

MINUTES OF REPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JULY 2023

Present: Councillors Sheldon (Chairman), Dickson, Steel, Fluck, Kingman, Mason, Hardwick and Rainey.

Absent: Councillors Brown, McArdle and Griffiths

Staff and public in attendance: District Councillor Haines, Clerk Caroline Crowder and 8 members of public.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Brown, McArdle and Griffiths offered their apologies. County Councillor Ford and District Councillor Lowe offered their apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kingman for the planning application DMPA/2023/0700.

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 12TH JUNE 2023

Resolved: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by Councillor Sheldon as a correct and true record.

Standing Orders suspended

6. PUBLIC SPEAKING

Various members of the public came to discuss their objections to planning application DMPA/2023/0700.

The Chairman advised that the Council would be discussing this under planning during the meeting. He emphasised that the Council only has the same rights to comment or object as an individual does and recommended that all concerned should make their own representations to SDDC Planning.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

a. Applications

DMPA/2023/0700 Resolved, all Councillors agreed to submit the following to SDDC Planning

- The Repton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has not been addressed in the application; in particular the proposal would not comply with Policies OS2 and CLE1. This failure by a local applicant is surprising and needs to be rectified.
- The Planning Statement states that the facility will be used extensively by the local community.
 - The applicant quotes SDDC Local Plan Policy INF9. This Policy acknowledges a shortfall in sports facilities across the District" but the applicant fails to note that the Policy INF9 continues "to meet local need". The application does not show how this Policy is implemented in this proposal. Whilst the School and FA sponsored events must have priority, for this application to meet 'local needs' defined and equitable arrangements for local communities would need to be put in place and at a defined cost that would be affordable to them for this policy to be met.



- Furthermore the Application quotes Local Policy S1 that is supportive of under section S1 iii) 'Provide new infrastructure to support the growth across the District. This will include new transport and education provision, and other services and facilities'. However section iii) of Policy S1 is included in order to support either growth in housing (S1 i) or employment (S1 ii) in South Derbyshire. The application does not support either of these requirements so Policy S1 is not relevant.
 - The Planning Statement seeks to assess compliance with Plan Policy BNE5 but ignores the requirement BNE5 v) which states "and v) will not unduly impact on: landscape character and quality, biodiversity, best and most versatile agricultural land, and heritage assets". The proposal will unduly impact the character of the land, particularly that adjacent to Burton Road.
 - The use of the facility must not negatively impact the use of the Village by residents. The application defines 67 parking spaces with seating for 168 spectators provided in the stand. With the number of players, officials and organisers involved, if more than four teams are involved in an event (e.g. a knockout competition) then parking at the facility must be restricted to participants only and spectators would be required to park elsewhere on the applicant's estate. This would need to be a condition of use if the application was approved.
 - The access assessment is limited to Minibuses of up to 17 seats using the facility. Coaches (> 17seats) must therefore be prohibited from using the site and will be required to use other parts of the applicant's estate as a condition of use if the application was approved. It is noted that a separate pedestrian way is defined as part of the access arrangements on Tanners Lane.
 - The design of the Floodlights must be planned to minimise light pollution and glare external to the site and is to be agreed with SDDC before construction is started as a condition if the application was approved.
 - The final Ecological Survey and Report must be satisfactorily completed prior to consideration of the application.
 - It is noted that the change of use of agricultural land in the application is limited to the relocation of the Maintenance Shed. Further development of this area would be subject to a further application.
- b. None.

Standing Orders Resumed

8. COUNTY, DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- a. County Councillor Ford, had offered his apologies prior to the meeting. He had been asked to chase up a response from DCC Rights of Way in connection with the post in Milton that does not allow full accessibility to the footpath. After discussion **all resolved, that Councillors Fluck and Sheldon would talk to the people concerned.**
- b. Anna Parish from Repton School, thanked the community for their understanding during the end of year ball at the School. She was asked by the Clerk to check that the School's D of E litter pick was supervised and insured. They had received the Council's request to cut a hedge at Mitre Field and would plan to do this after the bird nesting session had finished.
- c. District Councillor Haines, Safer Neighbourhood grants are available at the moment, applications would need to be submitted. The next area forum is 7th September it is within the Repton area but a venue has yet to be confirmed. She has chased up the new Milton bin, it should be installed ASAP. The replacement road signs were discussed and the Council believe that the one to go on the building for Milton Road has not gone up. The District Councillors are planning a surgery in September.

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Andrew Churchill, ex South Derbyshire District Councillor has been awarded an OBE in the last King's Honours list, he asked if the Council would agree to send him a letter of congratulations. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed, the Clerk would write and send the letter on their behalf.**

10. CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Clerk on annual leave 7th – 8th September
- b. Rats reported at allotment, Clerk has spoken to a pest control company who advised not to take any further action other than advising allotment holders to not leave any sources of water for the rats and that all poultry should be caged allowing no access to their food for the rats. **Resolved, all agreed that no further action**



would be taken other than the Clerk advising people of this recommendation on the next allotment holder's communication.

- c. Permission had been asked to use Mitre Field for a bouncy castle. The clerk had refused due to the Council's no inflatable policy.
- d. The grounds maintenance company reported a dead Christmas tree and some panelling had been dumped behind the shed at the burial ground. They have advised they will remove this, whilst performing the quarterly tidy up.

11. REPTON VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEE

Deferred to next meeting.

12. BROOMHILLS LANE RESURFACING

Councillor Dickson and the Clerk reported that from the last meeting with the residents of the lane, the quote to resurface the lane would be: £27,735 plus £150 for an additional speed hump; £27,885 plus VAT, equalling £33,462. 20% of this is £6,692.40 of which £1,338.48 is VAT, Council contribution minus VAT is £5,353.92. Councillor Dickson expressed that he feels that the Council have put in enough time and there should be no further input from the Council. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to no further involvement and to contribute the figures as stated above. Clerk to write to the Chairman of the group and advise of this.**

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUPS

a. ELDERLY PROVISION (COUNCILLOR SHELDON)

i. THE DALES

No updates

ii. FISHER CLOSE

No updates

b. ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE (COUNCILLOR BROWN)

i. TREES

The working group wished for a quote to be gained to cut back the brambles next to Mitre Field towards Chestnut Way. As there is no meeting in August, **resolved, all agreed that the Chairman and Clerk had delegated authority to authorise this work once a quote had been gained.**

ii. MILTON TELEPHONE BOX

A specification of renovation work needed is to be drawn up and a request for quotes will be issued out. At the moment the use of the phone box has not been decided, one idea is for another defibrillator to be installed. The Milton councillors are to canvas the residents and the Clerk will ask for suggestions to be sent in to her by advertising in the village magazine and website.

c. RIGHTS OF WAY/MAINTENANCE (COUNCILLOR DICKSON)

Councillor Kingman has been in discussion with DCC about the state of Matthews's jitty and the bridge, they have come out to assess the situation and will be progressing some work to correct the issues. Councillor Dickson asked Anna Parish from Repton School when they were able to complete the works to the chicane on Mitre Drive, she advised she will check with the grounds maintenance team. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed that they could assist by paying for half of the costs, this is already with the current budget.**

d. BURIAL GROUND AND ALLOTMENTS (COUNCILLOR STEEL)

i. Allotment inspection

Councillor Brown and the clerk inspected the allotments on 6th July. Most were found to be satisfactory.

- One allotment holder has passed away. Family have been assisting for a long time with the upkeep of the allotment and would like to carry on. This was discussed further by the Council. Although the tenancy agreement states that plots should be handed back following the death of a plot holder, **resolved, all Councillor agreed that as the family had been known to work**



the plot with them for over two decades they would agree to pass the tenancy over to the family. This decision will not set a new precedent.

- Plot 9B notice to vacate by end of July as the plot has not been cultivated since the tenancy started.
- 4 plots to receive notification to cultivate to 75% or more by September or revoke tenancy
- 13b removal of tree needed to allow further cultivation of plot. Quote from grounds maintenance for this work of £185.
- One plot, letter to say progress has been seen, will re-inspect in September

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the communications being sent to the allotment holders as stated above. Re-inspection to be early September 2023.

ii. Burial Ground

Councillor Steel met with the grave digger and agreed where to store spoil. A quote needs to be requested from the grounds maintenance contractor to fix the gate post for the gate between the allotments and the burial ground.

e. RECREATION, PLAY FIELDS AND YOUTH

i. BROOMHILLS PAVILLION (COUNCILLOR BROWN)

i. MAINTENANCE

No updates

ii. REFURBISHMENT

No updates

ii. MITRE FIELD

i. MULTI-FUNCTION TRACK (COUNCILLOR MASON)

No updates

ii. SURVEY (COUNCILLOR MASON)

Survey has now closed the responses will now be analysed and a report issued to Council.

iii. GRANTS (COUNCILLOR MASON)

No updates

iv. PERIMETER (COUNCILLOR MASON)

No updates

v. PLAY AREA (COUNCILLOR MCARDLE)

Following the annual inspection, two areas of moderate risk were identified. Swing seat needs replacement at a cost of £95.00 **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to this.**

Slide needs replacement timbers, removal of sharp edges and reinstate surface. Waiting on SDDC to provide a quote for repairs. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to give the Clerk and Chairman delegated authority to approve the quote when it is available.**

vi. TREE PLANTING

No updates.

f. EMERGENCY

i. FLOODING (COUNCILLOR SHELDON)

No flooding seen recently

ii. OTHER AREAS (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

No updates.

g. FREEPORT (COUNCILLOR FLUCK)

No updates.

h. SPEED WATCH, PARKING AND TRAFFIC

i. SPEED WATCH (COUNCILLOR KINGMAN)

Councillor Kingman is now on the rota for speed watch activities. There is a lack of volunteers at the moment and they would like other people to volunteer. She will start to issue a monthly report on the activities.



ii. PARKING AND SPEED CONTROL (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

Councillor Hardwick has sent out six point action plan to the Council. He is looking for other Councillors to join the working group.

iii. 20S PLENTY (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

No updates.

iv. SIDS (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

Councillor Hardwick is reviewing the documentation.

i. ACCESS AROUND THE PARISH (COUNCILLOR DICKSON)

No updates.

j. COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

No updates.

k. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (COUNCILLOR GRIFFITHS)

No updates.

14. FINANCE

a. Receipts since last meeting: Incoming finance: RBS Account: May interest £41.39, June interest £40.32

Current Account: Precept SDDC £25,150.00

b. Payments already made and for approval:

Date	Payment method/cheque number	Description	Name	Vat	Total	Details for banking	Payment from
10/07/2023	Bank transfer	Clerk Salary	Clerk		£980.60	Information only	Current account
10/07/2023	Bank transfer	Clerk pension	DCC		£262.53	Information only	Current account
10/07/2023	Direct Debit	Office rent	Repton Village Hall		£175.00	Information only	Current account
10/07/2023	Bank transfer	Broomhills cleaning	Cleaner	£0.58	£57.50	Approval sought	Current account
10/07/2023	Bank transfer	Mobile phone	Vesta Payment Solution UK Ltd (via clerk)		£10.00	Approval sought	Current account
10/07/2023	Direct Debit	Broomhills electricity	British Gas	£3.18	£66.92	Information only	Current account
10/07/2023	Bank transfer	Grounds Maintenance	Mercia Garden Care		£541.50	Approval sought	Current account
10/07/2023	Direct Debit	Unmetered electricity supply for light on Springfield	SSE		£0.00	Approval sought	Current account
10/07/2023	Bank transfer	NI and Income Tax	HMRC		£115.77	Information only	Current account
10/07/2023	Bank transfer	Postage	Post Office Ltd (via clerk)		£11.20	Approval sought	Current account
10/07/2023	Bank transfer	Annual playground inspection	SDDC	£15.00	£90.00	Approval sought	Recreation Ground Account
10/07/2023	Bank transfer	Printer ink	Amazon (via clerk)	£6.44	£38.65	Approval sought	Current account



10/07/2023		June playground inspection and maintenance	SDDC				Recreation Ground Account
	Bank transfer			£10.93	£65.58	Approval sought	
10/07/2023		move funds to Recreation Ground Account	Repton Parish Council				Current account
	Bank transfer				£1,000.00	Approval sought	
			TOTAL	£36.13	£3,415.25		

c. Bank balances

Current Account = £ 70,708.76

Recreation Ground Account = £85.40

RBS Reserves = £42,695.42

Petty Cash = £81.76

d. Asset Register, nothing to add

15. CORRESPONDENCE (RECEIVED SINCE LAST AGENDA UNTIL 3RD JULY 2023)

- a. DCC: Newsletter x 1 ; Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 18 September 2023 x 2
- b. DALC: June newsletter
- c. NALC: Newsletter x 4 ; Chief Executive's Bulletin x 4
- d. SDDC: Annual Inspection Report
- e. Sterilizing Solutions monthly report x 1
- f. Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter Issue 3
- g. District Councillor Haines: Summer Event and Children's Activities
- h. Zurich: Important information regarding Works in Progress cover
- i. Mercia Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) - June 2023
- j. South Derbyshire CVS Funding Bulletin x 1
- k. District Councillor Lowe: Planning Committee
- l. Derbyshire Pension Fund: Flexible retirement and shortfall estimate requests; June update
- m. Natwest: We're Making Changes to your Terms
- n. Royal Bank of Scotland: We're Making Changes to your Terms
- o. Repton School: DMPA/2023/0700 Repton School 3G pitches and pavilion public consultation

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 11th September 2023 in the meeting room at Repton Village Hall at 19:30

11th September 2023

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