

**TIDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 8th MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: - Cllrs R Andrew, D Gibson, D Horne, J Meredith, R Moore, D Whitehouse, P Walker, N Whittle, Hannah Owen (Clerk) Cllr Neil Buttle (DDDC) , 4 members of the public.

01.03.21 APOLOGIES

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02.03.21 VARIATION OF BUSINESS

Item Casual Vacancy was bought up the Agenda to follow Chairman's Announcements.

03.03.21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

04.03.21 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There was no public speaking.

05.03.21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th February 2021 and the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 22nd February 2021 were proposed as correct by Cllr Moore , seconded by Cllr Horne and with all unanimously agreeing, would be signed by the Chairman and passed to the Clerk when possible.

06.03.21 DETERMINE IF ANY ITEMS ARE TO BE MOVED TO PART II CONFIDENTIAL

The discussion regarding the co-option of a new councilor would be discussed in Part 2.

07.03.21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Andrew welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking part in the meeting via zoom. Since the meeting on 8th February Councillor Chapman has resigned from the Parish Council. The Clerk will write to Cllr Chapman and thank him for all his hard work and dedication to so many projects on the Council for many years.

08.03.21 VILLAGE REPORT

(a) Post Office

No further updates.

(b) Play Areas

The Clerk advised that the application to the Severn Trent Water community fund has been

unsuccessful. A discussion took place regarding new plans for the sites at Richard Lane and Town Head as the plans are now a few years old and prices may have now changed. It was RESOLVED to invite playground contractors to discuss the redevelopment of each site.

A discussion took place regarding the official re-opening of Abigail's Park. The plan had been to take part in the I Love Parks week in 2020 but this was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It was RESOLVED to look if a 2021 event is taking place and see if this is something we can be involved in.

Cllr Moore suggested she could speak to her colleagues and see about the possibility of the Police and Fire Service attending an event and provide activities for children to engage in. It was agreed this would be a great idea. The matter of reopening the park will be discussed again at the next Parish Council meeting.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Whittle, Whitehouse and Meredith will go to Abigail's Park with the Clerk to discuss the plans to house Sid the Snake.

ACTION – CLERK TO CONTACT PLAYGROUND CONTRACTORS TO DISCUSS NEW PLANS

ACTION – CLLR MOORE TO LOOK AT POSSIBILITY OF POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE ATTENDANCE

ACTION- CLERK, CLLR MEREDITH, WHITTLE AND WHITEHOUSE TO VISIT ABIGAILS PARK

(c)Footpaths and Highways-

The Clerk has contacted DCC and requested that the area at Brook Bottom is prioritised for repairs over the rest of the Manchester Road due to the safety around the Brook.

Cllr Andrew advised that a public footpath at the Town End Yard off Richard Lane, which was moved many years ago when the Markovitz site was created, needs to be officially registered. The Parish Council will be approached about the matter when the application to register the footpath is in process. It was agreed that the keeping of a public footpath is important in the parish and no one raised any issues.

(d) Toilets

A discussion regarding the state of the Public Toilets took place. Concerns were raised about the deterioration of the toilets. It was RESOLVED to organise a professional deep clean and the Clerk will seek quotes for this. It was also RESOLVED that the Disabled toilet door needs repair and a new toilet seat and replace the grab rails.

It was also RESOLVED to ask the professional cleaners to advise on how best to manage the toilets cleaning schedule moving forward and look at providing the right equipment for the Parish Caretaker to complete the work correctly.

The clerk has contacted DALC to ask them to contact member councils to ask for feedback on renewable energy for public toilets and how to best get hot water through this type of energy. The Clerk will circulate the response. Cllr Buttle advised that Derbyshire County Council may have some useful information and he will request this.

Mark Cox has attended the site to resolve the power cut issue.

ACTION- CLERK TO SEEK QUOTES FOR DEEP CLEAN OF TOILETS, CIRCULATE TO COUNCILLORS AND THEN PROCEED. ALSO TO SEEK FUTURE CLEANING ADVICE.

ACTION – CLLR BUTTLE TO ASK FOR INFORMATION FROM DCC REGARDING GREEN ENERGY

(e) Cemetery

Cllr Andrew advised he has the fencing and it will be placed around the mortuary in the next few days.

It was RESOLVED to contact Mick Fletcher to see when he is able to complete the work. It was agreed Mick was best placed to complete this work.

ACTION – CLERK TO CONTACT MICK FLETCHER

(f) Gardens, Mowing/Strimming and Trees

It was RESOLVED to contact Paul Storer to ask advice on what is the best action for the dead tree in the Pot Market. If any work on taking branches down is required this will be done. Then Janine Morris will work on improving this area.

It was RESOLVED to approve Janine Morris plans for moving shrubs and improving the flower beds outside the church.

The Clerk circulated the small signs which would be used in the wild flower areas and no one had concerns regarding this. The discussion of wild flower verges was discussed later in the meeting.

The resident who has offered to clear the area at Condliffe Road and increase the wild flowers in the area has contacted the Council to see about the possibility of a skip to clear the area. Cllr Horne advised that in this instance clearing may be required to allow the wild flowers to flourish. It was noted that sometimes it isn't appropriate to clear the natural debris but on this occasion it is. Cllr Andrew offered to go and look at the area and see if the area could be cleared without use of a skip. Cllr Moore offered to help if required.

It was RESOLVED for Cllr Andrew to investigate the situation and if a skip is required the Council will arrange this but if it can be done without the councillors will work on this.

ACTION – CLLR ANDREW TO SPEAK TO PAUL STORER REGARDING POT MARKET TREE

ACTION – CLERK TO ADVISE APPROVAL TO JANINE MORRIS

ACTION – CLLR ANDREW TO VISIT SITE AT CONDLIFFE ROAD AND REPORT BACK

(g) Bins and Street Furniture

Cllr Andrew will organise the placing of the bench on The Cliffe.

ACTION – CLLR ANDREW TO ARRANGE FOR BENCH TO BE DELIVERED.

(h) Housing Needs Update

A discussion took place regarding the affordable housing application and the disappointment of how the Parish Council comments were not listened too. There has been the implication that the Parish Council have been more involved in the final application that was submitted. The Parish Council will support a suitable housing application but could not support something which raised so many

concerns, concerns which were raised and ignored.

Discussions then took place about the PC going back to the developers and ask why the questions asked weren't taken into consideration. However after further discussion it was agreed that our response to this planning application says our thoughts in full and at this time this will be the final work on this application. It was noted that it will be important in the future if we raise concerns regarding a development which aren't addressed we continue to push for those concerns to be addressed. It was also noted that the Parish Council should be more involved with any future site selections and not just be presented with sites. The knowledge the Parish Council can offer with this is very valuable.

Cllr Horne raised the importance of working on a Parish Plan. It was agreed that this is something which the PC should revisit but this will take quite some time to put together and so the Clerk suggested the Parish Council could work on a Planning Policy to adopt which could be useful to help the Council, residents and applicants understand the stance on planning that the PC has. Each application will always need to be judged on individual merit based on the content of the application, but some important information can be put into a PC Planning Policy. The Clerk will circulate some examples of other PC Policies on planning. Councillors will send any information they feel is important and the clerk will begin to draft the policy for councillor approval.

Cllr Moore advised that she attended the planning committee meeting to the Markovitz development site and suggested that for applications like this, a PC representative should attend such planning committee meetings. This was unanimously agreed.

The PC received notification of a property becoming available to rent through the affordable scheme and platform housing. There is a document Platform housing have which says they need to advise the PC about a vacancy. It was agreed that the PC are not involved in the selection process and therefore it is not appropriate for the PC to be involved in the advertising and comment on the selection process which already follows the correct process.

ACTION – CLERK TO CIRCULATE EXAMPLE PLANNING POLICIES

ACTION – CLERK TO BEGIN DRAFTING PARISH POLICY

ACTION – CLERK TO ADVISE PLATFORM HOUSING THAT THE PC WILL NOT COMMENT ON THE EXISTING SELECTION PROCESS.

(i) Common Land

The Clerk has contact DCC regarding The Cliffe wall and has had a response they are looking into the matter. It was agreed to push for an update and if it is the responsibility of the PC we will work to repair the wall promptly. The Clerk will update the Councillors ASAP and keep in touch with the resident who raised the concern.

ACTION – CLERK TO CONTINUE TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE CLIFFE WALL FROM DCC.

(j) War Memorial

Markovitz have kindly offered to complete the war memorial grounds work with no charge. The Councillors all expressed their thanks.

Cllr Andrew has not heard back from Andrew Bettney regarding the frame and it was agreed to proceed without the frame as the space the removal of the trees has made looks good.

Mark Cox is coming to resolve the issue with the war memorial electricity and look at the bollards in Cherry tree Square.

(k) Sports Complex

Cllr Horne advised that the TDSA had been seeking advice regarding feasibility study and fundraising. There had been positive steps in the last few months and new members giving useful input.

Cllr Whitehouse advised concerns have been raised on social media regarding Dogs being allowed on the sports complex site. This was a trail and so the feedback will be discussed by TDSA shortly.

l) Library

Paul Black has recently emailed the Clerk and advised that there is no progress to report but the project is still on going and the group are still keen to move things forward.

m) Environmental Issues

Several Councillors attended a recent meeting hosted by TDEG.

n) Community Speedwatch

No further updates

o) Electric Charging Point Provision

Cllr Buttle advised that DCC were originally set to provide charging points but this has now been passed down to District Council Level. There is £100,000 government funding DDDC will be applying for.

The meeting at DDDC and DCC is due to happen this month and further updates will follow.

09.03.21 PLANNING

Applications:

NP/DDD/0221/0169 LARKFIELD, SHERWOOD ROAD, TIDESWELL
Replace existing garage with kitchen extension and two dormer windows.

The Parish Council have no objections and support this application.

b) Decisions

NP/DDD/122/1143 Land of Hardy Lane Erection of two affordable local needs dwellings.
REFUSED

NP/DDD/0920/0884 and NP/DDD/0920/0887 Land to the North of Pittlemere Lane. Proposed agricultural building extension to house and feed livestock,
BOTH GRANTED

10.03.21 CASUAL VACANCY

This item was moved up the Agenda.

The Parish Council has been approached by three residents with a view to being co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Each resident has provided information to the Council in advance of the meeting.

The Clerk advised that unfortunately the number of Councillors is set and can't be adjusted so only one resident can be selected.

The Chairman thanked all the residents for joining the meeting. It was agreed the discussion to select the resident for the one vacancy would take place at the end of the meeting in part two. It was agreed that all the residents would observe the rest of the meeting.

11.03.21 REPLACEMENT DEEDS FOR THE MANCHESTER ROAD SUBSTATION AREA

The Clerk has been working with a solicitor to sort the lease agreement with Western Power and the increase in rent. The PC has been asked to produce deeds which are missing. A lengthy process has taken place and we are now in a position to be able to complete a request for replacement deeds. The Clerk advised that historical clerks Lesley Bramwell and Sharon Bates have provided useful information about their historical attempts to locate the deeds so it is clear these have been missing for some time. It is assumed that the documents may have been held by Eric Simpson and they have been lost in error when Eric died. It was RESOLVED for the clerk to complete the required documents on behalf of the Parish Council and continue to work on the matter.

ACTION- CLERK TO COMPLETED REQUIRED PAPER WORK AND CONTINUE TO WORK ON REPLACING THE MISSING DEEDS.

12.03.21 GRASS VERGE WILD FLOWER PROPOSAL

It was RESOLVED to work with TDEG and the PC existing contractors (James Warriner, Will Brindley and Janine Morris) to formulate a plan on how to improve the wild flower growth on verges around the Parish. The Clerk will contact Lyn Crowe and the contractors to arrange a zoom meeting.

Cllr Buttle advised there is some information regarding on wild flowers and grass verges at DDDC which he will share that may be helpful.

ACTION – CLERK TO CONTACT TDEG AND CONTRACTORS TO ARRANGE A MEETING.

13.03.21 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOLLOWING COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

It was RESOLVED to wait until the May AGM to assign members to committees.

14.03.21 UPDATE OF THE CLERK

The Clerk is hoping to meet with Tracey Critchlow shortly to complete the signing of the Deed of Trust.

Cllr Buttle advised that there were talks that the district council area for Tideswell may merge with Litton.

Cllr Buttle advised there is a wishing well in Wheston dating back around 1000 years and it was agreed this would be an important historical piece which should be looked after. The Clerk will look with Cllr Buttle if the area falls into our Parish.

15.03.21 FINANCE

Accounts for Payment were proposed by Cllr Whitehouse, seconded Cllr Moore and all voted in favour.

Cheque for:	Cost purpose	Amount
Hannah Owen	Salary and expenses	£1042.20 by BACS £184 by cheque salary + £48.77 expenses Cheque =£232.77
Adam Serper	Salary	£438 BACS
HMRC	PAYE	£256.88
Hannah Owen	Expenses	48.77 (paid with wages of £184)
Waterplus	Toilets 6 month water	£178.80
James Warriner	Seasonal extra work on paths and hedges	£184
Peak Park Parishes Forum	Subscription	£24

16.03.21 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

DDC Emails, Covid-19 updates, Planning Application objections, search for deeds correspondence, DDDC emails, Waste updates, Peak Park Parishes Forum updates, SSE Emails, DDDC Wild flowers information email, DALC Emails, Peak Park updates, Coronavirus Government update, TDEG Updates. Rural Services Network emails, Rural Action Derbyshire emails, Derbyshire farming life poster, application for councillor vacancy.

17.03.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the next Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th April 2021.

18.03.21 CONFIDENTIALITY RESOLUTION

Item 10 Casual Vacancy was continued in Part 2

The meeting closed at 8.45pm