



**MINUTES OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 6 JULY 2023 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 Mrs M Wilson-Knight

Councillor Mr R Butler
Councillor Mrs S Gerrard
Councillor Mrs M Matlock
Councillor Major K McRae
Councillor Mr T Cox

IN ATTENDANCE

County Councillor Mr R Shepherd
Borough Councillor Mr G Lawrence
2 members of the public
Mrs R Richardson - Clerk
Mrs J Lovatt – Deputy Clerk
Miss L J Richardson (Admin Officer)

054/23

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL

RESOLVED To receive apologies from Borough Councillors F Forde and N Bottomley.

055/23

TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

056/23

CLERK'S REPORT

The Wesleyan Room is currently not in use due to falling rubble coming through the ceiling. We are currently trying to get advice on this.

Articles for the Soar Valley Life has to be with the publisher on Friday, 14 July. Received The Future of the Community Centre, Keeping in Touch and the Cemetery Update.

Charnwood Road Safety Committee is being resurrected and there is a meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 7.30 pm at Southfields Offices. I have forwarded this information to Cllr Butler; if there are any topics you wish to have on the agenda, please let me know and I will forward to the Chairman.

A letter has been received from a resident to say how well the Cemetery is looking now and very well-tended. The Cemetery Keeper has been informed of this.

A Christmas Working Party needs to be arranged – Meeting scheduled for Thursday 20th July 2023 at 5.30pm.

057/23

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

058/23

TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2023

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

059/23

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS IF IN ATTENDANCE

Borough Councillor G Lawrence gave a report on Charnwood Borough Council matters:

- There is currently a review of the planning process
- A brief update was given on the Local Plan
- A resident has reported Japanese knotweed on the parcel of land on the corner of King Street and Burton Road. This is owned and maintained by Taylor Wimpey, who have been made aware of the issue.
- Borough Councillor F Forde is in the process of trying to obtain the street sweeper to go around Sileby.

Councillor A Higgs reported to Councillor Lawrence that there were rats seen at the empty property – 7 King Street. Councillor Lawrence said he would go and investigate. The Parish Council office will report the issue to Environment Health at Charnwood Borough Council.

County Councillor R Shepherd had nothing to report.

060/23

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

Councillor E Jones reported that she had just attended a meeting with James Walker (SJFC), with Councillors Higgs and Butler. No current issues, but Sileby Juniors Football Club would like to thank Councillor Higgs for sorting out the issues with the toilets at the Pavilion at the weekend.

061/23

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

- (a) **P/23/0951/2** Erection of single storey side/rear extension - 193 Cossington Road, Sileby, LE12 7RR

RESOLVED No objection

(b) **P/23/0991/2** Erection of single storey side/ rear extension, hip to gable end and rear dormer roof extension (following demolition of existing extension and garage) 15 Peashill Close, Sileby, LE12 7PT

RESOLVED No objection, but to support the request for further information on the application.

062/23

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE KINCHBUS 2 SERVICE AND APPROVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillor J Jones commented that now there is a service for Leicester and Loughborough, Sileby would no longer qualify for the Demand Responsive Transport Scheme. Councillor J Jones to write a letter to Charnwood Borough Council requesting that a bus service for Sileby be part of the S106 monies for the new development Broadnook.

063/23

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE PROJECT PARK! WORKING PARTY

Councillor J Jones had attended a Teams Meeting with Cara Baker at Charnwood Borough Council, along with Councillors M Wilson Knight, N Matlock and the Clerk.

Entrance to the Park Tender - Three quotations have been submitted, but these quotations did not include the path. Once the additional costs have been received, this will then come back to Council for a decision.

Play Area – An Expression of Interest will go out for this part of the project. Cara Baker (CBC) to draw up a specification.

Multi-Use Games Area – This part of the project is priority due to the timescale for the use of S106 monies. Two quotations have been submitted. This will be discussed in the confidential session later in the meeting.

Councillor J Jones and the Clerk attended an online meeting with the Prosperity Fund Group. Funding is now in place.

The Police Commissioner's Grant has now reopened for applications, and Councillor J Jones has offered to resubmit an application for a Youth Shelter. This to go on the next agenda for approval.

064/23

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE UNSAFE MEMORIALS AT THE CEMETERY AND APPROVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Admin Officer updated Council on the unsafe memorials at the Cemetery. Options were discussed for the best way forward to make the memorials safe. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors would meet the Stonemason and the Admin Officer at the Cemetery to discuss further. Letters to be sent out stating that the memorials will be made safe.

065/23

TO APPROVE REMOVING THE WATER TROUGH AT THE CEMETERY

RESOLVED to remove the water trough

066/23

TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THEIR OBJECTION TO THE FELLING OF THE 'SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL' OAK TREE
RESOLVED to support this request.

067/23

TO APPROVE GETTING QUOTES TO HAVE THE LIME TREES REDUCED IN SIZE
RESOLVED to obtain quotations

068/23

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER AN INVITATION TO LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE INTERCULTURAL EVENT SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ENDERBY
If any Councillor wishes to attend, to contact the Clerk.

069/23

CONTENT FOR NEWS ARTICLE

- Winston Churchill Tree Objection – Clerk
- Wildflower Scheme – Cllr E Jones
- Volunteer Litter Pickers – Cllr E Jones
- New Bus Timetables (to include a QR code) – Cllr M Wilson-Knight
- Friends of Sileby Memorial Park and Sileby Cemetery – Cllr J Jones

Councillor Mr A Higgs has already submitted his articles for:

- Keeping in Touch
- Cemetery Update
- The Future of the Community Centre

All these articles to go on the website and Soar Valley leaflet.

070/23

FUTURE PLANNING

Friends of Sileby Memorial Park and Sileby Cemetery – Cllr J Jones

Proposed for Closed Session In accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2) and the Local Government Act 1972 s100 (2) the following agenda items are likely to be considered with members of the public and press excluded from the meeting for the reason that matters appertaining are commercially sensitive and are of a confidential nature.

071/23

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER QUOTES FOR THE MULTI-USE BALLCOURT, FITNESS & SPORT FACILITIES - MEMORIAL PARK

Two quotations were received.

RESOLVED To accept the quotation from Lightmain.

072/23

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER QUOTES FOR THE PARK ENTRANCE/DRIVEWAY AND FOOTPATH – MEMORIAL PARK

RESOLVED To defer this decision, as per minute no 063/23

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman's Signature: Date: