



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Church on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7pm**

Present: Cllr R. Miles Cllr N. Edmiston (Chair); Cllr H.L Corbett; Cllr M. Wilson

In Attendance: Frank Horsley (Parish Clerk)  
1 member of the public, Cllr Slack (DDDC - partial)

**FC/0924/01 Apologies for Absence**

None.

**FC/0924/02 Variation to the Order of Business**

None.

**FC/0924/03 Declaration of Members Interest**

None.

**FC/0924/04 Public Participation**

The Chair suspended Standing Orders and invited resident comments. None raised.

**FC/0924/05 Co-option to Casual Vacancy**

The Chair further suspended Standing Orders under Section 3 and welcomed the candidate (Bex Cole-Morgan). Frank Horsley outlined the procedure as covered under Section 8 of Standing Orders. The Chair invited the candidate to speak and this was declined. Frank Horsley noted that the candidate was eligible and the candidate provided the required documentation. Council briefly discussed the candidacy and the Chair called a vote. **Council voted 4-0 in favour of co-opting the candidate and this was accepted.** The Chair invited Bex to remain for the duration of the meeting. Frank Horsley noted that Bex would formally become a Member once the appropriate documentation had been submitted to the Monitoring Officer.

**ACTION:** Frank Horsley to provide Bex with Declaration of Acceptance of Office to sign (signed at the meeting) and Register of Interests to complete. Frank Horsley to provide relevant information to Bex by way of induction and set up Councillor gov.uk email account.

**FC/0924/06 Ward Councillor Reports**

Cllr Peter Slack reported on key issues from the District Council relevant to the parish.

He reported that the Temporary Traveler's Site consultation was now complete with DDDC officer analysing responses. It was felt that that none of the sites were ideal but DDDC was hampered by the lack of available land. The public meetings had created much debate and strong views. It was confirmed the C&HPC had provided a response. Meanwhile, DDDC are awaiting a report from land agents for permanent sites to meet statutory planning duty.

Cllr Slack reported on the recent district-wide car park review and officers were analysing responses. He outlined a new policy which would implement seasonal charges on a number of high-use car parks. Three car parks had been identified in the Wirksworth ward with the Middleton (Nelson) car park challenged by Middleton PC.

Cllr Slack announced good news that DDDC had been successful in obtaining HMG grant for over 25 new affordable houses in the district.

The Chair thanked Cllr Slack for his report.

### **FC/0924/07 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 were a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

### **FC/0924/08 Council Action Plan**

Members considered the Council Action Plan and noted progress against each section. The key points resolved for updating included:

- Defibrillators  
Frank Horsley reported that BT had confirmed providing power to the Telephone Box would be difficult. He noted that the previous supplier had highlighted the Carsington unit was reaching the end of its lifecycle. It was confirmed that it had been purchased in 2016. It was noted that the Hopton unit (purchased in 2020) was not powered but operated from an insulated box and the same could be done in Carsington and relocated from the Miners Arms to the Telephone Box. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to investigate potential suppliers and costs of providing new unit for Carsington plus the requisite thermal box. Quotes to be circulated and CPWF grant application to be considered at the next meeting.**
- Assets  
Frank Horsley noted that the Asset Register was now updated for next insurance quote. New OHP purchased. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to contact Simon Mitchell to request use of Church's projector screen.**
- Projects
  - Bug House supplied and installed with a welcome response from residents.
  - Noticeboards in storage and require erecting. **ACTION: Cllr Miles to follow up with potential contractors.**
  - Telephone Box – further to earlier discussion regarding the relocation of the defibrillator, Cllr Edmiston confirmed that he had purchased a First Aid Box and gifted for placement in the box to act as Community First Aid Station. Council thanked Cllr Edmiston for his generosity.
- Climate Change  
Council resolved not to implement a specific policy but include practical consideration with all projects and activities.

#### Village Green

- Council discussed purchasing bulbs for Spring 2025 (see below).

- Cllr Corbett stated that the proposed dry-stone wall/pillar contractor had still not responded. **ACTION: Cllr Corbett to chase and seek new contractor is no further response (Bex Cole-Morgan to provide details of alternative).**
- Finance  
Frank Horsley reported on overall budget position but confirmed he would remain alert to any grant opportunities available. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to request review of asset values with insurers.**
- Neighbourhood Plan  
Frank Horsley confirmed that he would investigate further and report back to a meeting in early 2025.
- Snow Warden  
Council discussed the scheme and agreed to register with DCC. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to register (deadline 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024) and contact Alex Milward regarding storage.**
- Dog Fouling  
Cllr Corbett stated that NFU had responded and provided signs as requested that had been distributed. It was noted that the signs were designed for farms primarily. Council agreed to monitor the situation. **ACTION: Frank Horsley agreed to update the Action Plan accordingly and circulate with the minutes.**

#### **FC/0924/09 Village Matters Arising (not on Action Plan)**

##### a) New Village Projects

- Bird & Squirrel Feeders – Cllr Edmiston presented examples of fun and functional feeders, outlining the opportunity to encourage wildlife and add a further feature for the community. Council discussed the proposal and considered restocking, proposing the potential purchase of a lockable garden box which could be re-filled by volunteers from the village. It was agreed that cost of feed would need budgeting and nuts as opposed to seed would be a preferable stock. Council further discussed the potential of the feeders attracting vermin and the need to regularly clean the feeders.

It was agreed to add to the Action Plan and pilot the project with one squirrel feeder and two bird feeders. **ACTIONS: Cllr Edmiston to provide details of the feeders and lockable box to Frank Horsley to purchase. Cllr Edmiston to order feed supply online when in place (to be claimed back from Council funds).**

- Bulbs & Bedding Plants – Council discussed the variety of herbs and flowers required and approved a budget of £50 to purchase supplies. **ACTION: Cllr Wilson would purchase bulbs (to be claimed back from Council funds) and request Shane Bonsall to provide new topsoil.**

##### b) Defibrillators

Discussed and actions agreed earlier.

##### c) 20 mph speed limit

Cllr Miles outlined concerns of residents and Council considered potential actions. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to contact Highways for advice and guidance.**

#### **FC/0924/10 Financial Matters**

- a) The Council approved accounts for payment for July/August 2024. Signed.
- b) The Council noted income received for July/August 2024. Signed.
- c) The Council reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for July/August 2024. Signed.

- d) Frank Horsley outlined the process for budget and precept setting and confirmed a draft budget would be brought to the next Council meeting in November for consideration. It was noted that Council funds seemed very healthy when previously this had not appeared to be the case. Frank Horsley agreed to investigate as part of budget setting process. **ACTIONS: Frank Horsley to review previous 12 months financial balances and details of Carsington Pastures Windfarm agreement.**

#### **FC/0924/11 Planning**

The Council noted the updated planning schedule circulated and agreed no objection to 24/00810/FUL. Council discussed the ongoing development of holiday lodges near Knockerdown Farm (Hognaston parish) and concerns regarding the resourcing and level of service available from DDDC especially in key areas such as pre-application advice.

#### **FC/0924/12 Correspondence**

MS OneDrive file circulated to Members prior to meeting.

#### **FC/0924/13 Any Other Items**

The Chair noted that request from Frank Horsley to consider the purchase of a new laptop for Clerk duties and outlined the previous arrangements. Council approved the purchase of a new laptop to be subsequently added to the asset register. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to source and purchase new laptop to include necessary software and virus protection.**

Council discussed the state of roadside hedges and verges throughout the parish and it was noted that this was DCC responsibility as Highways Authority. Members agreed to monitor.

#### **FC/0924/14 Date & Time of Next Full Council Meeting**

Council confirmed Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as previous published.

The meeting ended at 8.57pm.