

# Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 7pm at Christ Church, Matlock Road, Wessington

**Present:** Councillors L Odell (LO), S Beastall (SB), K Ryan (KR), H Shingleton (HS), Bill Wheatcroft

**Also present:** Cllr C. Cupit & members of the public

**17.85 To receive apologies for absence - Catherine Hedley (Parish Clerk),**

**17.86 Variation of Order of Business - None**

**17.87 Declaration of Members Interests - None**

**17.88 Public Speaking –** No issues were raised by the public.

The Nature Reserve representative reported that they had recently had a working party session on Sunday and in midweek to clear up the damage the recent high winds had caused..

**17.89 To determine which items on the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. –** Three items were chosen for discussion.

**17.90 Minutes –** A small alteration was made to the previous minutes to note that the Clerk's contract would be discussed at the next meeting.

**Resolved:** To accept the previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 August 2017 after the alteration was agreed.

## **17.91 Planning Applications**

**17/00893/FL-** Application to remove the recreation and maintenance contribution pursuant of 17/00258/FL. Land North West Of 24 Matlock Road Wessington. Wildgoose ( Wessington ) Ltd. Cllr Beastall had tried to contact Mr Kirkham at NEDDC Planning dept but was unable to. Advice was sought from the NHP Consultant. **Resolved –** To send a letter to NEDDC Planning with a list of alternative contracts and asking NEDDC to agree to an alternative use should it be agreed to remove the recreation and maintenance contribution.

**17.92 EMIB Invitation and Comments –** Cllr Odell reported favourable and encouraging feedback from the EMIB visitors from their recent walk around the village. Wessington has been awarded a Silver Award and a certificate has been received. Cllr Odell read the "Judges Award" which made special mention of the contribution the school had made in educating the village in environmental issues. Mention was also

made of the community activities in the village. The Councillors also discussed the possibility of getting help for Parishioners who are struggling to maintain their gardens.

**Resolved:** That Council put the EMIB on the Action Plan to prompt us to start preparing in February: **CH**

#### **17.93 Letter from Mr Philip Smith regarding the Roll of Honour.**

**Resolved:** To ask Parishioners for more information regarding the Roll of Honour in the next Newsletter - Action: **BW**.

To follow up with Mr & Mrs Buckley – Action; **CH**.

To ask Garry Hall if he notices any mention of Pond Cottages on historic maps – Action; **SB**

#### **17.94 Clerks Update**

As the Clerk wasn't in attendance only a couple of items were able to be discussed.

**Resolved:**

a. That Tony Beastall be asked to fix the notices once the Defibrillator is fitted and commissioned Action: **CH**

b. That enquiries should be made for a “blanket TPO” for groups of trees such as the ones at Orchard End Helen Metcalfe may be able to assist. Action: **CH**

#### **17.95 Action Plan.**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Priority Level</b>	<b>Who's Responsible</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Completion</b>
Common Land Registration	Ongoing	Cllr Shingleton	The application is almost complete but Councillors requested that further information be obtained why some area's in front of properties were included and some were not.  Amber Green to be the next parcel of Common Land to be registered.	
Weekly Play Ground Inspection	Ongoing	Cllr Wheatcroft	The damage to the large climbing frame has still not been fixed due to NEDDC awaiting delivery of the parts.	

			A branch from the tree nearest King George Street has fallen but not caused any damage.	
Monthly Burial Ground Inspection	Ongoing	Cllr Ryan	Two more cuts left for the grass cutting.  The Conifer tree is dying but not a risk so work to take place in 2018.	
Quarterly Parish Inspection	Ongoing	Cllr Ryan	Inspection has been done and Cllr Ryan is awaiting the spread sheet to be re-sent, no issues were noted.	
Neighbourhood Plan	Ongoing	Cllr Beastall	It has been decided to apply again for the "Awards For All" funding.  Cllr Lewis was able to provide £1,100 towards the Landscape & Character survey from the County Councillors budget.  Awaiting any possible planning appeal for the Back Lane development.	
News Letter	Ongoing	Cllr Wheatcroft	Next Newsletter to be out to advertise the October NHP meeting.	
Footpaths report	Ongoing	Cllr Odell	Cllrs Odell & Beastall had reported damaged sign posts.	
EMIB	Ongoing	Cllr Odell	As previously discussed, above at <b>17.92</b>	

Concept Statement	Ongoing	Cllr Shingleton	A very well attended meeting was held last night (Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> ) and the villagers present voted to form a committee to meet with the Proctors and their representative to look at development options for the brownfield and already agreed site.	
Village Hall	Ongoing	Cllr Odell	Funding still in place but has to be spent by end of 2018. Proctors have signed an agreement with a timetable of getting the V.H. built. It is hoped building will commence by April 2018.	

**Resolved:**

- (a) The Land Registry to be contacted to explain why some pockets of land in front of properties are allowed and some not. Action: **HS**
- (b) Copy of Land Registry map to be e-mailed to Cllr Beastall. Action: **HS**
- (c) Newsletter to be produced prior to October NHP meeting. Action: **BW**
- (d) Eligibility of Concept Statement members to be confirmed. Action: **CH**
- (e) Declaration of interest form to be produced for Concept Statement Group members. Action; **CH/HS**
- (f) Memorandum of Understanding to be produced for Concept Statement. Action: **HS**
- (g) Concept Statement budget and costs to be agreed with Proctors Action: **HS**

**17.96 Councillor Updates**

SB – Dog mess still a problem in the village, particularly on the Park Field. **Resolved:** Information on how to report offenders to be published in Newsletter. Action: **BW**. Bag dispenser to be attached to fence/style to see if this helps. Action; **SB**

KR – Tree which is in a dangerous state next to residents property on Hillcrest. **Resolved;** Councillors agreed to pay the £380 for its removal from reserves.

LO – Parishioner asked if salt spreaders belonging to PC could be removed from their property. **Resolved;** KR to collect.

### 17.97 Finance

The Bank Reconciliation for September 2017 was passed around.

#### Resolved:

(a) To approve the following payments, and any additional payment properly received by the Council at the meeting.

(b) The £50.00 payment for the Public Meeting for the Concept Statement, which was on the Agenda, is to be paid by the Proctors.

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
4/9/2017	EMIB	EMIB Presentation Awards	£12.00
19.9.2017	PCC	Room Rental 19.9.17 Council Mtg	£25.00
19.9.2017	C Hedley	Wages & Expenses	TBA
19.9.2017	M Holland	Mowing Churchyard & Play area	£400

### 17.98 Literature / Correspondence received

Local Government Boundary final report received for NEDDC. Very little change and none that affects our ward.

#### Resolved:

(a) Awards for All Match Funding, it was decided to ask the Clerk to look into any suitable projects we could use this for. Action: **CH**

(b) The links have not been working on e-mails from the Clerk for the DALC circulars as these have been attachments. Clerk to forward DALC communications directly. Action: **CH**

(c) DCC Snow Wardens, information and volunteers to be sought via newsletter. Action; **BW**.

Enquiries to be made to DCC. Action; **CH**

### 17.99 Items for Next Agenda

To be with the Clerk 7 days before the next meeting

### 17.100 Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting, Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 7pm

## PART II – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act 1960) to exclude members of the press and public to discuss the following item

### 17.101 NEDDC Mowing Contract

#### Resolved:

(a) That SB & CH would meet to discuss the disputed dates before replying to NEDDC. Action: **SB & CH**.

(b) NEDDC to be contacted asking for 1 cut to be removed from this year's schedule as it was thought the remaining planned cuts were too close together and more cuts should have been done in the Summer. Action: **CH**

**17.102 Wessington 2018** – The circulated letter to the Well Dressing Committee was agreed and will be sent.

**17.103 Clerks Contract** – Clerks contract discussed and the following items were agreed.

**Resolved:** (a) Clerks salary and potential increase to be looked at in February; Proposed by HS & seconded by BW, agreed unanimously.

(b) The following policies are mentioned in the Clerk's contract but none are currently agreed by the PC;

- Health & Safety.
- Sickness Absence.
- Expenses.

The Clerk to source these and bring to PC for approval, proposed by HS, seconded by LO, agreed unanimously. Action; **CH**

(c) it was proposed by KR and seconded by SB for a mileage claim form to be completed by the Clerk monthly and submitted with expenses and hours details. Carried unanimously. Action; **CH**

(d) Chair to raise with Clerk "Working at Home Insurance" which is an agreed part of the contract. Details are also needed on what this will cover and to ensure cover is in place for any PC assets such as the laptop. Action; **LO & CH.**

(e) The Clerk's contract makes reference to "The Green Book". Clerk to investigate what this refers to. Action; **CH**

Concern was raised that the PC's policies and regulations were not reviewed annually or at other dates pertaining to particular policies. **Resolved;** Clerk to list all policies and regulations and log anniversary dates and bring them to the PC's attention for review.