



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1930pm**

### **Present:**

Cllr Downing (Chair) Cllr Harrison, Cllr Salvage, Cllr Furness, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Lancaster, Cllr Granger, Cllr Furness, Cllr Cornish, Cllr Salisbury

Mrs V. Ball (Parish Clerk)

District Cllr Nash

### **Public participation:**

None

### **Apologies for Absence:**

#### **213/2024**

Cllr Lake for reason of family engagement. This apology was noted.

### **Declaration of Members' Interests:**

#### **214/2024**

Cllr Salisbury declared an interest in item 10 of the supplementary authorisations. This was for the reimbursement of refreshments for volunteers who helped fill sandbags.

### **A report from Derbyshire County Council:**

#### **215/2024**

Cllr Salisbury reported that there had been a response to an information request from the Environment Agency over dredging of Bradwell Brook and unfortunately this will not be happening as was originally hoped. However, Cllr Salisbury reported that the Environment Agency were involved in similar issues at Castleton, and he was questioning how they were receiving this assistance when Bradwell was not. He reported that County Councillor Sutton was in communications with a senior person involved in the flooding issues to try and get some answers.

#### **216/2024**

District Cllr Nash reported that there were some parking issues on the junction of Hungry Lane and Towngate which would need raising with the relevant channels. A fire engine or other emergency vehicle would not be able to get through if this corner of the road was blocked. It was suggested that double yellow lines would need to be implemented, and District Cllr Nash asked that the clerk could report the issue. He also stated that poor and inconsiderate parking was becoming an issue for the bin lorries, and some bin rounds could not be completed because of this.

District Cllr Nash reported that once again this year there would be an open surgery in the memorial hall for residents to come along and ask questions to either himself or County Councillor Sutton. This was to be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>, and he asked if council would help with the promotion of this event.

## Acceptance and signing of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

### 217/2024

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 01/10/24. Cllr Downing signed these as a true record.

There was one matter arising from the October minutes and this was item 207 with the issue of dog waste on the pavements. The clerk reported that the school had designed some posters, and the winning ones would be chosen to be made into signs for the village. She would also order some official signage from DDDC. Council suggested providing free waste bags to help combat the problem and to put these in the post office for residents if they needed them.

**ACTION:** Clerk to purchase dog bags

The clerk also informed council that the canopy at the café had been erected, and the owners had asked if they could use the store for a Santa's Grotto for a Christmas event they wished to hold. It was agreed that prior to this event Cllr Harrison would move all the sensitive paperwork into the other store for security and GDPR purposes.

## Financial Matters

### 218/2024

It was **resolved** to authorise the following seventeen transactions, along with twelve supplementary transactions.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount £	Payment Method
01.	Xero	Monthly direct debit October 24	£39.60	Direct Debit
02.	E. ON	Monthly electricity charge October 24	£12.80	Direct Debit
03.	HSBC	Monthly bank charge October 24	£5.00	Bank Charge
04.	Water Plus	Water charges for the toilet block October 24	£55.39	Direct Debit
05.	Cloudy IT	Microsoft Subscription Fees October 24	£99.72	Direct Debit
06.	British Gas Lite	Public Conveniences Town Bottom October 24	£244.34	Direct Debit
07.	Vanessa Ball	Salary and Office Allowance October 2024	£847.56	BACS
08.	Nest	Pension contributions for October 2024	£64.82	Direct Debit
09.	HMRC	Tax and NI contributions October 2024	£78.44	BACS

10.	Vanessa Ball	Purchase for new canopy for Brook Café	£158.98	BACS
11.	Vanessa Ball	Bag of soil to fill hole in on Beggars Plot.	£4.50	BACS
12.	Vanessa Ball	Reimbursement for poppy wreath	£20.00	BACS
13.	Vanessa Ball	Collection of accounts from Knowles Warrick 29 miles @ 0.45 per mile	£13.05	BACS
14.	Shelter Ltd	Cleaning of bus stops October 2024	£24.77	BACS
15.	Sutcliffe Play	New seesaw seat for Town Bottom	£129.60	BACS
16	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room Hire for September 2024	£48.00	BACS
17.	Lightmain Company Ltd	New safety matting under the springers on Beggars Plot	£1,152.00	BACS
Ref	Payee	Description	Amount	Payment Method
1.	G.E.Davies	Grass Cutting services October 2024	£350.00	BACS
2.	Jonathon Woodhouse	Canopy installation and fitting new hinges to toilet doors	£240.00	BACS
3.	Alan Williams	Playground inspections October 2024	£50.00	BACS
4.	Fresh Air Fitness	Maintenance and repair of outdoor gym equipment	£797.40	BACS
5.	DIY and Key Cutting	Key cut for Gents toilets on Town Bottom	£5.00	Bank Card
6.	Barriers Direct	Parking Post for SWL carpark	£57.00	BACS
7.	Amazon	Prize towards the school colouring competition	£5.99	Bank Card
8.	A&J Cleaning Services	Cleaning of Town Bottom Facilities October 2024	£82.50	BACS
9.	Markovitz Ltd	Tonne of sand to refill sandbags	£63.59	BACS
10.	Brian Salisbury	Refreshments for helpers of sandbag filling	£13.75	BACS
11.	Bradwell War Memorial Hall	Room hire for October 2024	£16.00	BACS
12.	George Leeson	Gardening Services October 2024	£66.00	BACS

## **Other financial matters**

### **219/2024**

Cllr Lancaster reviewed the Cooperative bank statement and there were no queries raised.

### **220/2024**

Cllr Lancaster reported that the issues with the transfer of the money from the Santander account into the Nationwide account had been resolved. As it is difficult to transfer a large sum of money in one movement, the amount would need to be split across three days, however because she didn't want to upset the regular payment schedule this week, she would begin the transfer after these payments had all been made. The Santander account has been successfully closed.

### **221/2024**

The clerk left the room whilst the item regarding the national clerk pay increase was discussed.

Council confirmed that they had voted on the pay increase, and this had been accepted. The clerk is to be awarded a pay rise of sixty-three pence per hour, this is in line with the pay scales as set by the LGA. The clerk would also receive a backdated payment of £250 as the wage increase was to be applied from April.

## **Parish Council Processes**

### **222/2024**

Cllr Salisbury reported that the WhatsApp group for flood and snow wardens had been reviewed and it was working well. The sandbags have all been refilled ready for distribution should the need arise. The grit bins were also full and ready for winter.

The flood plan has been assessed and this could now be updated to the website. Committee had discussed the purchase of a flood pump, and there were a number of pros and cons around the purchase. The clerk had contacted the insurance company and there were several points to be considered including training, risk assessment, suitability etc. It was suggested that the council could hire a pump but could accept no responsibility or liability for its use. Until there was some more clear guidance on what council could do in the event of flooding, it was decided not to pursue the purchase of a flood pump.

The resilience committee requested that the finance committee maintain their budget of £4000 for next year.

Cllr Salisbury also raised the issue of work on Soft Water Lane, and because there had been a few issues with heavy rain downpour he asked if the costs for the project could be approved by council. This would cost approximately £4200-4900 to complete including realignment of the road so the rainwater could run into the drain instead of pooling on the lane.

Council agreed that the main concern was for the health and safety of pedestrians using the lane, and to ensure the footpath leading to the bridge was made more secure, especially for younger residents. A chicane style system was suggested within the fencing to account for this.

It was suggested that this project be put forward as a budget proposal for funding at the precept meeting.

## **Parish Issues / Initiatives**

### **223/2024**

It was agreed that the following items should be updated to the council Facebook page:-

-Dog poo bags to be available in the post office

-The flood plan

- The availability of sand bags and grit for winter

-The Peak Park consultation regarding the local plan and to encourage residents to complete it.

Cllr Nash asked if the surgery that he was holding with County Councillor Sutton could be promoted on the page.

**ACTION:** Cllr Taylor to update the page with these items.

#### **224/2024**

Cllr Cornish presented plans for the installation of CCTV at Town Bottom toilets. Council had previously agreed to amended lighting on the block, but the question was raised as to whether it was essential to have CCTV in this area. The general consensus was to install the CCTV, however there can be issues with it and it would take time to implement. There would also need to be a retention policy, signs and some kind of caged protection to avoid the unit getting damaged. The cost is around £985 for a whole CCTV system.

D Cllr Nash suggested the use of a mosquito style alarm which was a high-pitched noise to be used as an anti-loitering deterrent. Cllr Taylor proposed that council go ahead with all the stages including lighting, investigating the mosquito device and installing CCTV. This was seconded by Cllr Granger and council approved this process.

**ACTION:** Clerk to arrange for all the stages to be implemented.

#### **225/2024**

Cllr Salvage presented his plan to install some Christmas lights on Beggars Plot, this would also include a tree at the Pennine Woodworking yard. The cost of these lights would be approximately £700.

D Cllr Nash reported that because of other commitments and illness within the team, the hydro project had stalled but the hope this year is to try and light up this side of the village for Christmas.

Cllr Granger asked if there could be a co-ordination of when all the lights in the village including the hydro lights could be switched on and if Brook Café would like to get involved to make it into more of an event.

**ACTION:** Clerk to order the lights and to arrange with The Happy Tree Company for installation.

#### **208/2024**

Cllr Granger and Downing have been working on a council response to the proposed changes to The Local Plan and have provided answers to a set of over fifty questions. Cllr Granger reported that this is a very important piece of work and it is imperative that PDNPA get this right, as it will essentially affect planning decisions for the next ten to fifteen years in the Peak Park. It will also help with the push for more local affordable housing for young families.

The consultation period is open on the PDNP website until November 29<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Granger suggested that all councillors should fill this in as it is very easy to do online. It can be completed in stages, but she advised to try and do it all at once as many of the questions are interlinked. She also reported that any feedback will count towards the consultation, this includes emails, photographs and letters

### **Recent meetings**

#### **209/2024**

Cllrs Downing and Granger attended the Peak Park Parishes Day and reported that a lot of work done on the day was towards the local plan as discussed in item 208.

#### **210/2024**

The clerk reported that she attended a call about public transport with the HVCA group. There were a series of problems with buses including reliability, frequency and affordability, and whilst there had been lobbying of DCC to make the services better, the help and support of parish councils was essential in getting these improvements implemented, and if anyone was interested in getting involved to let her know.

## **Publications / Information Received**

**211/2024**

Communications have already been circulated electronically.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

**212/2024**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 in The Methodist Lounge Towngate at 1930pm

The meeting closed at 20:33pm