



**MINUTES OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 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 N Matlock
Councillor Mrs M Wilson-Knight

Councillor Mr R Butler
Councillor Mrs S Gerrard
Councillor Mrs M Matlock
Councillor Mr R Everquill
Councillor Mr T Cox
Councillor A Booth

NOT PRESENT

Councillor Mr J Walker (apologies received)

IN ATTENDANCE

Borough Councillor F Forde (up to and inc Min No 371/23-24)
Mrs R Richardson - Clerk
Mrs J Lovatt – Deputy Clerk

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL

RESOLVED to accept and approve apologies from Councillor J Walker. Apologies received from County Councillor Mr R Shepherd and Borough Councillor G Lawrence

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TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

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CLERK'S REPORT

Sarah Jones Mental Health Neighbourhood Lead – Charnwood Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust has agreed to be our Guest Speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 April.

Update re transfer of land for cemetery and allotments – Richard Henderson (Davidson Homes) is awaiting a formal document from his Solicitors, to issue to the Council. He is hoping this will be sent to the Council in the next week or so. After that the Council and Davidsons will agree

it and sign it off. This will probably take about a month. The formal Land Transfer paperwork between Davidsons and the Parish can then be sorted

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

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**TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
15 FEBRUARY 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 reports, as follows: -

Matters of particular interest to Sileby:

A member of the public has sent me an email headed "Prevention of access to flooded highways".

Please see below an edited version of the email, edited in that I have removed the sender's name and personal details.

Edited version:

"Over the last few years, instances of flooding have become more frequent that I think we can all agree.

Although we have an excellent team of volunteers dedicated to monitoring the flooding to the highways and placing signs, cones etc. There is still an element who either ignores the warnings or who in acts of vandalism remove the warning.

This has, and no doubt will in the future, led to vehicles becoming stranded and requiring the limited resources of the rescue services to get them to safety.

I can see that in Barrow-on-Soar electronic signs have been erected, all well and good for those Barrow residents but not for those living in Sileby, East Goscote, Cossington or Ratcliffe.

Is it not time the developers of the new housing estates in these villages were forced to pay for a more robust warning system, by installing swinging lockable gates across the likes of Slash Lane, Broom Lane, Mountsorrel Lane, Syston Road to stop any vehicle access. Like the snow gates on the A66.

Surely such a cheap and easy fix would stop any vehicle entering the flooded highway thereby preventing any loss of life through an accident."

End of edited version

I have forwarded the email to County Council officers and asked for advice.

Matters of general interest:

The Spring Edition of Leicestershire Matters, the County Council's residents' newsletter, is now being distributed by Royal Mail. All homes should have received a copy by the end of next week. If you become aware of any issues with delivery, please let me know.

As always, I am grateful to the Clerk for continuing to circulate County Council media releases and health information which I forward.

Parish Councillors' enquiries:

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

Councillor J Jones requested an update on the transport budget that LCC had received, and the extra allocation of monies towards transport.

The Council also asked the Clerk to pass on their good wishes to Councillor Shepherd.

Borough Councillor Forde gave an update and information on:

1. Flood Drop-in sessions – next session is at Syston Community Centre on Wednesday 20 March, 2pm to 7pm
2. Cemetery Road Development – balancing pond issue still in dispute
3. Cossington Road Development – developers dispute ownership of the ditch that needs clearing, but agreed to clear. This has been done, but it has been requested that they come back and remove the silt, which is the issue.
4. An update was given on the Charnwood Borough Council Local Plan.
5. An Action Group has been formed to campaign to get the A46 Seagrave junction made safer. Councillor N Matlock agreed to attend the next meeting. Councillor Forde to email Councillor Matlock further information. Councillor Wilson-Knight suggested obtaining a FOI asking for the number of accidents that have occurred on that junction.

Councillor McRae informed Councillor Forde that he is having issues with Charnwood Borough Council in his role in trying to assist residents on Ratcliffe Road with issues with their Council properties, that have been impacted by the Peashill Development. It was agreed that Councillor McRae would email Councillor Forde the information for her to look into this matter.

Councillor Higgs asked if any action was going to be taken against the company whose lorries are going along Swan Street to the Homefield Road development, which is not the designated route. The Deputy Clerk had reported this to Planning Enforcement, but had not had an acknowledgement or response. Councillor Forde said that they had also reported it to

Enforcement. Councillor Higgs felt that 'Enforcement' should enforce, as they are still using the route.

Councillor N Matlock reported that the road at the top of Cemetery Road has still not been resurfaced, despite this should have been done last November. This would be another enforcement issue.

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

None attended apart from Project Park!, which will be included under Min No 374/23-24

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

- (a) **P/24/0213/2** Erection of single storey rear extension 42 Barrow Road, Sileby, LE12 7LP
RESOLVED No objection
- (b) **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
RESOLVED No objection
- (c) **P/23/2363/2** External alterations to include raising ridge height, installation of 2no. box dormers, solar panels, rooflights and new fenestration to facilitate the permitted educational use within the building (to be confirmed) - Unity Hall, 109 Swan Street, Sileby, Leicestershire, LE12 7NN **The application has been amended and the amendments comprise the following: - Revised Plans**
RESOLVED No objection

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TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE PROJECT PARK! WORKING PARTY

The Chairman reported on the virtual meeting with Cara Baker and Red Kite, which took place on Tuesday, 5 March. Entrance Planting was discussed and a practical completion date is to take place on Monday, 11 March with Red Kite, Ground Control and Councillor Higgs. Play equipment was discussed and Red Kite will require specific choices of play equipment. Councillor Higgs provided responses from consultation. Red Kite to look into other play areas that have impressed consultees and the working group. Benches and bins were discussed and it was agreed that they will be galvanised steel with no paint finish so a silver/grey colour. The bollards and solar lighting were discussed and was the bound gravel surface. Also discussed was the Edible Garden Layout; its potential for conversion into a sensory garden was noted as well as the possibility that it could be expanded with an outer row of raised beds, if needed.

375/23-24

TO APPROVE THE ADMIN OFFICER ATTENDING A TRAINING COURSE FOR THE SAFETY INSPECTION AND ASSESSMENT OF MEMORIALS IN BURIAL GROUND AT A COST OF £650.00

RESOLVED To approve the Admin Officer attending this course

376/23-24

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE A LETTER OF THANKS FROM SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB FOR THE LOAN WE MADE TO THEM IN 2017, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN SETTLED IN FULL

The Clerk read the letter of thanks to members

RESOLVED to note this

377/23-24

TO APPROVE SUPPORTING SILEBY TOWN CRICKET CLUB IN THEIR APPLICATION TO SECURE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING TO EXTEND THE CLUBHOUSE

RESOLVED to approve this request

378/23-24

TO APPROVE PURCHASING NEW FIRE DOORS IN THE PRIMARY ROOM

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of new fire doors in the Primary Room; total of work plus VAT £1,965

379/23-24

TO CONSIDER REPLACING THE 'GALLERY' ON THE WEBSITE WITH 'MENTAL HEALTH' OPTION

RESOLVED To approve this

380/23-24

TO CONSIDER APPLYING FOR A FREE PORTRAIT OF KING CHARLES III

RESOLVED to apply for a free Portrait

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TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A 'D-DAY 80 FLAG OF PEACE' TO COMMEMORATE D DAY ON 6 JUNE

RESOLVED to purchase a 5' x 3' D-Day Flag at a cost of £28.80 including VAT, post and packaging

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CONTENT FOR NEWS ARTICLE

Spring Clean – Cllr R Butler

Playground Response Thanks – Cllr A Higgs

Project Park Update – Cllr A Higgs

Parliamentary Boundary Change – Cllr M Wilson-Knight

Mental Well Being Website – Administration Assistant

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FUTURE PLANNING

Social Media – Cllr M Wilson-Knight

Meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Chairman's Signature: Date: