



**MINUTES OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2024 AT 6.30PM AT SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs J Jones (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs S Gerrard  
Councillor Mr A Higgs  
Councillor Mr J Walker  
Councillor Mr N Matlock  
Councillor Mrs M Wilson-Knight

Councillor Mr R Butler  
Councillor Mr A Booth  
Councillor Mrs M Matlock  
Councillor Major K McRae  
Councillor Mr T Cox

**NOT PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs E Jones (Apologies received)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

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**023/24**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED** to accept and approve apologies from Councillor E Jones. Apologies received from County Councillor Mr R Shepherd.

**024/24**

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

None

**025/24**

**CLERK'S REPORT**

The email from Cllr Lawrence has been forwarded to members re the 'walkaround' meeting, which is taking place on Friday, 14 June from 12 until 3 between representatives of the EA, LCC & CBC, and residents who have suffered internal flooding during the past autumn/winter plus

Robert in his capacity as flood warden. I understand that Councillors E Jones and K McRae will be attending.

Cemetery wall – the tree surgeon will be taking down the trees on 18 & 19 June.

**County Council Reference Number: 2024/CM/0025/LCC** Location - Barrow Works, Paudy Lane, Seagrave, LE12 8GB Proposal: - Two-storey Quality Centre and external works – Applicant - British Gypsum. Having taken into account all the comments we received and the relevant planning issues, the County Council has approved permission, and a decision notice has been issued.

**026/24**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None present.

**027/24**

**TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2024**

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

**028/24**

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

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

"The County Council's new weed-spraying contractor started a six-week programme for the first treatment of the year, subject to weather conditions, on 13<sup>th</sup> May. The first treatment for Charnwood is scheduled for 10 – 21 June. The second treatment will take place later in the year.

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.

Ratcliffe Road residents affected by loss of parking bays due to construction of walkway from Davidsons development (nos. 90-100) – Councillor Lawrence has been advised by a senior officer at Charnwood Planning that Davidsons have yet to complete the installation of bollards at the bottom of the new walkway as required by the planning conditions for the development. Once this is completed, it will not be possible for private vehicles to use the walkway to access Ratcliffe Rd from Ratcliffe Gardens – only emergency services will have the key to remove the large kerbside bollard. Housing have confirmed that an off-road parking space has been provided to the tenant at no.92 as part of the completed works. The net loss of parking bays is therefore calculated to be 1-2 spaces. On behalf of the tenants at no.98, Councillor Lawrence has made a proposal to Housing that would provide them with an off-road parking solution and is awaiting a response (we have been advised that officers being diverted to the preparations for the General Election will impact on response times across a number of

Council's services). Once I have an answer, I will report back to Councillor McCrae and County Councillor Shepherd.

The Banks Surgery Extension Planning Application - Concerns were initially raised with Councillor Lawrence by The Banks Surgery's Operations Manager about a short deadline given by Planning for provision of a flood risk assessment. These have been resolved but the site of the proposed extension and indeed the whole surgery in Flood Risk Zone 3b is proving to be the sticking point preventing prompt approval. Councillor Lawrence has requested a further update on the status of this application and emphasised to the Case Officer that the detrimental impact on the village's GP services and the health and wellbeing of residents would be substantial if The Banks Surgery were not able to expand their service provision to meet the additional needs resulting from the significant increase in the population of Sileby that has already occurred, with more housing developments in the pipeline for Sileby and Cossington. Councillor Lawrence has also relayed the concerns of Sileby Parish Council on this key issue for the village.

Mowing trial - The council have confirmed to Councillor Bottomly that the green spaces on Collingwood Drive and Greedon Rise are part of a 3-year pilot scheme which involves mowing twice a year, rather than ten times a year, in order to support greater biodiversity. Signage should have been put up to explain this at the outset, and how it will be managed going forward. The signs are now up, and further details are here:

[https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/relaxed\\_mowing\\_trials](https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/relaxed_mowing_trials)

**029/24**

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

Councillors R Butler and M Wilson-Knight had attended the Nuts-and-Bolts training – and both found it very informative.

Councillor McRae had attended the meeting at British Gypsum.

**030/24**

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

(a) **P/24/0558/2** Erection of single storey porch extension 2 Old Vicarage Mews, Mountsorrel Lane, Sileby, Leics

**RESOLVED** No objection.

(b) **P/24/0266/2** Provision of replacement concrete hardstanding pad to accommodate portable container - Sileby Hall, 12 Cossington Road, Sileby, Leics

**RESOLVED** We cannot comment on this application until we have clarification, as the planning application is very confusing, as it seems that the base is already in situ, but there is no mention of it being a retrospective application – please confirm.

We notice the neighbour's comments, and that he not been consulted about this application. The application states it is for a *Provision of replacement concrete hardstanding pad to accommodate portable container*, but from the photographs that the applicant has supplied, could you confirm if there is a height restriction on the containers, and were

Environmental Health consulted, as regards to the installation of an MRI scanner, as this scanner is having a detrimental effect on the neighbour's property.

**031/24**

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

Councillor J Jones updated council on the proposed plans for the Pavilion. Councillor Walker had spent a considerable amount of time liaising with the Architect and the Football Foundation to come up with a design that is acceptable to all parties. A plan has been put forward to be considered, and this will go on the next Parish Council agenda for consideration. Councillor J Jones thanked Councillor Walker on behalf of the council for all his hard work in this matter.

Councillor J Jones had received some interest from local residents regarding the Community Garden. It was agreed that an initial site meeting would be held later in the month with the residents to discuss the process of a Community Garden.

Councillor R Butler queried when the boulders would be sited at the new Gibson Road entrance. These would be sited once the MUGA has been re-laid, as construction traffic may have to access the site through this route. Clerk to contact Tarmac to enquire if boulders could be obtained through a community grant.

**032/24**

**WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INVITE FROM THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL AT CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE IN A FURTHER SURVEY ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN OUR AREA – RESPOND BY 13 JUNE (APPENDIX I)**

**RESOLVED** Councillors Butler and Wilson-Knight will respond on behalf of the council.

**033/24**

**TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ADOPTING A CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & ADULTS SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PROCEDURES (APPENDIX II)**

**RESOLVED** to adopt this policy.

**034/24**

**TO REVIEW THE CHARGING POLICY (APPENDIX III)**

**RESOLVED** re-adopt this policy.

**035/24**

**TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER AN EMAIL REQUESTING SUPPORT TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF LITHIUM BATTERIES (APPENDIX IV)**

**RESOLVED** to ask for further clarification regarding this request.

**036/24**

**TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A MEMORIAL APPLICATION (E164 PARKER) (APPENDIX V)**

**RESOLVED** to approve this revised application.

**037/24**

**TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE RESIGNATION OF A COUNCILLOR**  
**RESOLVED** to receive and note the resignation of Rhys Everquill.

**038/24**

**CONTENT FOR NEWS ARTICLE**

Volunteer Hub – Cllr M Wilson-Knight  
Urban Grass Cutting Dates – Cllr M Wilson-Knight

**039/24**

**FUTURE PLANNING**

None

**Meeting closed at 7.35 pm.**

Chairman's Signature: ..... Date: .....