

**MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 14.12.20 VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT** Councillors A Barnes (Chair), P Byron, H Hearn, A Lloyd, C Mousley, M Rafferty, Parish Clerk, Councillor A Wheelton (SDDC)

**20/174 To receive apologies for absence**

None

**20/175 Declaration of Members Interests**

None

**20/176 Public Speaking**

Councillor Wheelton had circulated information about a planning application on Land at the Former Drakelow Power Station. Countryside Properties are currently undertaking due diligence with a view to purchasing the above site in order to bring it forward for a residential led development in accordance with the allocation in the adopted South Derbyshire Local Plan. Councillor Wheelton explained the planning process. It was agreed to invite Countryside Properties to a meeting.

A parishioner raised concerns that a no road markings road sign was still in situ on Drakelow Road from works done months ago. Clerk to report to DCC.

A parishioner raised concerns about fly tipping and the state of the bridge. Councillor Wheelton confirmed that the bridge is down to be swept twice a year and had recently been done. Fly tipping can be reported direct to SDDC.

Parishioners raised the issue of overweight vehicles going through the village. Vital Energi had emailed to say the vehicles were not associated with themselves as per the details under correspondence for information. They also offered to provide updates on works taking place and it was agreed to invite them to a meeting. It was most likely that the overweight lorries were going to the new development by Lionscourt Homes on Rosliston Road South. Councillor Lloyd reported that there is no traffic management plan agreed as part of the planning permission obtained from SDDC. Councillor Wheelton offered to follow with SDDC. Clerk to provide Councillor Wheelton with copies of emails regarding vehicles.

Parishioners reported that the brook running down Station Road is full of rubbish including what appears to be cannabis plants. Clerk to report to the Environment Agency.

A parishioner reported that she had seen the council litter picking just outside the 30 limit on the Drakelow Road on the 10 December.

**20/177 To determine which items, if any, from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.**

None

**20/178 Chairman's Announcements**

Councillor Barnes thanked Councillor Byron for taking down the lamppost poppies. It was agreed some of the poppies could do with replacing next year. Councillor Barnes has collected the wreath and will save until next year. Councillor Barnes thanked Councillor Lloyd for putting up the Christmas lights. Thanks were given to all the residents and Mary Horne for their involvement in the Christmas advent windows which had provided great community spirit in what had been a very strange year. Councillor Hearn reported that she had received a thank you letter from the Cricket Club.

**20/179 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Parish Council annual and monthly meeting held on 9.11.20**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9.11 .20 be approved.

**20/180 Walton Village Hall**

- Ramp update – The materials are still being chased up.
- Shed update/Electrics quote £359. The mower etc has been put in the shed. It was agreed to accept the quote for £359 for power to the new shed. Councillor Hearn to purchase a padlock for the shed. M Horne to organise keys to the letter box on the gate. The slabs still need doing. A strip on the floor needs repairing near the entrance to the hall. It was agreed to check if it was woodworm although the surrounding area appears to be fine. Councillor Barnes to make a warning sign
- Cosmic Occupational Licence. Nothing to report.
- Village Hall management. M Horne will be retiring at the end of March. Councillor Barnes to contact Sarah Kent to ask if she would put together a press release to celebrate M Horne's work and help find volunteers for the future management of the hall and fill vacant councillor posts.

- Kitchen units. No further update. Councillor Mousley to follow up.
- Questionnaire. Nine surveys had been returned. The toilets and kitchen were the most important improvements required.
- Broadband. Feedback showed that this does not appear to be important to hirers but it would be required for Hive.
- Hive. Quotes had been received.
- Electronic Booking system. Quotes received.
- H&S. The boiler had been serviced.
- Councillor Barnes had circulated a summary of all the quotes received. Councillor Hearn to contact I Hey SDDC and try and put together a grant application.
- Finance – A budget for 2021/2022 is to be prepared

#### 20/181 Clerks Report

- Awaiting return of Cosmic licence (21.9/9.10.20 email request for concerns)
- Request sent to DCC ref process to change weight limit 27.10.20

#### 20/182 Correspondence for action

- Parishioner broadband concerns. It was agreed to feedback to the parishioner on the Parish Council findings.

#### 20/183 Working Group Reports

- Employees – Appraisals deferred due to Covid-19.
- Roads and pavements – On the 2 December the gully cleaners were out. Councillor Rafferty reported that he is now mapping out the potholes.
- Footpaths – No update.
- Park (PB) – Works to the play area had been completed following last month's feedback to SDDC. The park area is being used as a pick up and drop off for the school and is a muddy mess.
- Open spaces (Non Park) – Nothing to report.
- Website and other Communications – Articles are being uploaded as necessary.

#### 20/184 Planning matters for decision

Correspondence had been received regarding a Public Consultation on a Ground Mounted Solar Farm – Land north of Lullington, South Derbyshire. It was agreed we need to ensure all large developments have a traffic management plan in place and that the Council should make representations to this effect as part of planning applications.

#### 20/185 Finance

It was resolved to make the following payments:-

#### Accounts for Payment

Payee	Expenditure	£
South Derbyshire CVS	Payroll	524.29
DAC Beachcroft	VH VAT from insurance claim	103.46
M Horne	VH expenses	46.49
Bcosy	VH Boiler service	160.00
2Commune	Website	372.00
M Dughan	VH Alarm battery	83.00
L Storey	Expenses	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1314.24</b>

#### Receipts

30.10.20	Dakin	70.00
5.11.20	Cosmic	485.00
9.11.20	Dakin	20.00

Monthly accounts circulated

### **20/186 Bailey Bridge update following site meeting December 2019**

Update from Drakelow 30.11.20

Tree under the bridge –we have taken care of the trees.

Signage – not currently replacing as it keeps getting vandalised – I have checked each day I come across and there does not seem a problem with people parking here at the moment

Update from SCC 3.12.20. As previously advised, a site meeting has recently taken place with the works supervisor, to discuss arranging permanent repairs to sections of the damaged fencing. Works have recently taken place to make safe another section of damaged fence. This was undertaken on 30/11/20 to remove the fencing and replace with temporary barriers. Please be advised that any work to replace the fencing with new will require a road closure, and this will need advanced planning and permits. A letter has been issued to the landowner to cut back the sections of overgrown vegetation away from the footway. This will be monitored and further action taken as needed

Update from Barton Under Needwood Parish Council 13.11.20. Thanks for sending the updated photos through. I have chased up our County Liaison officer, Sam Griffiths and also copied in our County Councillor, Julia Jessel. I am advised the area is inspected regularly and any health and safety issues are dealt with. Sam has the list of outstanding issues and is reviewing at Julia Jessel's request, but as the bridge is likely to happen by 2022, it is very unlikely anything that is not a health and safety issue will be dealt with. I have also asked EBSC for their schedule on street cleaning for that area.

Update from DCC 13.11.20. I am currently in the process of organising a refurbishment scheme for the bridge and a tidy up of the immediate surrounding area. Several meetings have been held with our in-house contactor and sub-contractors regarding this and I am just trying to sort a few contractual matters with Mabey Bridge, the bridge manufacturer, before being able to place orders and book the necessary road closure. I have been in contact with Staffordshire County Council to try and co-ordinate the road closure with them and Highways England, and understand that SCC are also programming some work here, possibly to repair the damaged parapet fencing above their flood span culverts.

The scheme I am preparing will involve;  
removing all debris and vegetation from the bridge and its abutment bearing shelves and bearings, cutting back any vegetation overhanging or impeding pedestrian access, replacing the missing and damaged sections of the width restriction barriers and repainting them, checking all the transom bolts between the sections of the bailey bridge, repairing the anti-slip surfacing on the bridge deck, resurfacing the approaches to both sides of the bridge.

Should any other minor issues be noticed they will also be addressed whilst the contractors are on site with a road closure in place. I am sorry that these items don't necessarily fit into your numbered list, which I am not familiar with, and the copy I have been sent appears to have a page missing. If everything goes according to plan this work should all take place during the current financial year, hopefully late January/February 2021, but this is not finalised yet any may be subject to change.

### **20/187 Drakelow lorries Vital energi/Overweight Vehicles**

Discussed under public speaking.

### **20/188 2021/22 Budget - Precept setting for 2021/22**

A draft budget will be circulated for the January meeting. The precept request is required by the 1 February.

### **20/189 Reports from Councillors that have attended any other meetings**

Councillor Lloyd reported that he had met with Barton Parish Council regarding ongoing issues with litter, overgrown vegetation etc within their Parish but at the entrance to Walton On Trent Parish. Councillor Lloyd was awaiting publication of their minutes to see what action would be taken. It was agreed that Councillors Hearn and Lloyd attend their next meeting. Councillor Barnes had attended the SDDC Area Forum Discussion Meeting. Meetings will be held via Teams in the New Year.

Key points from the DALC Chairs meeting were the appointment of the internal Auditor, appraisals and virtual meetings.

### **20/190 Correspondence for Information**

- DALC November/December circular
- Walton on Trent Play Area patch repair
- Summer Holiday Provision 2021
- Police New arrival
- Census 2021
- Active Communities & Health Team - Autumn 2020 Newsletter
- Good Councillors' Guide to Community Business
- SDDC updates from Councillor Wheelton

- I have discussed with Vital Energi and they have reviewed records of material deliveries. It appears that these HGV movements must be associated with another development. Vital do not have a contract with H D Ricketts and are gaining aggregate through the crushing of existing concrete structures that were present at the site following the removal of the power station. The only deliveries they are receiving are for relatively small amounts of sand. Vital do not receive any deliveries until 07.00 and use CCTV to log deliveries into the site. Having spoken to their construction manager he notes that HGVs have been passing the Drakelow site, he assumed heading towards a nearby housing development. I have included David and Shaun in copy so that they are aware of our response.
- If you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to give me a call on the number below or, if you would like, I'd be happy to arrange for you to meet with the construction manager at the site and he can provide details of the traffic movements associated with the EfW site.
- "Dear Councillor Wheelton – apologies for the delayed reply. A response to your query from our Parklife Officer was received on the 12<sup>th</sup> but unfortunately never then reached you. In short the Council's Play Inspector carried out some repair works under the swings in August, but it is believed a further hole appeared under another swing later which the inspector was asked to follow up. According to our inspection book for October it was recorded "large hole under swings but will repair tomorrow 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020". We presumed this was done but given photographs will be checking and following up if necessary. The basket swing was made safe by the inspector whilst we await a replacement basket swing part. Unfortunately parts are taking much longer to receive at the moment with a delay and backlog of orders with suppliers due to lockdown plus some parts are coming from abroad which adds further delays. As soon as the part arrives the inspector will fit it.

**20/191 Date of the next meeting**

- Monday 11 January 2020 via Zoom 7.00pm

**20/192 Resolution under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the public.**

Staffing update