



**MINUTES OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 2 MAY 2024 AT 6.30PM AT SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs J Jones (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs E Jones
Councillor Mrs M Matlock
Councillor Mr J Walker
Councillor Mr N Matlock

Councillor Mr R Butler
Councillor Mr A Booth
Councillor Mrs M Wilson-Knight
Councillor Major K McRae
Councillor Mr T Cox

NOT PRESENT

Councillor Mr A Higgs (Apologies received)
Councillor Mrs S Gerrard (Apologies received)
Councillor Mr R Everquill (Apologies received)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

418/23-24

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL

RESOLVED to accept and approve apologies from Councillors A Higgs, R Everquill and S Gerrard.
Apologies received from County Councillor Mr R Shepherd.

419/23-24

TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Councillor J Jones Minute No 425/23-24.

420/23-24

CLERK'S REPORT

A note of thanks for received from a resident on Barrow Road for facilitating and paying for the repairs to the Church Clock. "It is great to hear the mellifluous chimes, which are part of the charm of living in the heart of our village."

The defibrillator, outside the office, has failed and so Community Heartbeat Trust has loaned us one, which was delivered this afternoon, until we purchase a replacement.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present.

422/23-24

TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2024

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

423/23-24

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS IF IN ATTENDANCE

The Deputy Clerk read Councillor R Shepherd's report, as follows: -

I should be grateful to hear of any issues as yet unresolved following the recent heavy rain or indeed earlier episodes of such. The email I circulated on 29th April about the Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant for homes or businesses which suffered internal flooding during Storm Babet or Storm Henk may be of interest.

I have no other matters concerning Sileby in particular to report at the moment but please let me know of any issues which the Parish Council would like me to follow up or about which more information is needed.

I should like to thank the Clerk for continuing to forward emails I circulate on matters of general interest.

Councillor Lawrence gave a report on behalf of the Borough Councillors.

Ratcliffe Road/Peashill development - Naomi & Geoff have monitored, & where appropriate, supported Cllr Ken McRae's representations on behalf of residents of Ratcliffe Rd in relation to housing and drainage issues. Naomi attended a meeting with CBC housing officers on 14th April, and Geoff attended a meeting with Davidsons representatives & a Charnwood officer on 2nd May, which agreed a number of actions on drainage infrastructure and the transfer of land to Sileby Parish Council for allotments.

Charnwood's Flooding Scrutiny Panel – update from Naomi: EA are due to attend the next meeting on 21st May. Otherwise, disappointing that LCC won't engage at all even though they are the lead local flood authority. The Panel has been focusing on how to ensure information is passed around quickly and efficiently, and whether things like road closures and signage can be managed differently.

Following Geoff's attendance at the residents' drop-in session arranged by LCC lead flood authority on March 20th in Syston, and the most recent flooding event on 28/04/24, he has chased up the EA regarding:

- a) Confirmation that the planned new river gauge at Dudley Bridge will be linked to their text/email/phone alerting/warning system such that Sileby Brook would then have separate flood alerts/warnings from 'Loughborough Urban Watercourses'.
- b) Providing their maintenance schedule showing when the Brook is next due to be dredged.
- c) EA and LCC Highways starting to investigate the option of demolishing or adapting the footbridge at Cygnet Close to remove a critical obstruction to free flow of the brook.

EV charging points in the King St car park have been operational since December 2023. Geoff has asked Charnwood officers to provide additional signage to promote a higher level of usage, including at the car park entrance adjacent to the pre-existing BP Pulse charging point. One reason for low usage is these charge points are not yet appearing on Zap Map.

Planning Enforcement - The owners of Istanbul Barbers on the corner of Little Church Lane are not replying to Planning Enforcement's letters about the inappropriate signage they have erected.

Mental Health Awareness Week events taking place in Sileby:

- a) Thursday 16th May from 1–3pm: event at Sileby Methodist Church with different organisations attending to raise awareness around their support services. Leaflets will be available to promote to local residents.
- b) Dementia Open Morning at Sileby Library from 10.30 also on 16th May: with speaker on caring for someone with dementia plus live music.

The Clerk reported to Councillor Lawrence that the Parish Council Office have received several complaints regarding the green open space on Collingwood Drive. Charnwood Borough Council own the land, and is currently trialling a mowing scheme where it is only cut once a year, allowing it to become wild, and only cutting around the edges. A resident had reported that children were playing in this overgrown area, but dog owners were also allowing their dogs to foul in this area, as they class it as a meadow and exempt from picking up dog poo. Residents were very disappointed that there had been no consultation with neighbouring properties regarding this trial. The Deputy Clerk suggested Charnwood Borough Council erect 'No Dog Fouling' signs around this new wild area.

424/23-24

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

Councillor J Jones reported that she had attended a meeting with Councillor Higgs and the Clerk to discuss the Community Garden article asking if anyone is interested in being involved in taking this forward. We need a group of people who would be willing to set up, manage and work on a community garden. This article to go on the website and social media, and also the leaflet to be enclosed in Soar Valley Life.

Councillor Jones also reported that she had attended a meeting with Councillor Higgs, the Clerk and Admin Officer regarding the renovation of the current Garden of Remembrance. The Admin Officer is drawing up an initial design for consideration.

Councillor M Matlock reported that the Action Group for the Seagrave/Thrussington A46 crossroads has a Facebook page, and they are carrying out a survey to ascertain peoples' feelings towards crossing the Seagrave/Thrussington A46 crossroads in all directions. The Deputy Clerk will post details of the survey on the Parish Council website and social media.

425/23-24

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

- (a) **P/24/0641/2** Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to sides and rear 2 Quaker Road, Sileby, LE12 7SA

RESOLVED No objection

426/23-24

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE PROJECT PARK! WORKING PARTY

- (a) To Receive and consider Mac Construction's Proposal re The Haul Road

As the haul road is going to be part of a football pitch it needs to be done to a certain standard ie to rake out all stones, apply sports turf rootzone, seed and rota rake to blend soils together. Mac Construction was asked that if we do this work would they deduct the cost of this from the outstanding balance. Their response was that they would be happy to contribute £1,000 towards this work which the grounds maintenance contractor has quoted £3,150 for. Councillor J Jones asked if Councillor Walker of Sileby Juniors Football Club would be happy for the work to go ahead now, as it will mean potentially that lorries will have to go over the pitches when the MUGA is resurfaced in the next couple of months. Councillor Walker confirmed that Sileby Juniors Football Club would prefer the work to be carried out as soon as possible, so was happy for the work to go ahead immediately.

RESOLVED To accept Mac Construction's contribution of £1,000 and Sports Ground Maintenance to start the work as soon as possible

- (b) To approve Mac Construction's proposal to make good the MUGA and footways in the park

Some issues had been raised with the contractor re the MUGA and footways in the Memorial Park; as we were dissatisfied with the work. The contractor had a meeting with the tarmac supplier, who then issued a report. The report confirmed that there is no quality issue with material or workmanship and the tarmac supplier has offered to supply the material free of charge to resurface the MUGA. Mac Construction has offered to carry out a full resurface of the MUGA, and stand the cost to cover plant and labour required to carry out this remedial work. They would also carry out the remedial works to the circular footpath. As a compromise Mac Construction has proposed we accept the footpath to the entrance as it is, as they feel this is within tolerance and so no further work is required.

RESOLVED To accept this proposal

- (c) To approve the Parish Council purchasing the seats and bins and installing them, where it will not interfere with the play areas (this will relieve the contractor of carrying out this work and installation will be done sooner rather than later)

RESOLVED that the Parish Council purchase the bins and seats

(d) To receive and consider quotes from architects re the Sports Pavilion alterations
RESOLVED to accept the quote from David Ives.

427/23-24

TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL LIABILITIES IN TAKING THE ALLOTMENT LAND OFFERED BY DAVIDSONS HOMES, IN PARTICULAR FLOODING ISSUES

Councillors K McRae and E Jones had attended a meeting with Davidsons to discuss concerns about the flooding on the proposed new allotment site. Following this meeting, the councillors reported that they had no concerns in the Parish Council adopting the site, subject to the work being carried out as discussed at the site meeting.

428/23-24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE PROPOSED CAR PARK 'FINISH' FOR THE NEW ALLOTMENTS AREA

RESOLVED To accept this 'finish'.

429/23-24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER QUOTES TO REPLACE THE CEMETERY WALL

RESOLVED To defer this item and for it to be discussed at the meeting on 16 May 2024.

430/23-24

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE FOOTBALL CLUB WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL AND TO CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillor E Jones gave a brief report on the Football Club Working Party meeting that was held on 4th April 2024. A new User Agreement should be prepared for the 1st August 2024. No issues to report. Date of next meeting – 4th July 2024.

431/23-24

SOCIAL MEDIA

Councillor Wilson-Knight reported that she will forward slides and information to councillors regarding enhancing our social media presence.

432/23-24

TO APPROVE RENEWING THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP WITH THE ICCM AT A COST OF £100.00

RESOLVED To approve this cost.

433/23-24

TO REVIEW ACTION STATUS REPORT

This was reviewed.

434/23-24

TO NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE TO RECEIVE ARTICLES TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE SUMMER EDITION OF SOAR VALLEY LIFE IS 10 MAY

RESOLVED Articles for the leaflet were:

- Community Garden (with photograph) – Cllr J Jones
- Sileby Summer Sports Camp – Cllr J Walker

- Revised Parliamentary Boundaries – Cllr M Wilson-Knight
- Project Park! update – Cllr J Jones

435/23-24

CONTENT FOR NEWS ARTICLE

As above. Councillor R Butler will also write an article thanking the volunteers that helped out with the flooding incident last weekend.

436/23-24

FUTURE PLANNING

- ❖ Cemetery Wall Quotes
- ❖ Land Drainage – current allotment site

Meeting closed at 7.29 pm

Chairman’s Signature: Date: