

Sudbury Parish Council Meeting

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm, Monday 20th July 2020 held by video conference

Present: Cllr. West, Cllr. T. Harvey, Cllr. Ingram, Cllr. S. Harvey, Cllr. Beeston and Cllr. Bozier.

In attendance: Cllr. J. Allison (DDDC)

01.07.20 To receive apologies for absence

All Parish Councillors present.

02.07.20 Variation of Order of Business

No variation of business.

03.07.20 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllrs. West, T. Harvey, S Harvey and Bozier declared a personal interest in agenda item 8. (j) Gasworks (Cllr's T. Harvey and Bozier being trustees).

Cllr. Ingram declared a personal interest in agenda item 8. (a) Football field, pavilion and mowing.

04.07.20 Public Speaking

Cllr. Allison (DDDC) gave an update on issues at DDDC as follows:

Annual General Council meeting will take place on the 22nd July after then the Emergency committee is going to be stood down and the normal committee meetings will resume, albeit virtually.

Boundary review - A report will be going to an extraordinary council meeting on Wednesday 15th July for approval to reduce the number of district councillors from 39 to 34, which will then require ward boundaries to be redrawn.

05.07.20 Approve Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council and bi-monthly meeting of the Parish Council, both held on the 18th May 2020

All minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record, they were proposed by Cllr. Beeston seconded by Cllr. Bozier and then signed by the Chairman Cllr. West.

06.07.20 Chairman's Report

Cllr. West welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening.

07.07.20 Report from the Clerk on on-going matters

Zoom Calls – it was RESOLVED to share the costs of Zoom with Doveridge Parish Council.

Village entrance signs – a resident has emailed the Clerk asking if anything can be done around our entrance to the village signs (similar to Doveridge, large planters). Cllr. Allison (DDDC) mentioned she has local fund monies available if this was something the resident would like to take on. The Parish Council would support this. It was RESOVLED the Clerk would speak with the resident.

08.07.20 Village Reports:

(a) Football Field, Pavilion, Mowing

No issues to report.

i. Footbal field mowing

It was RESOLVED that the Council mower would be moved between the Park and playing field when required for mowing. Either being stored in the Pavilion or the garage on the Park.

Cllr Ingram mentioned that when cutting the field, it is becoming increasingly difficult to cut around the large trees as the branches are so low. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would email the Groundsman at the Trust to see what could be done.

(b) Website – Accessibility Statement

The Clerk gave an update on where we are with the statement. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would carry out the necessary tasks to enforce.

(c) Highways Report

The Clerk has received an email from a resident requesting allocated resident parking along Main Road. The Council sympathise with all residents along this strength however as it is a public highway any body is entitled to park there. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would report back to the resident.

(d) Public Footpaths and Rights of Way

Old Road footpath – The Clerk is continuing to investigate who owns this land and will speak with the Estate again.

A515 Verges (between 2 roundabouts) – some of the hedging has now been cut back however there remains a large amount overhanging hedge both on the footpaths from the prison to the roundabouts and around the road signs. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would continue to chase.

(e) Sudbury Park

The Council have agreed for their mower to be used at the Park until the Prison are able to recommence the cutting. The Prison are supplying us with the fuel.

(f) Parish Rooms

The hedge along to the parish rooms needs cutting. It was RESOVLED to instruct a local handyman to carry out this work.

(g) National Trust

The Trust have written to the Council stating they are making steady progress in improving the access and aesthetics of the route from their main car park to the Hall.

To take this further, they would like to increase the feeling of openness as visitors head towards the hall, as it would once all have been open parkland. They have now removed the fence between the overflow parking area and the agricultural field behind and now they would like to improve the fence between the overflow and the cricket pitch. They recognise that the Parish Council would still want some form of boundary line. They stated it was their intention to remove all the rails and cut down the posts, to leave what they would call dragon's teeth. This would prevent cars been driven/taken onto the cricket pitch and would demarcate the lease boundary but would greatly enhance the feeling of space. As the fence was never there to 'keep people out', they presume the Parish Council will have no great objection to them doing this.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would reply stating that the Councillors had decided that no decision would be made on the fence until a new lease had been agreed. They stated that this boundary fence has been discussed at several meetings with the Trust, and it was decided on all occasions that it was a "no go" area for removal whilst negotiations were ongoing renewing the playing field lease.

(h) Sudbury Estate

No update/issues reported.

(i) Gasworks

Cllr. Harvey gave an update from the Trust stating that negotiations are continuing with the Estate on the lease and meetings would be taking place soon with a landscape design team.

(j) Prison

No issues to report.

09.07.20 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Circulars

June Newsletter - received.

July Newsletter - received.

10.07.20 Finance

(a) Application for Grant (Wellies Project)

The Wellies Project have requested a donation towards the addition of 2 toilets at their headquarters in Somersal Herbert. It was RESOLVED the Clerk would send out a local grant (S137) application and this would be decided at our next meeting.

(b) Payments made

29.05.20	Rachel Male, Clerk Salary	£166.58
01.06.20	Came & Company, annual insurance	£640.52
03.06.20	Darren Abel, field mowing	£138.00
09.06.20	Rachel Male, stationery	£21.65
26.06.20	Rachel Male, Clerk Salary	£149.44
08.07.20	Brian Wood, internal audit	£62.50
08.07.20	DALC, Training	£25.00
08.07.20	Rachel Male, mileage	£23.40

The Clerk's payslip for May & June and bank statements will be signed when social distancing allows.

These payments were authorised by email with the Chair and Vice chair at the time of the payments being made.

(c) Income

03.06.20	DALC, Refund for overpayment	£169.06
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(d) 2020/2021 Budget Appraisal

The budget appraisal as of 20.07.2020 was emailed prior to the meeting to all Councillors. This will be signed when social distancing allows.

(e) Annual Audit Sign Off 2019/2020

The Clerk circulated (prior to the meeting) and read through the Annual Governance Statement, Councillors approved all responses. The RFO signed the statement. The Clerk will now send off all relevant forms to the external auditors and advertise the period for the exercise of public rights.

All audit matters were proposed by Cllr. T. Harvey seconded by Cllr. Ingram all remaining councillors (4) voted in favour.

11.07.20 Training

It was also RESOLVED that the Clerk could, in principle, carry out her CiLCA training with DALC from September should she wish to do so. This cost would be split with Doveridge Parish Council.

12..07.20 To consider Planning Applications / Decisions

Applications:

20/00584/FUL - Proposed single storey garden room to be used as a hair and beauty salon - View House Barn Hill Somersal Herbert. Received: 17/07/20 NOTED.

20/00482/FUL | Change of use from Light Industrial B1(c) to Retail (A1), Cafe (A3) and Office (B1(a) uses | Former Hallmark Tractors Site Ashbourne Road Sudbury Received: 11/06/20. It

was RESOLVED the Council would object to this change of use due to highway issues. The Clerk will inform DDDC.

Decisions:

No decisions received.

13.07.20 Correspondence

Newsletters from DCC and DDDC forwarded to Councillors at the time of receiving.

14.07.20 Date of next meeting

It was RESOLVED that the next bi-monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th November 2020 virtually via Zoom at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 21.05