



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Church on Monday 24th November 2025 at 7pm

Present: Cllr N. Edmiston (Chair); Cllr H.L Corbett; Cllr M. Wilson; Cllr R.Cole-Morgan and Cllr N MacPherson
In Attendance: Frank Horsley (Parish Clerk)
Cllr L. Peacock (Derbyshire Dales District Council) (part)

FC/1125/01 Apologies for Absence

None.

FC/1125/02 Variation of the Order of Business

No variation proposed.

FC/1125/03 Declaration of Members Interests

None.

FC/1125/04 Public Participation

Cllr Peacock provided an update on DDDC matters regarding planning enforcement matters relating to the refrigeration unit to the rear of the Miners Arms and ongoing activity at Twiggs Plantation. Cllr Peacock agreed to follow up issues discussed and feedback to the Council. Cllr Peacock provided an update on Local Government Re-organisation, the second home premium and ongoing consultation with regards temporary traveler's sites. Cllr Corbett enquired about timescales for the Local Plan review due in early 2026. Cllr Peacock stated that there was a slight delay but consultation should commence in Spring 2026. Cllr Edmiston thanked Cllr Peacock for her update.

FC/1125/05 Ward Councillor Reports

None received.

FC/1125/06 Minutes of Previous Meeting

No amendments proposed. The Council **resolved** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 6th October 2025 were a true and accurate record.

FC/1125/07 Council Action Plan

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

Projects

- Solar powered signage for first aid station – Cllr Cole-Morgan has taken delivery of the equipment and contacted supplier for further instructions. Cllr MacPherson offered to help with installation.

Village Green

- Play area refurbishment – Members further discussed options for either refurbishment or like-for-like replacement following consideration at the previous Council meeting. Frank Horsley informed Members that arrangements had been made with Peak Playgrounds for a site visit to progress. Cllr Edmiston reported that he was continuing to investigate the stepping stones proposal as part of the refurbishment activity.

Snow Warden

- Frank Horsley noted that he was still awaiting contact from Derbyshire County Council. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to contact DCC for further details and snow wardens in due course.**

Parking on Main Street

- Frank Horsley reported that a response had not yet been received for the Objects in the Highway (OITH) license application submitted to Derbyshire County Council in May. He would continue to chase for a decision. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to further chase the application and, if successful, report back to Members.**

Commemorative Bench

- Members briefly discussed progress and Frank Horsley stated that he would contact the proposer to further discuss. Cllr MacPherson suggested that a bus shelter also be considered for Hopton. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to further contact resident proposer and investigate any requirements for a bus shelter through Derbyshire County Council.**

ACTION: Frank Horsley to update Action Plan with agreed changes.

FC/1125/08 Village Matters Arising (not on Action Plan)

- a) CPWF Grant Application – The Rose Project – Frank Horsley briefly presented the application following previous presentation from the applicant Carsington and Hopton Gardening Club. Cllr Cole-Morgan queried whether the proposed arches positioned above the benches could provide safety concerns. Cllr Wilson noted the potential risk posed by children potentially climbing on the structures. Members agreed that they remained supportive in principle of the project but alternative options should be discussed with the applicant to alleviate potential safety and maintenance concerns identified prior to further consideration. Suggestions included a structure positioned in the existing rose bed. **ACTIONS: Frank Horsley to feedback to applicant and Members to further discuss potential alternatives with Gardening Club with a view to consider an amended grant application at the next meeting in January.**
- b) Parish Resilience – Cllr MacPherson presented a number of ideas to support parish resilience with a focus on the Council acting as facilitator for any proposals taken

forward. The proposals also included using the Council website to enhance engagement through the potential introduction of a discussion forum. Members engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the scope of Parish Council responsibilities and resources to support any proposals. Cllr Corbett noted the existence of the village WhatsApp group and whilst it was acknowledged that this was not as comprehensive as many other platforms, it did offer residents the opportunity to engage in discussions as appropriate. Changes to the parish website could be costly and may not be considered as value added. The Chair thanked Cllr MacPherson for his time and effort in proposing the range of ideas discussed but expressed that he would be uncomfortable taking forward a full programme of activity as proposed considering the demography of the parish and the limited resource and powers of the Council. However, it was acknowledged that elements of the proposals were worthy of further exploration in the future including the supporting first aid training for residents in conjunction with St John's Ambulance, with an emphasis on training in the use of the Parish's two defibrillators. Following a discussion regarding CARE, Cllr Cole-Morgan confirmed that she would add Cllr MacPherson to the CARE email circulation list. **ACTION: Frank Horsley to investigate previous first aid training delivered with a view to arranging another such event in 2026.**

- c) Parish Register – Cllr MacPherson proposed the development of a register of data for the parish to inform future activity. Members discussed the need and value of such data and the resource required to manage. Cllr Corbett stated that the Council had always sought the appropriate information when required to support activity and decision making. Frank Horsley briefly outlined GDPR considerations and Council legal powers in light of the discussion. Members agreed a Parish Register was therefore unnecessary.
- d) New projects – Cllr Corbett proposed the purchase of flag to present to the school. Cllr Cole-Morgan noted that a reputable supplier was located in Chesterfield. **ACTION: Cllr Cole-Morgan to contact supplier and circulate options to Members.** The Chair updated Members of further enquiries into installing stepping stones on the village green with estimates received from local tradespeople. It was agreed that the proposal would be further considered as part of the wider play area refurbishment discussed earlier.

FC/1125/09 Financial Matters

- a) Members noted accounts for payment for October 2025. Signed.
- b) Members noted income received for October 2025. Signed.
- c) Members reviewed the bank reconciliation for October 2025. Signed.
- d) Frank Horsley informed that he was still preparing a draft budget for consideration and this would be circulated for comments and amendments before the Xmas break prior to consideration and approval at the next Council meeting on Monday 26th January. Frank Horsley noted that he would be recommending a zero increase in precept for 2026/27 considering the Council's current financial position. Members welcomed the proposal.

FC/1125/10 Planning

- a) Planning Protocol – Members noted the second version of the previously considered protocol and discussed an alternative draft prepared by Cllr Corbett. **Following a discussion the Council resolved to adopt the Planning Protocol drafted by Cllr Corbett subject to minor amendments. ACTION: Cllr Corbett to make minor amendments and forward the approved draft to Frank Horsley for inclusion on the website.**

- b) New planning applications – Members noted and discussed planning application 25/01011/LBALT. Cllr MacPherson stated that he had reviewed the application and Members discussed matters of detail for consideration prior to submitting comments. **ACTION: Members to feedback any comments or objections to the Clerk in line with protocol with any written submission agreed and required to be drafted by Cllr Corbett.**

FC/1125/11 Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence on MS OneDrive file circulated prior to meeting. Frank Horsley noted the EMCCA Mayors Transport Plan consultation and Cllr MacPherson noted he intended to visit the consultation event in Ashbourne on 5th December.

FC/1125/12 Any Other Items

None.

FC/1125/13 Date & Time of Next Full Council Meeting

Monday 26th January 2025 at 7pm.

The meeting ended at 9.13pm.