



SEIGHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM AT GREAT BRIDGEFORD VLLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr David Price (Chair)
Cllr Neil Brown
Cllr Mark Hodgkins
Cllr Richard Wilkes
Cllr Carole Allen
Cllr Mark Hayward
Cllr Mark Turnbull

Joe Palmer - Clerk

[19/07/2021/01: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES: RECORD ABSENCES](#)

Apologies were received from Councillor John Busby, Borough Councillor Ray Sutherland and County Councillor Jeremy Pert.

[19/07/2021/02: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS](#)

There were no declarations of interests or dispensation requests.

[19/07/2021/03: PUBLIC OPEN FORUM](#)

Cllr Turnbull presented information on behalf of residents regarding a proposed beautification garden project at Great Bridgeford Playing Field, which the residents would like to undertake. The proposal would include tree planting and flower beds in the area adjacent to where the igloo is situated. The aim would be to create an area which is restful and pleasing to the eye, to create a space for residents to visit, and to make a positive contribution to climate change issues through tree planning.

The proposal was discussed, and Cllr Turnbull will provide the feedback to the residents.

[19/07/2021/04: UPDATES FROM BOROUGH/ COUNTY COUNCILLORS](#)

There were no updates available from the Borough/County Councillors.

[19/07/2021/05: MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17TH MAY 2021, 24TH MAY 2021 AND 23RD JUNE 2021](#)

The minutes of the meetings held on 17th May 2021, 24th May 2021 and 23rd June 2021 were approved, subject to an amendment to the minutes for 17th May 2021. Proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Hodgkins, agreed by all.

Matters arising from the meeting held on 17 May 2021 included:

21.05.06: Derrington Village Hall Committee, Cllr Price and Cllr Busby have met with the Treasurer and are awaiting a reply.

21.05.08 Item 19 – Flooding Issues, a meeting has not yet been arranged with County Councillor Pert.

21.05.15 c) Seighford Ward:

Dog Fouling - Cllr Turnbull has spoken to Saul Hocking and signs have been put up. The problems appear to have been resolved.

Parking on main road – there does not appear to be a problem at present so no contact with householders has been necessary.

[19/07/2021/06: PLANNING MATTERS](#)

The following applications were considered:

- a) 21/34603/HOU at Cooksland Lodge, Cooksland Lane, Seighford, single storey extension to rear.

There were no objections to this application. Proposed by Cllr Hodgkins, seconded by Cllr Brown, agreed by all. ACTION – CLERK

- b) 20/32222/FUL - Land west of Stallbrook Hall, Derrington, Polyhouses and ground source heat recovery for the production of soft fruit on a permanent basis – amended plan and supplementary SuDS report

There were no objections to amended information submitted for this application. Proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Brown, agreed by all. ACTION – CLERK

[19/07/2021/07: PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORT](#)

Councillors reported on issues affecting their wards:

Derrington Ward

Cllr Wilkes reported ongoing concerns regarding problems with parking for the Millennium Green. It was noted that traffic in the area does seem to be reduced at the present time. The planning application for the Millennium Green has been withdrawn.

Cllr Hayward reported that there has been no progress regarding efforts to slow down the bicycles using the Greenway at Derrington, he is waiting for a response from County Councillor Mark Winnington and will contact him to ask if any progress has been made regarding barriers or signage.

Cllr Hayward reported that he had received a reply from County Councillor Mark Winnington in relation to illumination at the junction into Derrington Lane from the Newport Road and has been told that the County Council will not be funding lighting at the junction

Seighford Ward

Cllr Hodgkins had no issues to report at the meeting.

Great Bridgeford Ward

Cllr Brown had no issues to report at the meeting.

Cllr Turnbull raised an issue with the location of the bin at Great Bridgeford Playing Field. It does not appear to be in the best location to make its use convenient to the users of the playing field, and it was suggested that it could be moved in an effort to reduce littering. Cllr Hodgkins offered to move the bin to a more suitable location, and this was accepted as a suitable solution.

Cllr Turnbull reported that he has been contacted by residents who are concerned about cars being parked inconsiderately by members of the football club who use the pitch. Cllr Price offered to speak to the coach of the football team to ask them to park their cars in the appropriate area.

Cllr Turnbull reported that during his routine inspection of the playing field he had found algae on the footballs posts which required cleaning/painting. Cllr Turnbull offered to paint the posts.

Great Bridgeford Ward

Cllr Price had met with Staffordshire County Council Highways (SCC), Amey and residents to discuss highways problems on the railway bridge on Worston Lane. The fence at the top of the bridge is missing, and there are concerns regarding the safety of the property and occupants if there were to be an accident on the bridge. SCC hope to be able to install a high concrete kerb to prevent cars leaving the road at the location.

There are issues with HGV's using this road despite there being a weight restriction on this road, and it was suggested that road usage could be monitored to understand the scale of the problem. Cllr Price will contact County Councillor Pert to discuss the possibility of traffic lights being installed at this location.

[19/07/2121/08: PARISH FINANCES:](#)

- (a) To receive an update on expenditure against the budget for 2020/21

The update was received.

(b) To approve accounts for payment

There were 6 items for payment as follows:

Date	Details	Total
31/07/2021	Clerk's salary & HWA- June 2021	£ 357.50
31/07/2021	Clerk's salary & HWA - July 2021	£ 357.50
31/07/2021	Clerk – Disbursements – Stationery	£ 35.94
19/07/2021	SPCA - Clerk's 1-2-1 training course	£ 40.00
19/07/2021	Great Bridgeford Village Hall Room Hire	£ 19.90
19/07/2021	Payroll costs June 2021-June 2022	£ 132.00
	TOTAL	£ 942.84

It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Turnbull, agreed by all.

(a) To approve Bank reconciliation.

The bank reconciliation was approved. Proposed by Cllr Hayward, seconded by Cllr Wilkes, agreed by all.

(c) To approve the use of DM Payroll Services Ltd for the administration of the Clerk's salary at a cost of £132 per annum.

This was approved. Proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Allen, agreed by all.

[19/07/2021/09: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

(a) Great Bridgeford Children's Playing Field project – the works are now complete, and an invoice has been received from the contractor. Invitations have been sent out for the opening ceremony on Sunday 25th July 2021 at 4pm, it is expected that around 50 people will be attending. It was reported that positive feedback has been received from users of the playground regarding the new equipment.

[19/07/2021/10: NEXT MEETING](#)

The next meeting date is 20th September 2021 at Derrington Village Hall.

Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting:

Proposals from residents for garden area at Great Bridgeford Playing Field.

[19/07/2021/11: MEETING CLOSE](#)

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.