

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 19:30 ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

**Present:** Councillors McArdle (Chairman), Griffiths, Dickson, Sheldon, Rainey, Brown, Fluck, Lloyd, Steel and Thomas

**Absent:** Councillor Perks, District Councillor Haines and County Councillor Ford

**Staff and public in attendance:** Clerk Caroline Crowder, District Councillor Churchill and one member of public.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Perks and County Councillor Ford were unable to attend due to Covid isolation. District Councillor Haines was on annual leave.

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

## 3. DISPENSATIONS ON DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

## 4. ANY ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

None

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

**Resolved:** The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by Chairman McArdle as a correct and true record.

*Standing Orders lifted for Public Speaking and Planning*

## 6. PUBLIC SPEAKING

A member of the public from the Village Party Committee came to update the Council on the proposed plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The celebrations would be held 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. All ideas and grants were welcomed. The two Parish Councillors from Milton were asked for the Milton plans to see if they wished to join in with Repton. The Parish Council advised they would look into providing a climbing wall and other ideas.

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. No objections or comments to the current planning applications.
- b. No comments on the passed applications.

*Standing Orders Resumed*

## 8. COUNTY, DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- a. County Councillor Ford was unable to attend the meeting but provided an update that the Clerk read. He has contacted the landowner regarding the growth on the causeway, he is hopeful they can trim the hedge without breaching the Wildlife & Countryside Act. He has also emailed the Director for Highways and the Flood team over the persistent issues in Repton. The Clerk was asked to respond to Councillor Ford asking for this issue to be escalated up to the highest level.



- b. District Councillor Churchill advised that the recent issues seen around Foremark reservoir had resulted in the Police issuing 28 fixed penalty notices. Hospitality was now reopening following the Covid restrictions easing. No anti-social behaviour had been seen. The recent Download festival had been a success from the point of view of Covid. There is a government consultation on night flights which takes into account the flights from East Midlands Airport, which are predicted to increase when the Freeport is opened. Area Forums have been suspended due to them needing to now be in person, it is hoped they will resume in the autumn. He had noted an increase in cars parked near Foremark School and Anchor caves. More commercial fly tipping has been noted on Mount Pleasant.
- c. Councillor Thomas proposed that the Council fund and organise a planted bed on the verge near to the Vicarage. The Clerk advised and wished it to be noted that this would require permission to be granted by DCC for siting of the bed, before any work should take place. **Resolved the majority of Councillors voted to go ahead with the planted bed. Councillor Thomas asked for the DCC contact to talk to concerning the matter.**
- d. Councillor Lloyd asked the Council if they would consider having a presence at the Village Party, perhaps giving out leaflets to try to engage younger people.
- e. Councillor Fluck advised he had attended Councillor training with DALC.
- f. Councillor Steel asked if there was any progress on the new noticeboard at Milton. The Clerk advised she was documenting a report that would be available for the next meeting.

## 9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. The Chair had received a complaint that footpath 9 was overgrown.
- b. Councillor Brown and the Clerk were thanked for their work on the new benches.
- c. A discussion was had about which room to hold the Council meetings in at Repton Hall. There is no Council meeting in August and the October meeting is held at Milton Village Hall. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed that they wished to stay in the main hall, but would regularly review this decision.**

## 10. CLERK'S REPORT

- a. A request to hire the car park at Broomhills had been received by the Clerk. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed that the car park could be hired for parking for a local music festival**
- b. A request to hire the field for a wedding reception with a marquee had been received by the Clerk. **Resolved all Councillors agreed not to hire for this purpose due to the field being for sporting recreation as stated in the deeds.**
- c. A quote of £380.00 had been received for the grounds maintenance contractor to cut the Mitre Field hedge. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to this quote and asked the Clerk to add this task to the yearly grounds maintenance schedule.**
- d. A request to metal detect on Council land had been received by the Clerk. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed not to grant permission.**
- e. The Chair and Clerk had authorised the cutting of the hedge on the Wystan Court to Arboretum path as this was causing a health and safety issue. The work had been carried out by the ground maintenance contractor for £50.00, he also advised that a further cut was needed which would cost £75.00. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the extra cut.**
- f. A broken downpipe at Broomhills had been reported to the Clerk, three quotes were gained for repair and put to the Council. Two Councillors advised that they were willing to undertake the work and purchased the supplies needed. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed for the Councillors to repair and the Council would reimburse the cost of supplies.**
- g. The Clerk had received a complaint about the burial ground. Reseeding of a grave had taken place without permission being sought from the Council, and this had then been disturbed by the mowing of the grass. The Clerk and Chair had checked the burial ground and asked the grounds maintenance contractor to not cut that area until the grass had started to grow. The Clerk has sent a copy of the regulations to the complainant. They also advised that the gate would not close properly. The Council agreed at this time the gate was not in need of repair.

- h. The clerk asked for permission to attend the DALC procurement course. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed for the clerk to attend the Course.**

11. APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2021-22

- a. The previous internal auditor reported after the last audit that they were no longer available for any further audits. The Clerk advised that they had worked with another internal auditor, Brian Wood previously. The Chair also knew of this auditor. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to appoint Brian Wood as the internal auditor for this financial year.**

12. POLICY REVIEW

- a. The burial ground regulations had been sent out to Councillors for review before the meeting. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed that no changes were needed.**

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

- a. **Management of Burial Ground and Allotments:** Councillor McArdle informed the Council that the earth removed when graves had been dug was now very large and taking over the area of the burial ground near to the shed. It either needs a containment area or removal from the burial ground. The Council asked for a quote to be obtained from a local contractor that has been used previously. **Action the Clerk to ask for a quote and check the burial ground regulations over removal of excess soil to see if this is legal. Also to see if funeral directors can be asked to remove any earth that is not reused.**
- b. **Elderly Provision/Fisher-Dales:** Councillor Sheldon had spoken to Trent and Dove and the paperwork is still with DCC Legal to progress.
- c. **Flooding Committee:** Councillor Sheldon reported that on the 4<sup>th</sup> July a massive storm had been encountered and various areas of the parish had been flooded yet again. Some areas experienced foul water flooding into their properties. Severn Trent responded within two hours and are to put a camera down the drains to try and find the root cause of the issue. DCC have appointed a new senior flood officer who will be taking on the Repton area. A grille is being made for the brook at the Well Lane gully and will go into place during August. DCC are funding the flood warden equipment that is needed. Brookend bridge is not allowing the water to flow through as it is blocked with silt. Work is to take place to resolve this. Natural flood management is being looked into and the Environment Agency will be producing a report on this.
- d. **Broomhills Pavilion:** Councillor Steel is seeking quotes for redecoration, refurbishment of the kitchen and flooring repairs. He advised that if the Council wanted to apply for more 106 monies that a plan of work would be needed. **Action the Clerk to check with SDDC what money is available.**

14. FINANCE

a. RECEIPTS

i. £550.00	Burial Ground Fees	Current Account
ii. £708.00	Memorial Bench	Current Account
iii. £21,136.00	Precept	Current Account

b. PAYMENTS ALREADY MADE AND FOR APPROVAL

Date	Payment method/cheque number	Name	Description	Vat	Total	Details for banking	Payment from
12/07/2021	BACS	SLCC	CiLCA training		£410.00	Approval Sought	Current Account
12/07/2021	BACS	HMRC	Tax and NI		£258.70	Information Only	Current Account
14/04/2021	Standing Order	Repton Village Hall Company	Office Rent		£230.00	Information Only	Current Account
12/07/2021	BACS	Vesta Payment Solutions (via Clerk)	Mobile phone top up		£10.00	Approval Sought	Current Account
12/07/2021	BACS	C Hawksworth	Broomhills Cleaning		£49.75	Approval Sought	Current Account
12/07/2021	BACS	Clerk	Salary		£791.10	Information Only	Current Account
12/07/2021	BACS	Derbyshire CC - Superannuation Fund	Pension payment		£219.69	Information Only	Current Account
12/07/2021	BACS	O Jowett	Planter refill	£14.48	£109.85	Approval Sought	Current Account
29/06/2021	Direct Debit	British Gas	Electricity at Broomhills	£1.07	£22.56	Information Only	Current Account
12/07/2021	BACS	Mercia Garden Care	Grounds Maintenance		£1,200.00	Approval Sought	Current Account
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£15.55</b>	<b>£3,301.65</b>		

Resolved: All Councillors agreed to the payments.

c. BANK BALANCES

Current Account	£58,939.50
Recreation Ground Account	£288.30
Reserves	£42,240.50
Petty Cash	£81.76

d. ASSET REGISTER

Five benches at £354.00 each sited one in each arboretum and three in the burial ground.

15. CORRESPONDENCE (RECEIVED SINCE LAST AGENDA UNTIL 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021)

- a. Councillor Sheldon: Draft reports on EMIP Freeport, The Fisher dales and Flooding June 2021
- b. County Councillor Ford: Foremark Reservoir Issue
- c. DALC: Meeting notes from Zoom enabled meetings 2nd June 2021; THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS - 2ND JUNE 2022; Training Reminder - Code of Conduct - Understanding Planning; Cyber Crime and Fraud awareness training - Free!!; New Training Course - Understanding Procurement and Writing Simple Contracts & Agreements; Newsletter for July 2021
- d. DCC: Consultation of Draft Revised Planning Services Statement of Community Involvement; 14 June – News from Derbyshire County Council – Extra funding for community groups, Nutrition and Hydration Week, Talk Fostering; Local List Consultation 2021; Mobile library Routes 26 July to 20 August
- e. NALC: Newsletter x 4; Chief Executive's Bulletin x 5; Events x 6
- f. SDDC: Flood Liaison Meeting; South Derbyshire Community Heroes Roll of Honour 2021; Active South Derbyshire Sports Pass and Grant Scheme – OPEN; Area Forum Meetings
- g. CVS: The Latest News From South Derbyshire CVS x 2; Befriending & Social Activities In Derbyshire - Referrers Survey; From Liz Gumbley - South Derbyshire CVS re Funding Opportunities; Helping Groups and Organisations Move Forward through Covid-19
- h. Repton Village Hall Chair: RVH update: the heat in summer, help us to help you please; Invitation to RVH users
- i. Repton Village Party Team: Repton Village Party 2022 and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee x 2
- j. Various on advertising at Mitre Field
- k. District Councillor Churchill: Useful Contacts for Residents; ENF/2021/00039 - 42 Milton Road, Repton

- l. Rachel Traverse: EMIP Liaison Meeting; EMIP Liaison Minutes - 9 June 2021
- m. Councillor McArdle: Mitre Field 30th June
- n. Derbyshire Pension Fund - Employer Newsletter 173, June 2021
- o. Various: Fly tipping Report x 2
- p. District Councillor Haines: Reporting Parking Issues
- q. Councilor Sheldon: Flood report and Fisher Dales report
- r. Sterilizing Services: Monthly Temperature Report

19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 19:30 in the Main Hall, Repton Village Hall.

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*13/9/24*