

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2011
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TWYFORD ROAD, BARROW UPON TRENT AT 7.00PM.**

Present:

Councillor Mrs Anne Heathcote – Chairman
Councillor Keith Slater – Vice Chairman
Councillor Clare Vintner
Mrs Alison Hicklin – Clerk
District Councillor Peter Watson
2 Members of the Public

Public Participation:

- a) **Members of the Public:** A member of the public pointed out that the Chellaston Academy School Bus service is not free to the Children, as claimed in the local News Paper reports. The users do have to pay a small fee for the service. The Parishioner asked if the Parish Council knew how many the Children from Stanton by Bridge paid for their bus service? The Parish Councillors were unable to answer this question but offered to try and find out.
- b) Mr Ron Scarfe reported on behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Committee, that at a recent meeting it was suggested that a Tree be planted to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Various locations have been discussed and the Councillors were asked for their approval. It was proposed that this was a good idea and all Councillors were in favour. The location will be confirmed in the future.
- c) Mr Ron Scarfe also informed the meeting that a template for the Jubilee Bunting will appear in the February edition of the Parish News.

b) County Councillor and District Councillor

District Councillor Peter Watson was welcomed to the meeting and began his report by offering apologies from District Councillor Anne Watson and apologies for lateness from County Councillor John Harrison who was attending another meeting and would arrive later.

Cllr Watson informed the meeting that in 2012 the District Councillors will rotate their attendance at the Parish Council meetings, meaning one month Cllr Anne Watson will attend and the next month Cllr Peter Watson will attend .

Cllr Watson went on to inform the meeting that by the end of March 2012 the District Council will have spent £60million on purchasing all the existing government owned Council Houses in the area, which is about 3½ thousand houses.

The longer term advantage of this is that the District Council will be able to keep all the rent money collected, at present 40% goes straight to the Government.

Twice in the last year consultations have taken place, looking into the proposed developments of housing for the whole of the District Council the next 20 years.

South Derbyshire District Council wishes the community to grow but the growth and the number of houses need to be controlled. Early indications show that around 12,000 houses will be needed in the next 20 years. Cllr Watson reported that Donington Park Race Track had received approval for its application of 60 days of racing per year. 20 days will be un-silenced, 20 days will be noise limited and 20 will be limited to below 108 decibels.

Cllr Watson reported that Parishioners had received their last Brown Bin collection for 2011 and it will be weekly Black Bin collections until 23rd Jan when the service returns to normal. It was requested that the Clerk put this information on the Parish Web Site and also on the Parish Notice boards.

Clr Watson reported that the planning and building problems were on-going with Hill Lodge and The Hill, there is a District Planning Committee meeting next Tuesday and Clr Watson will ask why this building problem is on-going. Clr Ann Heathcote suggested the Parish Council invite The Chief Executive Frank McArdle and the Development & Building Control Manager Tony Sylvester to the January meeting so they can report first hand on the planning policies, laws and processes which govern the decision making processes in SDDC. The Clerk will send the invitations ASAP.

District Councillor Peter Watson was thanked for his report and also for his continued support throughout the year.

c) Members representations on prejudicial matters

None

PART 1 – NON EXEMPT ITEMS

324/2011 Apologies for absence

Clr Ken Atkin
Clr Catherine Blackmore

Clr Graham Draper was not in attendance and no apologies had been received. It was proposed that Clr Heathcote will write to Clr Draper to remind him of his responsibilities and duties as a Parish Councillor.

325 /2011 Declaration of Members Interests

Name	Agenda No	Nature of Interest	Personal/ Prejudicial	Remain/Leave
Clr Mrs Anne Heathcote	13 Parish Plan	Treasurer of Parish Plan Steering Committee	Personal	Remain
Clr Keith Slater	13 Parish Plan	Member of Parish Plan Steering Committee	Personal	Remain

326/2011 Confirmation of the Non-Exempt Minutes of the last Meeting

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327/2011 Items on Part 1 of the Agenda to be taken with the public excluded.

None

328/2011 The Chairman’s Report Clr Anne Heathcote reported that she has received a number of comments about the on-going buildings at Hill Lodge.

Clr Heathcote had been approached by somebody who is on the housing waiting list, to find out where they were on the list, Clr Heathcote replied by saying this information is not divulged.

Clr Heathcote reported that all of the legal documents that the Parish Council has been working on with the Land Registry have now been listed in envelopes and returned to Nelsons the Solicitors.

Clr Heathcote reported that she and Clr Slater had done the Clerks 1st year appraisal; this will be put on the January Agenda. Immediately after the appraisal the budget setting was looked at for the following year.

329/2011 The Clerk’s Report

The report had been circulated to the Councillors and noted. A few points required discussion:-

The Clerk had driven over Bridge 16 and noticed that temporary repairs had been made. A large amount of rubbish had been dumped along Arleston Lane, the Clerk reported this to the Clean Team, Clr Vintner reported that they had been along and tidied up the mess.

330/2011 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

No Meetings had taken place

331/2011 Notification of Forthcoming meetings and appointment of representatives to attend

There are no meetings before the January Parish Council Meeting. There is a Cilca training course starting In January 2012 and the Clerk will be attending this.

332/2011 Planning Applications and Decisions

Planning Applications

None

Planning Decisions

None

333/2011 Correspondence Information Only

1. DALC Circulars as per emails	On receipt
2. NEW SPORTS ACTION GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE!	11/11/2011
3. Youth Group Alternative Olympics	11/11/2011
4. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge public launch	11/11/2011
5. Homeowners offered a helping hand	11/11/2011
6. Parish and Town Council Newsletter	11/11/2011
7. Donington Park Interim Report	14/11/2011
8. War Memorials	16/11/2011
9. Broadband in Derbyshire	22/11/2011
10. Improved Parking for the Disabled	30/11/2011
11. Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership Update	21/11/2011
12. Activates in South Derbyshire	30/11/2011

Requiring Action

A. Allotment Trees recommended work	
B. Copper Beech Tree	
C. Invitation to a planning briefing	
D. Play mobile Summer 2012	
E. Village Hall Letter	
F. Wildlife Trust Questionnaire	

All the correspondence was discussed and noted and it was agreed that:-

In the Parish and town Council magazine a new funding opportunity had been launched. Groups could apply for up to £1,000 to fund a community project. It was proposed that the Clerk would apply for this grant in order to purchase a Defibrillator for the Parish.

A. After receiving the permission to carry out work on the Allotment Trees the Clerk has contacted contractors for quotes for the work.

B. A Copper Beech Tree had been planted for a previous Jubilee celebration and it was proposed to fully support the Parish Plan Steering Committee on their idea to plant a tree for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

C. Two places have been booked on the Planning Briefing in February 2012

D. The provision of the Play mobile for 2012 was discussed and as it had been poorly supported this year, it was proposed to only book it for the one morning in 2012 and have a bigger unit. The Clerk will book the Play, Wacky Sports and Olympic Mobile Combo for Wed 15th August in the morning.

E. The letter from the Village hall requesting that the Parish Council take over the management and running of the Hall will be deferred to the January meeting.

F. It was proposed to reply to saying we support the project that is taking place and we are happy for him to complete the questionnaire on our behalf.

334/2010 Finance

a) The following invoices were approved for payment

Jon Guilding	Re-point War Memorial, Creosote Sheds & repair cottage fencing	£1190.00	0.00	002014
SDDC	Sports Mobile hire Summer 2011 Inv 80512788	£288.00	£48.00	002015
Noel-Baker Print	Dec/Jan Parish News Printing inv 006740	£124.50	£0.00	002016
Top Mark Joinery	Repair to Cottage no 4 Door Frame Inv 11/158	£144.00	£24.00	002017
Mrs Alison Hicklin	Clerks Wages & Expenses Nov 2011	£411.12	£0.00	002018
A1s Plumbing & Heating	Inv 5/10 repairs to toilet in No 18	£78.00	£13.00	002019
A1s Plumbing & Heating	Inv 5/10 Boiler repairs to No 10	£186.00	£31.00	002019
A1s Plumbing & Heating	Inv 14/11 Boiler repairs in No 8	£639.61	£106.60	002019
A1s Plumbing & Heating	Inv 25/11 Gas check to No 4	£42.00	£7.00	002019
Village Hall	Hall Hire June-October 2011	£72.00	£0.00	002020
Ben Mortimer	Parish Lengthsmans duties	£35.81	£0.00	002021
Edbro AgServ	Repairs to V. Hall Car Park Gantry	£104.40	£17.40	002022
Mr Christmas Tree	Parish Christmas Tree	£60.00	£0.00	002023

* - Where there is more than one entry to a payee, all invoices will be paid on one cheque
It was agreed that all invoices were correct and it was resolved to pay them.

b) Income received

Rent	from Cottages	£2845.00
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c) Requests for S137 donations

None

335/2011 Parish Plan

Report from The Chairman of the Parish Plan – Ron Scarfe asked if the grant application had been submitted yet, the Clerk replied that it is all in hand and will be submitted in time for the mid-January deadline.

336/2011 Parish News

- a) Cllr Anne Heathcote reported that everyone was extremely happy with the Parish News. Cllr Slater proposed that now the printing costs have been significantly reduced since changing printers that the School be offered an A4 sheet to in the Magazine at reduced cost. The Clerk will contact the School.
- b) Front cover, the February cover will hopefully be an article and photos on a Platinum Wedding Anniversary taking place in the village.

337/2011 Risk Assessment Inspections

Cllr Vintner had carried out the inspections for the month of November and reported that the Headstone of Peter Line remains very unstable. The Clerk will write to his widow again.

Cllr Vintner also reported that some of the newer headstone didn't seem as secure as the older style ones. Cllr Slater proposed the Parish Council make sure all future headstones are anchored to the bases at instillation.

There is still a breach in the small playing field fencing; the clerk will ask Andrew Hydes to repair this.

Cllr Vintner reported that there was still a large amount of Dog Fouling on Green Lane, and it was noticed during the check that the dog waste bin was overflowing. The Clerk will report this to the relevant department at the SDDC and get the Bin monitored for a couple of weeks to see if any further action is required.

Future inspections

December - Cllr Clare Vintner

January - Cllr Graham Draper

February – Cllr Catherine Blackmore

March – Cllr Keith Slater

338/2011 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Medals have been ordered and everything else is in hand.

The Template for the bunting will be printed in the February Parish News.

339/2011 Greenacres

The Clerk had collected the 12 free trees from Swadlincote. They are very small Cllr Keith Slater offered to plant these trees in some pots and get them going before they are planted in the wild late next year.

340/2011 New Year Lunch 6th January 2012 & date for 2013

The response has been wonderful and all 48 places have been taken. The Clerk will purchase the refreshments and glasses for the Sherry. The caterer has been contacted and given the numbers and menu choices. A date for 2013 will be discussed at the next meeting,

341/2011 Chellaston Academy School Bus

Nothing more to report

342/2011 Hill Lodge

Nothing more to report

343/2011 Deepdale Lane & Canal Bridge 16

The Clerk had reported on the temporary repairs, it was proposed that the Clerk speak to the Police regarding the fishermen parking on the road near Canal Bride 17 causing a hazard. It was noted that they are parking there due to Travellers camping in their Car Park.

344/2011 Christmas tree

The Parish Christmas Tree had been ordered and will be delivered to The Grange on Thursday Lunch time. Cllr Atkin will liaise with Andrew Hydes regarding putting up and decorating the tree.

345/2011 Budget

Cllr Anne Heathcote, Cllr Keith Slater and the Clerk met and had a preliminary discussion on the budget and it was proposed that a balanced budget would be set for 2012/2013. There will be no increase in the precept. Cllr Anne Heathcote explained that the concurrent functions are the functions Barrow Parish Council undertake on behalf of the District Council and there is a limit on the amount we can claim. Barrow P.C. spends in excess of £16,000 on these functions. We are only allowed to claim £4113 which has to be justified.

346/2011 Sports Mobile Provision for 2012

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

347/2011 Agenda Items for the next meeting

1. First Responders & purchase of a defibrillator.
2. Front Pages of the Parish News, to Plan ahead for the front covers.
3. Village Hall to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council taking on the running it.
4. New Year Lunch review and date for 2013

348/2011 Date and time of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 10th January 2012 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Planning applications will be available for consideration from 6.45pm

The Chairman closed the formal part of the meeting and opened the floor for a period of not more than five minutes per person to enable members of the public and Members of the Council to comment on any matter that has been discussed by the Council in the Non Exempt Section of the meeting today.

Nobody wished to make any comments

It was RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Non Exempt section of the meeting was closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Date: 2011

PART TWO - EXEMPT ITEMS

349/2011 Confirmation of the Exempt Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th November 2011 had been previously circulated. No amendments were requested and the minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

350/2011 Clerk's Report

This had been previously circulated to councillors and noted.

The Tenant in Cottage No 4 had asked if he could install a log burner in the Cottage. After discussion it was resolved to refuse the application due to the following reasons;

- 1, The Cottage lounge is not big enough.
- 2, The chimney of the cottage would not be suitable
- 3, There is no facility at the cottages to store wood; any log piles would encourage vermin.

The Clerk will write to the tenant and inform him of this decision.

The Clerk had reported seeing a large amount of condensation on the windows of No14, it was resolved the Clerk will contact the tenant and ask if there is a problem with the windows not opening? This amount of condensation could be causing damage to the window frames and internal plaster.

351/2011 Correspondence

Action Required

C.1. Quote for Tree work at Allotments from Ian Earl
C.2. Quote for Grass Maintenance for 2012-2013
C.3. Quote for Gas Safety Checks 2012

Information Only

None

C 1. A quote of £260+Vat had been received for the work required on the Allotment Trees, it was resolved to accept this quote

C.2. The current contractor for the Grass Maintenance was happy to roll his quote on in to 2012-2013 at the same prices as 2011-2012, it was resolved accept this as his work had been more than satisfactory.

C.3. The Current gas serving engineer had written to say he would not be increasing his prices in 2012 for servicing the boilers; it was resolved to accept this quote.

The Clerk left the room.

The Councillor discussed the clerks review and resolved that with immediate effect the Clerk' pay would increase to pay scale SP 18 which is £8.92 per hour

The Clerk returned to the room and was informed that the Councillors were happy with all the work being carried out and of the pay increase decision. This will be then reviewed if the Clerk achieves Cilca status.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

Councillor Harrison arrived at 8.50 p.m.

Councillor Harrison was welcomed to the meeting and invited to give his report.

Councillor Harrison reported that:-

No date had yet been fixed for the safe walk form Barrow to Chellaston Academy.



Cllr Harrison reported that there was a challenging year ahead for the County Council with savings of over £ 100million to be made by 2014-15, they are at the moment on target having already saved £38 million.

The gritting routes have been revised and this was tested yesterday with the first of the bad weather in the High Peak region. Gritters will be out more during the day, as labour costs are cheaper during the day than at night.

Concern was expressed regarding the proposed housing developments in the area and the effect of this on the Chellaston Academy. Cllr Harrison said that all these effects were being constantly monitored by School Governors and Education Officers.

Councillor Harrison was thanked for his attendance and report at tonight's meeting and also for his unstinting efforts throughout the year on behalf the Barrow Parishioners.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm

Signed:

Chairman/Vice Chairman
Date: 10th January 2012