

MINUTES OF REPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2024

Present: Councillors Sheldon (Chairman), McArdle, Fluck, Mason, Hardwick, Dickson, Kingman, Rainey and Hurren

Absent: Councillor Brown

Staff and public in attendance: District Councillor Lowe, County Councillor Ford, Clerk Caroline Crowder and 3 members of public.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Brown gave his apologies. District Councillor Haines offered her apologies due to other commitments.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 8TH JANUARY 2024

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

Standing Orders suspended

6. PUBLIC SPEAKING

A member of the public asked if the annual memorial safety checks could be announced on the burial ground gates and in the parish magazine. The Clerk advised this would be done next time.

PCSO Marley thanked all the groups and people involved in the recent Community Day and Councillor Hardwick for the article in the parish magazine. Councillor McArdle thanked all the Police that helped with the event. Councillor Sheldon thanked them for all the work they do in the Parish and wider community. He advised that there are more community speed watch groups in this parish than any other area in Derbyshire, Ticknall and Findern are now setting up. The recent speed watch in Milton highlighted that a large proportion of speeders are people going to and out of Foremark School. They are currently working with residents that have been burgled, and parking issues around the area. He advised that they are about to test a new app to assist with parking issues. He is aware of the issues seen around Repton Primary School and has been working with the headmaster. The John Port School bus is also causing some issues when they drop off, the Clerk is to write to them and ask if they can assist by moving where they drop off. He thanked all the people involved in assisting during the recent flooding. The Police did have to close the causeway between Willington and Repton, although this was closed to traffic as works were happening, people were seen entering the flood water that contained sewage. Councillor Sheldon asked if the Police could assist in getting the flood lights sorted at Repton School as they are blinding drivers coming from Willington along the Causeway. He was aware of this as he himself had been affected. It was agreed that the Clerk would escalate this to the School (issue has been flagged before); District Councillor Lowe and County Councillor Ford would also take this back to SDDC and DCC.

7. REPTON SCHOOL

No attendance from School due to half term holiday.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

a. Planning Applications

DMPA/2023/0071: Notification of planning appeal: Outline application (matters of access to be considered now, with matters of appearance, scale, landscaping and layout reserved) for the erection of one detached dwelling42, Main Street, Repton, Derbyshire. Councillor Sheldon asked District Councillor Lowe to look into this as he believes it is the third time this has been applied for.

b. Planning Decisions

No comments.

Standing Orders Resumed

9. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Councillor Gary Steel has tendered his resignation to the Clerk. The Council asked the clerk to send him a formal letter thanking him for his year of hard work; his commitment and experience will be greatly missed. SDDC have been informed and the vacancy advertised. If they receive no call for an election the Council will be able to co-opt after 16th February, once advised by SDDC. **Resolved, all agreed to the Clerk advertising the vacancy and put co-option onto the next agenda.**

10. COUNTY, DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- a. County Councillor Ford, DCC are in the budget setting process, with a recommendation of a 4.99% rise. He has been inundated with emails of the amount of potholes. He is meeting with the Cabinet Member and the Director of Service next week. Councillor Dickson asked if he could look into why signs had not been put up warning the public of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme work. Councillor Sheldon asked if DCC were commenting to the Boundary Commission about potential changes in electoral boundaries. He advised that they would be but they had no more right to comment than any other organisation or individual
- b. District Councillor Lowe, reported that the annual report for previous year has been published on the SDDC website. There is currently a flood resilience repair grant scheme, up to £5000 available to residents and businesses, it is DCC run scheme, details available on SDDC and DCC websites. SDDC are celebrating fifty years. National Grid are doing some work from Drakelow to Stanton by Bridge, this will border onto the Repton area around Robin's Cross. Councillor Sheldon asked if could assist with arranging a meeting with the officer in charge of the Fisher Close project.
- c. Councillor Hardwick reported that last week's Parish Council surgery went well.

11. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. He had been approached about contributing money to the Youth Club. Currently the Council do not have any budget for issuing grants. Clerk to write back to them advising that there currently no money available and advise them of the grant awarding policy.

12. CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Surgeries: 8th March Jonathan, 12th April Pauline
- b. Annual leave: 22nd February, 2nd-5th April
- c. A new financial report was issued to the Councillors. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the new format and opening a business reserve account for the earmarked reserves.**
- d. Vat reclaim issue, opened a case with HMRC. Currently they have paid an incorrect claim into the Council's account.

- e. Resident asked for Parish Council help with inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside the primary school. Clerk advised them to contact County Councillor Ford, Safer Neighbourhood Police contact and the civil parking enforcement team at DCC.

13. CONSULTATION ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIVISION BOUNDARIES IN DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to send the response documented by Councillor Hardwick.

14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUPS

a. ELDERLY PROVISION (COUNCILLOR SHELDON)

i. FISHER CLOSE

No updates.

b. ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE (COUNCILLOR BROWN)

i. ARBORETUM

No updates

ii. MILTON TELEPHONE BOX

i. DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator has been installed, currently not registered with the emergency services, once this has been done, Councillor Fluck will remove the out of service sign. Councillor Fluck is to organise who should be trained in the local community, the Clerk will then coordinate with Community Heartbeat and Milton Village Hall.

iii. REPTON IN BLOOM

Work is ongoing to organise help and funding.

c. RIGHTS OF WAY/MAINTENANCE (COUNCILLOR DICKSON)

- i. Councillor Dickson has raised a case with DCC as building work next to the footpath off Chestnut Way is blocking access.

d. BURIAL GROUND AND ALLOTMENTS ()

i. MEMORIAL TESTING

The Clerk has recently carried out a memorial inspection, a significant amount of memorials have been laid flat. Letters sent to last know addresses, notices put up in burial ground, noticeboards, website and Facebook

ii. ALLOTMENT PLOT FOR REFUGEES

Resolved, all Councillors agreed to this with the proviso that one person is responsible for ensuring the terms and conditions of tenancy are adhered to. No fee for this year as the plot is very overgrown. The arrangement will be reviewed in one year.

e. RECREATION, PLAY FIELDS AND YOUTH

i. BROOMHILLS PAVILION (COUNCILLOR BROWN)

i. MAINTENANCE

No updates.

ii. MITRE FIELD

i. MULTI-FUNCTION TRACK (COUNCILLOR MASON)

Councillor Mason and McArdle had met with SDDC Planning to discuss the proposed project. Councillor McArdle is arranging a public information meeting to be held at the Den on Mitre Field. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed the fee for Clark and Kent to attend the consultation meeting**

ii. GRANTS (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

Councillor Hardwick is looking into this.

f. EMERGENCY

i. FLOODING (COUNCILLOR SHELDON)

Councillor Sheldon is working to get the Environment Agency to engage with the flood warden group.

g. FREEPORT (COUNCILLOR FLUCK)

No updates.

h. SPEED WATCH, PARKING AND TRAFFIC

i. SPEED WATCH (COUNCILLOR KINGMAN)

Good interest for new volunteers at the recent community day.

ii. PARKING AND SPEED CONTROL (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

Nothing to report.

iii. SIDS (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

Resolved, a majority of Councillors agreed to the purchase of two SIDS from Swarco, application to DCC for siting of devices, installation of three posts by DCC, permission to use three existing posts from DCC, application for grant from Police Commissioner.

i. ACCESS AROUND THE PARISH (COUNCILLOR DICKSON)

School barrier should be being moved this week.

j. COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

Surveys are coming back in from the recent Community Day.

k. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CLERK)

No updates.

l. BIODIVERSITY ()

Clerk to document a draft policy for next meeting.

15. FINANCE

a. Receipts since last meeting: Incoming finance:

- I. Allotment rental £536.00
- II. Burial Ground fees £200.00

b. Payments already made and for approval:

Date	Payment method/cheque number	Description	Name	Vat	Total	Details for banking	Payment from
15/02/2024	Bank transfer	Repton Christmas Tree Contribution	Repton School		150.00	For approval	Current Account
12/02/2024	Bank transfer	Clerk Salary	Clerk		1,021.52	Information Only	Current Account
12/02/2024	Bank transfer	Clerk pension	DCC		277.89	Information Only	Current Account
12/02/2024	Direct Debit	Office rent	Repton Village Hall		175.00	Information Only	Current Account
12/02/2024	Bank transfer	Broomhills cleaning	Cleaner		36.00	For approval	Current Account
29/01/2024	Direct Debit	Broomhills electricity	British Gas	2.77	58.17	Information Only	Current Account
12/02/2024	Bank transfer	Email January 2024	Bluehost (via clerk)	0.94	5.66	For approval	Current Account
15/02/2024	Direct Debit	GDPR/Data Protection Renewal Fee	Information Commissioners Office		35.00	Information Only	Current Account
12/02/2024	Bank transfer	stage 4 burial ground	Tree & Garden Services	90.00	540.00	For approval	Current Account
12/02/2024	Bank transfer	Postage	Royal mail (via clerk)		3.75	For approval	Current Account
12/02/2024	Bank transfer	Stationary	Amazon (via clerk)	2.81	16.84	For approval	Current Account
12/02/2024	Bank transfer	Emergency Lighting check at Broomhills	Owen Jowett		100.00	For approval	Current Account
12/02/2024	Bank transfer	Postage	Post Office (via clerk)		26.25	For approval	Current Account
12/02/2024	Bank transfer	Printer ink	Amazon (via clerk)	6.40	38.37	For approval	Current Account

Chairman's signature, once full Council has approved: 

12/02/24	Bank transfer	December playground inspection and maintenance	SDDC	10.93	65.58	For approval	Recreation Ground Account
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			TOTAL	£124.78	£2,615.61		

c. Bank balances

Current Account = £37,955.68 (overpayment from HMRC of £1352.17 is not included in this figure)

Recreation Ground Account = £ 1,208.34

RBS Reserves = £43,299.39

Petty Cash = £81.76

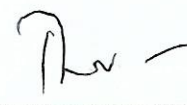
d. Defibrillator to be added once installed.

16. CORRESPONDENCE (RECEIVED SINCE LAST AGENDA UNTIL 5TH FEBRUARY 2024)

- a. DCC: Newsletter x 1; Temporary Road Closure, UNNAMED SECTION OF C241 BETWEEN INGLEBY LANE AND MAIN STREET, MILTON, 22/02/2024 | Temporary Road Closure | Greysich Lane, Bretby | 14/02/2024 - 23/02/2024
- b. DALC: AGM Reminder; Newsletter – January and February; Forum Reminder; Online webinars offered as part of Safer Internet Day 2024 (Tuesday 6 Feb & repeated Fri 9th Feb)
- c. NALC: Newsletter x 4; Chief Executive’s Bulletin x 4
- d. SDDC: Playground Inspection x 1; Repton Agenda Pack -January 2024; Repton 24/25 Precept; BEACON REGISTRATION - D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024; SDDC Flooding update; Personal Security Briefings - Elected Officials and Faith Leaders
- e. Sterilizing Solutions monthly report x 1
- f. District Councillor Haines: Planning application 2023/1464
- g. South Derbyshire CVS: Health and Wellbeing Bulletin x 2 ; Funding Bulletin x
- h. District Councillor Lowe: Small Grants Scheme
- i. Repton School: Christmas tree
- j. Maple Tree café: COMMUNITY DAY PLANS - Saturday 20th January x2
- k. Newton Solney Parish Consultation: Budget Consultation
- l. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Derbyshire - DR – Stakeholders
- m. Derbyshire Pension Fund, employer newsletter 204, January 2024; Derbyshire Pension Fund (LGPS) - Change to strain/shortfall factors for early retirement calculations
- n. EMA: We want your Opinion; Community Flyer
- o. Planning Concerns

17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 11th March 2024 at 19:00 in the meeting room at Repton Village Hall, parish meeting at 19:00 full Council meeting on the conclusion


11/3/24