

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council
held on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at the New Bath Hotel at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Jackie Ligo, Cllr Leisha Martin,
Cllr Louise Moran, Cllr Christopher Vivian, Julie Baranek (Clerk)

A Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

B Report from Police Representative

There was no Police Representative present.

C Report from County Council

There was no County Councillor present.

D Report from District Council

Cllr Nick Whitehead attended.

Councillors informed Cllr Whitehead that the Parish Council had submitted a complaint to DDDC regarding the removal of the Blue Spruce. Cllr Whitehead informed Councillors that he had asked that the removal of this tree be put on the worklist for staff. Although the Clean and Green Manager had responded, she had not answered the questions asked. This will be escalated to Stage 2 if no further response is received.

Travellers – Cllr Whitehead reported that he had met with various representatives of DDDC as well as the leader and Chief Executive. Cllr Whitehead further reported that the Working Group needs to focus on a short term solution to relieve Matlock Bath rather than look at the moment for longer term solutions. He felt that the original list of sites should be reviewed. The Working Group will now be a sub group of the Community and Resources Committee. Regarding the Matlock site, this could be a semi permanent site to house one family which would be screened off.

Cllr Whitehead would like power to be given to the officers to look at sites which would perhaps speed up the process of finding a short term solution. If nothing happens, Cllr Whitehead feels that an open meeting should be arranged.

Fly Tipping – Cllr Whitehead reported that DDDC had issued 2 penalty notices for the fly tipping which had been reported. To date, these fines have not been paid.

Lovers Walk – DDDC has started clearing tree work by the playground.

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Heritage Shelter in Derwent Gardens (damaged and removed) – Cllr Whitehead reported that the cost for rebuilding the shelter would be around £45,000. Cllr Whitehead asked that this should not go ahead and the money invested into Lovers Walks or open up the other closed shelters.

Cllr Whitehead was thanked for attending.

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01.03.24 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dave Mowle and Cllr Spencer Wiltshire.

02.03.24 **Declaration of Members' Interests**

Councillors were asked to consider the need to declare an interest in any matters on the agenda.

03.04.24 **Acceptance & Signing of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 24th January 2024 be accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

04.04.24 **Clerk's Ongoing Matters**

Land to the Rear of Holme Road – It was reported that there is a sign signifying that it is owned by the District Council. The Clerk reported that she is awaiting confirmation from Estates at DDDC to confirm whether or not this is the case.

Event Enquiry for Paddlesports Race – Councillors confirmed they had no objection to this enquiry.

ANPR Pilot Scheme – It was **RESOLVED** to be involved in this scheme. The Clerk confirmed that she had completed a form and awaiting more information from the Police.

05.03.24 **Committees**

- **Activities Committee**

Art and Photography Competitions - It was confirmed that the posters for both Competitions were available and would be displayed in the village and on our website.

Christmas – The Clerk confirmed that a formal complaint had been submitted to Derbyshire Dales District Council. The Stage 1 response from the Clean and Green Manager was circulated to all Councillors. Councillors agreed that none of the questions asked had been answered and as a result a further e-mail should be sent to the Manager asking for answers. If this is not forthcoming quickly, it was agreed to escalate the complaint to Stage 2. It was felt that as the tree had been removed without the permission of the Parish Council, and the fact that it was to be used as the village Christmas Tree in future to save funds, we should be compensated with a replacement tree.

- **Communications Committee**

Newsletter - The Clerk reported that the Spring Newsletter was being prepared and will be put on the website in due course. Anyone signing up for an electronic copy will be sent one.

- **Environment and Conservation Committee**

It was reported that a final response from the Cabinet Officer for Highways in regards to the Holme Road and Temple junctions would be received from the Officers imminently.

Clerk's note: No response has been received by Easter.

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Nature Reserve – It was reported that volunteers had planted around 200 trees into the hedge along the border with the New Bath Hotel. The Parish Council wishes to thank the volunteers for their hard work.

- **Facilities Committee**

Winter Lighting – Cllr Baranek agreed to talk to DDDC Estates regarding the electrical problems with the winter lighting.

- **Finance Committee**

Renewal of DALC Subscription – It was **RESOLVED** to renew the DALC subscription for 2024/2025.

Payments – The following payments were **RESOLVED**:

Shelter Maintenance	£63.19
Clerk, Expenses, January 2024	£118.47
Clerk, Toner cartridges	£252.19
HMRC	£118.66
Clerk, Salary, February 2024	£1125.10
NEST	£135.08
ICO renewal	£35.00
DALC subscription	£282.69
Clerk, maintenance of equipment	£11.93
N Cosgrove	£35.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£75.00
N Cosgrove	£120.00
Shelter Maintenance	£63.19
Lovedays Solicitors	£420.00
Crow Pie Marketing	£45.00
N Cosgrove	£40.00
Clerk, Exps, Feb 24	£59.97
Clerk, Exps, March 24	£60.97
HMRC	£118.66
Clerk, AVG renewal	£109.99
Clerk, Salary, March 24	£1125.10
NEST	£135.08
N Cosgrove	£100.00
Total	£4680.27

Appointment of Internal Auditor 2023/2024 – It was **RESOLVED** to appoint East Midlands Audit Services for the Internal Audit. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had being selected for the 5% intermediate check by the External Auditors.

- **Planning Committee**

Planning Applications – To note no objection to the following applications:

24 00013 FUL - 23 Clifton Road - Alterations to Windows and Doors
T 24 00036 TCA - Lower Towers, Masson Road
24 00120 LBALT – Masson Mills – Electric Charger Points
24 00154 FUL – Heights of Abraham – Erection of storage building
T 24 00059 TCA – Harveydale Cottage - Works to Trees
T 24 00060 TCA – 5 Devonshire Terrace, Brunswood Road – Works to Trees

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Planning Decisions – To note decisions by DDDC:

T 24 00036 TCA – Lower Towers, Masson Road - Permitted

06.03.24 **Reports from Outside Bodies**

- **Pavilion** – There was nothing to report.
- **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – Cllr Christopher Vivian reported that the through train to Nottingham had re-started. The notes of the last meeting will be circulated once received.
- **Illuminations Working Group** – The Clerk reported that she had requested the figures for the 2023 illuminations from DDDC since a ‘wash up’ meeting was not held.
- **Town and Parish Council** – Cllr Moran agreed to attend the next meeting.

07.03.24 **Cumberland Cavern**

It was reported that all documentation had been signed but land registry could take up to 2 years to change ownership. Cllr Moran agreed to speak with the cavers regarding the access to Cumberland Mine which will be locked.

The Clerk reported that an information board will be erected showing the history of the land as requested by the previous owners as part of the transfer. Councillors asked if pathways could be created so residents could walk their dogs. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged in due course to ascertain what the Parish Council can do with the land.

08.03.24 **Travellers**

No update, apart from the report from Cllr Whitehead, had been received by the Clerk.

A meeting with our MP, Sarah Dines, to discuss the traveller situation is arranged for Thursday 28th March.

09.03.24 **Urgent Matters/Matters for the Next Agenda Raised in Public Participation, District Council, County Council or Police Report**

Councillors agreed that since no answers had been given for the removal of the Blue Spruce the matter be raised to Level 2.

10.03.24 **Correspondence**

To note the following:

E-mail from PCSO – Newsletter.
E-mail from resident re mountain biking in Nature Reserve.
E-mail from Paddle Peak re clearing of river.
E-mail and newsletter from PCC.
E-mail from residents re travellers - various
E-mail from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue re poster
E-mail from Derbyshire PCC – Newsletter
E-mail from DDDC re Radio Derby – Lovers Walk

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11.03.24 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd May. This will also be the date for the Annual Meetings.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

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