

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Castle Gresley Parish Council
Held on Thursday 8th September 2022

Present

Cllr Ms R Lees (Chair), Cllr Mrs S Jackson, Cllr I Woods, Cllr N Sellers, Cllr Ms H Davies, Cllr N Barker, Cllr A Hepkin

Also present

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

A two-minute silence was held for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

It was agreed to go ahead with the meeting, to conduct urgent business and defer matters until the next meeting where possible.

54.22 Apologies (noted)

District Cllr Mrs M Bridgen

Cllr R Bennett has resigned from the council

55.22 Declaration of Members Interests

None

56.22 Public Speaking

No public were present

Clerk requested to add to the agenda. L. Consider donation to the St Johns ambulance for electric vehicle, which was approved by the council

57.22 County Council

Utility Work on A444, extensive work being undertaken by utility contactors in the vicinity of the Toons A444 roundabout has been causing chaos and great inconvenience for local people and road users. Cllr Swann has intervened on a number of occasions and asked Highways officers to ensure that the contractors are operating the four-way temporary traffic Lights correctly while, this week, he has requested that senior officers visit the site to assess the progress of the work and the continued traffic management arrangements.

Bridge Street Underpass Graffiti, South Derbyshire Litter Pickers has done tremendous work in cleaning up the underpass, including the removal of graffiti, and he has requested DCC attempts to clean off the larger areas of unwanted paint.

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service –Information on services was shared with council on the figures for 2021-2022.

The Government has now approved the devolution deal with the East Midlands set to receive £1.14billion over 30 years to invest in the region, it will have greater influence at the highest levels to deliver a better quality of life for local people.

Chetwynd Bridge, A513 Croxall: An18t weight restriction commenced on 5th September 2022. Walton on Trent Bypass and Bridge, the plan has not progressed since July, no start date is available.

County Council Motion: HGVs - Call to Ban Use of Car Sat Navs is one of the measures necessary to improve matters for residents in respect of the blight caused by HGVs using our local roads inappropriately, Cllr Swann proposed. DCC supports a total ban on HGV drivers using standard car sat navs, and requests that the Leader writes to the Secretary of State for Transport calling on the Government to take urgent action by using its forthcoming Transport Bill to legally require all HGVs to employ specialist sat nav devices. Council also asks the Department for Transport to review legislation to allow Highway Authorities to deploy more effective signage to deter HGVs from using unsuitable roads. The support of all MPs in the County is sought in tackling the blight caused by HGVs to numerous

local communities as well as the impact this issue has on the safety, health, and general wellbeing of residents.

58.22 District Council

No representative attended. Chair reported a resident advising her of reporting a tree growing in the pond at Oak Close so high it blocks a bedroom window.

59.22 Police

Crimes reported. July: Malicious Comms 1, Stalking 1, Criminal Damage 1, Theft of Vehicle 1, ASB 1, Drugs 1. August: 1 Assault, 1 RTC, 1 Malicious communication

60.22 Minutes

Council **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the council meetings held on 14th July 2022

61.22 Items (with the public excluded)

No such items

62.22 Chairs announcements

Chair reported she feels totally demoralised by the lack of support from SDDC in matters reported to them.

63.22 Clerks report

Groundsman. On agenda. Memorial stone sited.

Mount Pleasant Rec. SDDC still not replaced the bin.

Defibrillators. Recall on one, Clerk to check them on Monday and address.

Linton Road shops area. SDDC still not taken any action.

Allotments. Skip not been ordered to clear vacant plots. Groundsman strimmed the vacant plots.

Bus shelters. O/s 17 Burton Road and opp. 112 Burton Road. No update from SDDC.

Linnet School overgrown hedge. Passed to DCC Highways to enforce cutting.

64.22 Finance

a Payments were authorised as below

Recipient	Value	VAT	Total	Item
Eon	131	0	131	Electricity for Pavilion & container
Payroll(clerk)	674.53	0	674.53	salary inc homeworking (July)less Tax&NI
HMRC	8.4	0	8.4	Income tax July
Expenses (clerk)	33.48	6.69	40.17	Mobile July (Tether for WIFI)
Travel (clerk)	4.5	0	4.5	meeting (July)
Expenses (Clerk)	11.21	2.24	13.45	Dog bags
Payroll (Clerk)	674.73	0	674.73	salary inc homeworking (Aug)less Tax&NI
HMRC	8.2	0	8.2	Income tax Aug
Peter Thorley	104.99	0	104.99	Maintenance of stream and path at WL
Expenses (Clerk)	5.98	1.19	7.17	Mobile Aug
Catena	200.2	40.04	240.24	Test lamp posts for weight for SIDs
PKF Littlejohn	240.00	0.00	240.00	External Audit
	TOTAL		£2147.38	

65.22 Planning

No new applications

66.22 Outside meetings and training

Cllr Jackson opened the Play/Sports mobile events, commenting that SDDC had done a very thorough job of mowing and clearing the ground this year. Clerk to pass on thanks to SDDC and see if a date can be rescheduled for October half term as one had to be cancelled due to the heat.

67.22 Correspondence

The correspondence report was noted. A resident has expressed concern over the state of the chapel and anti-social behaviour. This matter was discussed, and it was **RESOLVED** to monitor the situation and speak with the owner again.

68.22 Items for Discussion/ Decision

a Review Groundsman contract and calendar of works

The work the groundsman completes, and the specification of works was reviewed by council. It was **RESOLVED** not to make any amendments to the specification and council were pleased with the work completed. Clerk to ask the groundsman to remove the cordyline and plant spring daffs in the 4 planters. The underpass area is also to be cut.

b Review the dog bag dispenser's success and future

The situation with the bag dispensers being fully emptied and often littered in the vicinity was discussed by council. It was **RESOLVED** to leave them in situ for the present.

c SIDS update inc. lamp post testing and funding

Clerk confirmed the lamp post testing took place on 7th September. The application for funding from the PCCO has been chased and a response is expected next week. Council **RESOLVED** that if the funding is not confirmed from the PCCO, then the council will seek permission from DCC to install the SID's with the Parish Council covering the costs.

d Allotments update and skip

It was **RESOLVED** to employ a waste removal company to clear the allotment waste. Cllr Hepkin to share company details. Cllr Lees to show the company the waste to be removed.

e Christmas event and lights final details (locations)

Cllr Hepkin advised that due to work commitments he will not be able to assist with a Christmas event this year. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Lees will pass contact details for the Drum and Monkey to the clerk to investigate an evening of song with the Male Voice Choir and possibly some seasonal foods. 30 Christmas lights are confirmed to be switched on at 4pm on 2nd December. Cllr Sellers to confirm the locations and lamp post numbers to the clerk.

f Remembrance service plan

Clerk confirmed new wreaths are ordered and the road closure confirmed. Notices to advise the public were given to Cllr Barker. Cllr Jackson has been liaising directly with Rev Derek and a decision was reached to go with the same plan as in recent years at Linton Heath with Rev. Moira Biggs. Clerk to advise Linton Heath Church.

g Overhanging tree at Mount Pleasant recreation ground

Council **RESOLVED** to ask the groundsman to cut this back, along with the hedge.

h Play equipment on Mount Pleasant Recreation ground

Council discussed this matter. SDDC have written to the Parish Council expecting that the Parish Council maintain the equipment. To date, the Parish Council has email confirmation from SDDC that SDDC have conducted monthly checks, an annual inspection and carried out all maintenance and repairs. Council **RESOLVED** not to accept responsibility for the equipment from SDDC.

i Confirm clerk and councillor meet for budget prep

A meeting was confirmed between Cllr Jackson and the clerk to put together a budget proposal for 2023-2024, to be presented at the next meeting.

j 2022-23 Action plan to inform budget

Council **RESOLVED** to review this at October's meeting

k Items for next agenda

Finalise Christmas events

Confirm Christmas light locations

SIDs progress

Remembrance plan

Mount Pleasant Recreation ground play equipment

Review 2023-24 Action plan

Consider 2023-24 Budget for Precept request

l Consider donation to St Johns Ambulance for electric vehicle

It was **RESOLVED** to donate £500

69.22 Items for information only

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 13th October 2022, 7pm**, at the **Brick Room, Linton**