



**MINUTES OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2024 AT 6.30PM AT SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT

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

Councillor Mr A Booth
Councillor Mrs S Gerrard
Councillor Mrs M Matlock
Councillor Major K McRae
Councillor Mr T Cox

NOT PRESENT

Councillor Mr R Butler (Apologies received)
Councillor Mrs M Wilson-Knight (Apologies received)

IN ATTENDANCE

PC 1548 Heath Taylor (up to an inc Min No 177/24)
Borough Councillor Mr G Lawrence (part of the meeting)
Mrs R Richardson - Clerk
Mrs J Lovatt – Deputy Clerk

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL

Apologies received from County Councillor Mr R Shepherd

RESOLVED to accept and approve apologies from Councillors R Butler and M Wilson-Knight

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TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

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CLERK'S REPORT

Reminder that there is a Finance & General-Purpose Working Party meeting on Thursday, 17 October at 5.00 pm. I can email documents; please let me know if you require hard copies of what is to be reviewed: - New Model Financial Regs; Standing Orders; Business Continuity Plan; General H&S Policy Statement of Intent; HR Terms of Reference.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PC Heath Taylor attended the meeting to introduce himself, and to give Councillors an update on crime figures in the area. Clerk to email PC Taylor contact details for all Councillors, and PC Taylor will email Councillors his new contact details. Discussions took place regarding illegal electric scooters, pavement parking and speeding within the village.

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TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2024

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

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TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS IF IN ATTENDANCE

The Deputy Clerk read County Councillor Shepherd's report: -

"Weed-spraying: in view of current weather conditions, I should like to draw attention to two emails about weed-spraying which I forwarded on 24 September.

Flooding across the County – the County Council has been working with other organizations as part of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Local Resilience Forum to co-ordinate agencies' actions following significant rainfall.

I am grateful to the Clerk for forwarding to Councillors media releases and other information items of general County interest.

Please let me know of any matters which the Parish Council would like me to follow up or about which more information is needed."

Borough Councillor G Lawrence gave a report on behalf of the Borough Councillors:

Flooding that took place earlier in the week, resulted in one property in Sileby flooding internally. Councillor Lawrence arranged for the debris left on the road and pavements to be cleared the following day. Councillor Lawrence felt that the flood warnings were not given out earlier enough. Councillor E Jones thanked Councillor Lawrence for his help in assisting residents on Cygnet Close.

Councillor N Bottomley had attended the Flood Scrutiny Plan on Wednesday 2nd October 2024. Three residents from Sileby were invited to attend – two were unable to attend but sent a report, and the other resident attended.

Coats for Kids event is due to be held at Sileby Community Centre on Saturday 16th November 2024. Drop off points to be advertised in due course.

Due to the resignation of Cllr F Forde, there will be a Borough Councillor bi-election on Thursday 31st October 2024.

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

Several Councillors met at the Cemetery earlier in the week with the Admin. Assistant to review the unsafe headstones on the graves that were over one hundred years old. The general view was that the headstones should be laid down, but it was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to put this on the next agenda for approval on a case-by-case basis.

Councillor N Matlock reported that he had met with the contractor that had renovated the wall at the Cemetery. It was agreed that Councillor K McRae would liaise with the contractor to try to resolve the issues outstanding.

Councillor K McRae had been to inspect the Balancing Ponds / SUDS on the day of the flood to see if they were working properly – two were full and one was not. Councillor A Higgs had been to look at the ponds on the Miller and Bellway Estates, where he found that the original Miller Homes balancing pond did not appear to be working. Councillor McRae had contacted both MPs for Sibleby to try to confirm who has the responsibility for checking that the ponds are working and for the upkeep, as all the local agencies will not take responsibility and pass it on to another agency. It was agreed to wait for the response from the MPs. In the meantime, the Leader of the Councillor Jewel Miah is due to attend a Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would send the relevant information to him for this so that he would be fully informed of the issues to be raised prior to the meeting.

Councillor E Jones reported that the new drain at the top of Cossington Road worked well during the flood, and Councillor A Higgs added that the new drain fitted to the rear of the War Memorial was also working well.

Councillor McRae said that there is an issue with raw sewage being left after the floods on Cygnet Close. This has been reported by the residents.

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TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE PROJECT PARK! WORKING PARTY

1. A Programme of Works has been received, starting 21 October.
2. Red Kite's costs have been received
3. Email received from the Communications Manager at Charnwood asking if he can come along within the next few weeks and do an update; happy for councillors to be involved

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TO APPROVE REVIEWING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND TO AGREE A DATE AND TIME FOR A WORKING PARTY MEETING

RESOLVED to approve reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan and to agree a meeting take place on Thursday, 7 November at 5.00 pm in the Wesleyan Room. Councillors to bring their copy of the Neighbourhood Plan. Refreshments will be provided.

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TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM A BUSINESS OWNER IN SILEBY TO HAVE USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR A FESTIVE COMMUNITY EVENT

RESOLVED to approve this request and allow hire of the Community Centre free of charge.

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TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER AN EMAIL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT AT LCC RE PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK REVIEW

RESOLVED to note this.

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QUESTIONS FOR THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S VISIT

Councillor A Booth had drawn up a list of questions in preparation for the PCC visit.

Items for inclusion would be:

1. Speeding on Seagrave Road and other locations
2. Blocking of pavements by badly parked cars
3. Electric scooters making the pavements dangerous
4. Anti-social behaviour in the park (and other locations)

Proposed solutions would be:

1. Speed cameras, both mobile and fixed
2. Warning to owners then penalties
3. Warning to parents, then confiscation of scooter
4. Higher physical presence and a plethora of cameras

Councillors agreed that these were good issues to raise, and to question the legislation regarding scooters. To also raise that policing levels are very low.

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CEMETERY TREES AND HEDGES

Councillor A Higgs asked Councillors what they would like plant to replace the conifers that were due to be removed. LCC were offering free trees and hedging this year, and it was agreed to go along this route again. Councillor Higgs said that he would like to plant Yew hedging at the side of the Garden of Remembrance, which Council agreed to.

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CONTENT FOR PARISH COUNCIL NEWS ARTICLE

- Programme of Works on the Park (Councillor A Higgs)

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FUTURE PLANNING

Memorials over 100 years old

Meeting closed at 7.44 pm.

Chairman's Signature:

Date: