5,000	4,041	5,000
Grounds maintenance	7,000	3,162	7,000
Grit bins maintenance	500	0	200
Variable Costs			
S137 donations	1,000	200	1,000

Village events	3,500	56	2,500
VAT	10,000	1,851	10,000
Bus shelter	5,000	0	5,000
Driveway	27,500	2,550	35,000
Total Expenditure	77,900	18,247	81,370

75/21.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the limited audit review. Clerk to ensure the chairs allowance must go through as payroll or be receipted.

76/21 Planning

DMPA/2021/1201 The erection of a two-storey extension at 25 Fields Lane, Castle Gresley, Swadlincote, DE11 9JL

Council **RESOLVED** to make no comment

77/21 Correspondence

Advice for Mature motorists, Police and Crime Commissioner Supports New Laws To Tackle Illegal Encampments and Announces New Local Taskforce, DALC AGM, Protecting the most vulnerable, DALC annual report, South Derbs CVS News, CAB online support, The National Forest, Aldi, SDDC works portal, SDDC flood liaison, DALC newsletter, CVS news, Cash boost to enhance safety of women in Derbyshire, Derbyshire residents being targeted by courier scams, Derbyshire Police back introduction of electronic tagging, Cuppa with a copper, National Forest Tree scheme, response from DCC re path marked on DC mapping portal at Bridge St, we are watching you campaign

78/21 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting is due to take place at 7pm, on Thursday 11th November 2021, at the Brick Room, Linton.