



**MINUTES OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 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 (from min. no 213/24)

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

NOT PRESENT

Councillor Mr A Booth (Apologies received)

IN ATTENDANCE

Borough Councillor Mr G Lawrence

Borough Councillor Mr S Bellamy

Mrs R Richardson - Clerk

Mrs J Lovatt – Deputy Clerk

One resident

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL

Apologies received from County Councillor R Shepherd.

RESOLVED to accept and approve apologies from Councillor Mr A Booth

209/24

TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

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CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk forwarded an email from Charnwood Borough Council to members asking them to check their Register of Member's Interests Forms to see if there have been any changes; if there are any amendments, please inform them within four weeks of the email i.e. 2nd December 2024. The Remembrance Service is 10.30 am for 11.00 am on Sunday 10 November.

211/24

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked Council if they had any plans in place for emergency situations. Councillor J Jones responded that there is a Sileby Community Response Plan in place for all types of emergency events. This is reviewed on an annual basis.

212/24

TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2024

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

213/24

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS IF IN ATTENDANCE

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

"I have no matters concerning Sileby in particular to report at the moment, but I should like to draw attention to a copy of a poster which the County Council has produced headed "Sources of flood risk and responsibilities", which I have recently forwarded. I hope it provides a useful guide as to the various agencies involved.

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

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

Councillor G Lawrence read out his report on behalf of the Borough Councillors:

Sileby & Seagrave By-election 31/10/24

Steve Bellamy was elected to serve as Borough Councillor for the Sileby & Seagrave Ward.

Questions to Full Council – 4th November 2024

Councillor Bottomley asked a question about the removal of carpets/flooring in social housing between tenancies. She has asked for the policy to be shared with members as the answer given is at odds with feedback we are receiving from residents. Once the policy is shared, she will support residents who have not had adequate flooring installed when moving into social housing.

SUDs Ponds

Councillor Bottomley asked a question about who is keeping records of SUDs ponds and the bodies responsible for them? Councillor Bottomley went on to ask for the LLFA (LCC) and the LPA (CBC) to work together to create and maintain a list, which would allow residents to easily find out who is responsible for SUDs ponds in their area. The answer given at the meeting was not supportive of the idea, but we will continue to push the importance of this.

Reserved Matters Planning Applications

- The Reserved Matters application for Land off Barnards Drive is due to be submitted soon.
- The Reserved Matters application for Peashill Part 2 was submitted in May 2024 and is under consideration.
- Both sites have outline planning permission [P/21/2131/2 & P/21/0738/2], but we are looking closely at the details included in the Reserved Matters applications to try and mitigate issues wherever possible.
- We are aware there are many concerns with these developments, such as flooding issues/development traffic/increased congestion/pedestrian safety on now busier roads. We will continue to raise these concerns with the relevant officers and departments and push for adequate mitigations to address said concerns.

Mowing Trial

Councillor Bottomley contacted the CBC officer involved in the mowing trials at Collingwood Drive and Greedon Rise open spaces. He indicated that the cuttings should have been removed, and feedback/lessons have been learnt and the trial will be adapted next year to take this on board.

Winter Fuel Payments

The full Council meeting on 4 November 2024 unanimously passed a motion that:

- Recognises that the Government's change to eligibility from all pensioners to a means-tested approach will cause real hardship for many pensioners.
- Calls on the Government to rethink the cut-off threshold for the winter fuel allowance.
Green councillors successfully amended the motion to include:
- A call to invest in warm homes to reduce energy bills through improved insulation, etc.
- A request that the Council contacts Charnwood's pensioner residents to signpost where they can get help to claim pension credit in order to continue receiving the Winter Fuel Allowance

214/24

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

Councillor E Jones and R Butler had been to visit Redlands Primary School to have a look around, and stayed for lunch, which was a very enjoyable visit.

Councillor A Higgs reported that a meeting had taken place earlier that day with the Project Manager for the Pavilion. This was to go through options of finish etc for the tender document.

215/24

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE PROJECT PARK! WORKING PARTY

Councillors J Jones, A Higgs and the Clerk went to the Memorial Park for a photograph for Charnwood Borough Council, as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for Project Park!

A site meeting had taken place with Councillors, the Clerk, Red Kite Project Manager, MAC Construction and Cara Baker (CBC) to check on progress. The 'Under 5's' play area is progressing well, and work on the Edible Garden is due to start week commencing 11th November 2024.

216/24

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE PRECEPT DEMAND FROM CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/26 TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 10 JANUARY 2025
RESOLVED to note this.

217/24

TO CONSIDER WHAT ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE EXISTING OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED To scrap this equipment as it was mainly being used by young children, sometimes unsupervised, which could result in injury, as the equipment is not designed for young children. Signage was in place, but it did not deter.

218/24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE RISK ASSESSMENTS OF MARTIN'S WALK AND THE PINFOLD

Councillors M Wilson Knight and R Butler had carried out the risk assessments. These were reviewed, and relevant issues will be resolved in due course.

219/24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE RISK ASSESSMENT OF THE CEMETERY

Councillors N Matlock and M Matlock carried out the risk assessment at the Cemetery. These were reviewed, and relevant issues will be resolved in due course.

220/24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE RISK ASSESSMENT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES

Councillors N Matlock and M Matlock carried out the risk assessment at the Parish Council Office. No issues outstanding.

221/24

TO RECEIVE AND COMPLETE THE SURVEY FROM THE PCC ON THE COMMUNITY ACTION FUND, TO BE SUBMITTED BY 10 NOVEMBER

RESOLVED This was reviewed and the survey will be completed by the Clerk and forwarded to PCC.

222/24

TO CONSIDER WHAT ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN RE THE SCS CAMERA

The Clerk reported that the SCS camera is currently out of action due to the new owners of the premises cutting through the wires in error. The Clerk is waiting for a cost to repair this and will bring it back to Council for their consideration.

RESOLVED To await cost to repair.

223/24

TO PREPARE FOR COUNCILLOR JEWEL MIAH'S VISIT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 5 DECEMBER

The following issues were highlighted, with ideas that could help the residents of Sileby.

- Contact and communication with Charnwood Borough Council. Several residents come into the Parish Council Office as they are unable to get through to Charnwood Borough

Council on the telephone. When you ring Charnwood, there are so many different options, it is very confusing. A dedicated switchboard operator would be beneficial for a lot of people. Also, some residents do not use the internet, and so are unable to complete online forms. The process needs to be more 'customer friendly'.

- Leicestershire County Council has a dedicated email address for Parish Councils to report issues, and it would be helpful if CBC could provide this. Several Clerks of Parish Councils have requested this as the Clerk's Liaison Meeting, but no action has been taken.
- Extra visits from Street Wardens to monitor litter and parking issues. Pavement parking is a big problem in the village, which has an impact on pushchairs, mobility scooters and wheelchair users.
- What are the plans for the disused toilet block on King Street car park?

224/24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER APPLYING FOR A LEGACY GRANT TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE LOCAL COMMUNITY'S NEEDS
RESOLVED To advertise this grant on the website.

225/24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER AN INVITATION TO ATTEND LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AND LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE FAMILY JOINT CAROL SERVICE AT THE LEICESTER CATHEDRAL. THE EVENING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2024 WITH THE SERVICE COMMENCING AT 7.00PM, ARRIVAL FROM 6.30PM.
RESOLVED If any councillors wish to attend, to contact the Clerk.

226/24

TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF A MAPLE TREE AT THE CEMETERY AT A COST OF £300
RESOLVED To approve this cost and post a news article on the website to explain why they are being removed.

227/24

CEMETERY - TO CONSIDER WHAT ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN WHERE THE TREES, WHICH BORDER THE ALLOTMENTS, HAVE BEEN REMOVED
RESOLVED Clerk to obtain a costing for replacement fencing.

228/24

CONTENT FOR NEWS ARTICLE

- ❖ Edible Garden – Cllr A Higgs & Borough Cllr G Lawrence
- ❖ Removal of Maple Trees – Cllr A Higgs
- ❖ Christmas Switch On – Cllr A Higgs
- ❖ Remembrance Service – Deputy Clerk

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FUTURE PLANNING

Parking issues at the Memorial Park Car Park.

Meeting closed at 7.39pm

Chairman's Signature: Date: