



**MINUTES OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2024 AT 6.30PM AT SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs J Jones (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs E Jones  
Councillor Mr A Higgs  
Councillor Major K McRae  
Councillor Mr T Cox  
Councillor Mrs M Wilson-Knight

Councillor Mr R Butler  
Councillor Mr J Walker  
Councillor Mrs M Matlock  
Councillor Mr N Matlock  
Councillor Mr R Everquill

**NOT PRESENT**

Councillor Mr A Booth (Apologies received)  
Councillor Mr S Gerrard (Apologies received)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Borough Councillor Mr G Lawrence  
Mrs R Richardson - Clerk  
Mrs J Lovatt – Deputy Clerk

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**401/23-24**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED** to accept and approve apologies from Councillors A Booth and S Gerrard. Apologies received from County Councillor Mr R Shepherd.

**402/23-24**

**TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Councillor A Higgs Min No 407/23-24 (b)

**403/23-24**

**CLERK'S REPORT**

**P/24/0533/2** Erection of single storey rear extension extending beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.40m, with a maximum height of 3.50m, and height to the eaves of 3.00m 21 Ratcliffe Road, Sileby, LE12 7PU "This is for **information only** (it is not a formal consultation) as the proposal has been submitted under the Householder Prior Notification procedure. I am

advising you of this proposal because the Council has consulted the owner/occupier of the adjacent properties, and they may seek your guidance.”

Unfortunately, we have not been successful in our application to the National Lottery Community Fund for a youth shelter, bins and benches for the Memorial Park.

An email has been received from a member of the Democratic Services Team, which reads as follows: - “I just wish to make you aware of the non-attendance of councillors at the Planning Nuts & Bolts training held on 8 April.

This was a little disappointing as we had made it clear that there were limited spaces available and there needs to be sufficient numbers to make it cost effective for the Borough Council/trainer. Fortunately, this was the case for this session as 13 did attend.

I am a little concerned for the next two sessions as they are only partially booked (10-12 per session) and if we have a similar level of non-attendance, it will significantly reduce the numbers attending. I would be grateful if you could check whether any of the above councillors wish to rebook, and that existing bookings can still make the two sessions on 15 May and 20 May

#### **404/23-24**

##### **POLICE MATTERS**

The Beat Report for the last 30 days was circulated to councillors. During this time Sileby had the following: - Anti-social behaviour: 2; Criminal Damage: 5; Theft: 9; Public Order: 5; Burglary Residential: 3; Burglary Business: 0; Assaults: 6

#### **405/23-24**

##### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None present.

#### **406/23-24**

##### **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2024**

**RESOLVED** To accept as a true record and these were duly signed.

#### **407/23-24**

##### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) To note the Income

**RESOLVED** To note the Income in the sum of £24,127.18.

(b) To approve the Expenditure

**RESOLVED** To approve the Expenditure in the sum of £55,719.16 – The Deputy Clerk reported that the payment for Ground Control has now been put on hold.

(c) To approve renewing the Annual Membership (24/25) with the LRALC at a cost of £850.00

**RESOLVED** To approve renewing the Annual Membership at a cost of £850.

(d) To approve renewing the Annual Membership (24/25) with NALC at a cost of £546.51

**RESOLVED** To approve renewing the Annual Membership at a cost of £546.51.

(e) To approve a cost of £4,500 to drill seed all pitches in multiple passes.

**RESOLVED** to note that this item was put on the agenda in error.

#### **408/23-24**

#### **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS IF IN ATTENDANCE**

“In his absence the Clerk read Councillor Shepherd’s report: -

There are no matters of interest to Sileby in particular which I have to report at the moment. However, I should be grateful to hear of any matters which the Parish Council would like me to follow up or about which more information is needed. For matters of general interest, may I refer to the media releases and other information which I have been circulating?”.

Councillor McRae reported that he had asked Councillor Shepherd for his help in an issue regarding flooding on Ratcliffe Road and the Davidsons estate.

Councillor Lawrence gave his report on behalf of the Borough Councillors:

Council houses on Ratcliffe Rd next to new walkway to Davidsons estate – Naomi attended the meeting with Cllr Ken McCrae & Charnwood officers on 15th April meeting to discuss rework required to both properties as a result of the conditions associated with the planning permission granted to Davidsons to build the Ratcliffe Gardens estate, and the formal handover of other infrastructure to Sileby parish council.

Charnwood’s Flooding Scrutiny Panel – update from Naomi: EA are due to attend the next meeting in May. Otherwise currently fact-finding and trying to get LCC to engage, they are the lead local flood authority.

Flooding Community Consultation - following Geoff’s attendance at the residents’ drop-in session arranged by LCC lead flood authority on March 20th in Syston, still awaiting confirmation that:

- EA will link the planned new river gauge to their text/email/phone alerting/warning system so that Sileby Brook would then have separate flood alerts/warnings from Loughborough Urban Watercourses.
- The EA will provide their maintenance schedule showing when the Brook is next due to be dredged.
- One of the EA officers at the meeting has spoken to Highways about removing the footbridge at Cygnet Close to remove a critical obstruction to flow.

Update on two separate reports of surface water running into back gardens between 38 and 98 Ratcliffe Rd, this winter and previously:

- 38-60 R Rd: water running off allotments reported in January to SPC.
- 76-98 R Rd: water running off what is now Davidsons development site.

Geoff is still investigating and had asked Charnwood to check their drainage channel between the Davidsons site and the rear of 76-96 Ratcliffe Road. In the end, it was Davidsons who cleared vegetation and silt from the above-ground channel early in April.

Planning Enforcement have advised they may not be able to stop Davidsons from using the additional channel they have dug to drain surface water from their site into the below-ground drain that runs under the allotments at the back of 38-76 Ratcliffe Rd. Geoff is still working with Charnwood on the underground drain and hoping to clarify who is responsible for its maintenance.

Land off Cossington Rd Reserved Matters Planning Application

Naomi's call-in to Plans Committee had been debated that evening and the Committee voted to approve.

Charnwood Community Grants applications are now open. Member Grants are no longer available but have been replaced by Small Community Grants worth up to £750. These would be a good option for any community groups and sports clubs that may need a small amount of funding to develop their activities or replace old equipment.

Geoff will be attending the Parish Liaison Meeting at the British Gypsum works to be held on Wednesday 29th May.

Councillor Higgs asked Councillor Lawrence if there was an update on the Electric Car charging points on the King Street Car Park. Councillor Lawrence said that they were up and running but would confirm and let the Parish Council office know, so that it can be advertised on the website, as it is believed that a lot of residents were not aware it had been connected.

#### **409/23-24**

##### **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED OR REPORTS RECEIVED – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Councillors E Jones and A Higgs had attended a quarterly Football Meeting with James Walker and David Monk from Sileby Juniors. Matters arising for this meeting will go on the next Parish Council for approval.

Councillors M Matlock and N Matlock had attended the A46 Junction meeting at Seagrave with Councillor Lawrence. This Working Party has been named as JIG (Junction Improvement Group). A Facebook page has been set up, and there is a meeting next Tuesday. Councillors will report back regarding JIG.

#### **411/23-24**

##### **TO CONSIDER AND AGREE COMMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS: -**

- (a) **P/12/2235/2** To receive and consider a Notice of Public Footpath Diversion Order – I43 (part) from Butcher's Lane, Seagrave to Swan Street, Sileby Public Footpath Diversion Order 2024

**RESOLVED** to respond that we are under the impression this has already been diverted.

- (b) Proposal - Request for the postponement of the second periodic Review of Mineral Planning Permission (ROMP) of planning permission reference 2000/0381/02 for a period of 10 years until 23rd August 2035. Applicant - British Gypsum Limited

**RESOLVED** No objection.

**412/23-24**

**TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE PROJECT PARK! WORKING PARTY**

The Clerk summarised what was agreed at a virtual meeting with Red Kite and Cara Baker on 4 April. Regarding play areas and equipment choice, Red Kite to compile a list of suitable kit and produce a final draft of play area layouts by 18 April. The timber fencing alongside brook shall be replaced as part of the lay area works. Large Multiplay climbing equipment to be included and that surface would be bound rubber mulch or crumb continuous surfacing. Furniture – seats to be Glasdon Phoenix recycled plastic seat and Glasdon Futuro bins. Planters in edible garden to be recycled plastic. Surface Materials – paving block edgings and threshold details agreed as red/brindle clay or similar. Swan Street Entrance – Red Kite will explore design interventions to make the current maintenance entrance more welcoming and smarter. The next meeting is 23 April 11.00 am.

The Clerk gave an update on the MUGA – details of which will be forwarded to councillors and a further discussion will take place on Thursday, 25 April 2.30 pm at the Memorial Park.

**413/23-24**

**TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A DRAFT OF THE EQUIPMENT PROPOSED FOR THE TWO PLAY AREAS**

**RESOLVED** The Working Party will meet to discuss this further on Thursday, 25 April at 2.30 pm at the Memorial Park

**414/23-24**

**ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS ON KING STREET CAR PARK**

This item was discussed under Minute No 408/23-24

**415/23-24**

**CEMETERY ENTRANCE FLOWERBEDS**

Councillor Higgs reported that there was a large bare area at the Cemetery entrance, where the flowerbeds need planting. Unfortunately, this area is overrun with ivy that needs removal.

**RESOLVED** To appoint a contractor to remove the ivy, up to a cost of £500.

**416/23-24**

**CONTENT FOR NEWS ARTICLE**

Electric Charging Points – awaiting confirmation from Councillor Lawrence

**417/23-24**

**FUTURE PLANNING**

Cemetery Wall – Councillor McRae  
Matters arising from the Football Working Party

**Meeting closed at 7.56 pm.**

Chairman’s Signature: ..... Date: .....