



**MINUTES OF SILEBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST 2024 AT 6.30PM AT SILEBY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs J Jones (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs S Gerrard (up to and inc Min No 114/24)

Councillor Mr A Higgs

Councillor Major K McRae

Councillor Mr N Matlock

Councillor Mr R Butler

Councillor Mr A Booth

Councillor Mrs M Matlock

Councillor Mrs M Wilson-Knight

Councillor Mr T Cox

NOT PRESENT

Councillor Mrs E Jones (Apologies received)

Councillor Mr J Walker (Apologies received)

IN ATTENDANCE

Borough Councillor Mr G Lawrence

Mrs R Richardson - Clerk

Mrs J Lovatt – Deputy Clerk

Miss L J Richardson - Admin Officer

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL

RESOLVED to accept and approve apologies from Councillors E Jones and J Walker. Apologies received from County Councillor R Shepherd.

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TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

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CLERK'S REPORT

The Snow Warden Scheme has been advertised on the website, if any councillor wishes to volunteer and attend training/refresher course, which will take place at the Croft Depot, Arbor Rd, Croft, LE9 3GE, please let me know. The dates are: -

- Thursday, 19 September 2024 (10am – 12.30pm)
- Tuesday, 8 October 2024 (10am – 12.30pm)

The Beat Team will be holding a beat surgery on Sunday, 4 August 1500 until 1600 hours at Sileby - Tesco Express -

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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 1 AUGUST
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 Councillor Shepherd's reports, as follows: -

"I continue to be in contact with Councillor McRae and Borough Councillor Lawrence about issues concerning flooding and planning enforcement.

I have no matters of concern to Sileby in particular to report at the moment. I continue to circulate information items of County-wide interest and am grateful to the Clerk for forwarding them to Councillors.

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

Councillor R Butler asked if Councillor Shepherd could chase his complaint regarding the road surface at the Burton Road roundabout. The Clerk offered to chase this complaint, and Councillor Butler will forward details of the complaint to the Parish Council office.

Borough Councillor G Lawrence gave his report on behalf of Borough Councillors.

National Planning Policy Framework

The Government has announced significant changes to this national framework that will impact on future planning decisions by the local planning authority:

- Reintroduction of mandatory housing targets and changes to the way those targets are calculated
- Changes to the Right to Buy scheme with increased ability for councils to use the receipts from council house sales to build & buy new social homes.
- National scheme of delegation to local planning committees to replace local schemes – the provisional view of Charnwood Borough Council is that this is likely to reduce the number of small planning applications that are considered by the Plans Committee.

There is a consultation period underway on the NPPF changes that ends on 24th September. Charnwood Borough Council's current understanding is that these changes will not impact on the expected timescale for the adoption of the new Charnwood Local Development Plan, i.e. late-2024.

Peashill Farm walkway to Ratcliffe Road

It has been reported to us that 1 or 2 cars have used the walkway as a short-cut from Ratcliffe Gardens estate to Ratcliffe Road. I have informed Planning Enforcement and they have again written to Davidsons to request urgent completion of the installation of bollards & removable barriers at the bottom end of the walkway.

Charnwood Grant for Sileby

The Joy of Music (Sileby) community group operating the weekly support group for people experiencing low-level mental health challenges have secured a £4,000 grant from Charnwood Borough Council. This will enable them to put the service on a firm footing, and to promote the service more widely than previously. The music-based therapeutic sessions will start again after a summer break on Tuesday 20th August at 10.30am at Sileby Methodist Church.

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

Councillor J Jones gave members an update on the site meeting that was held on Thursday, 25th July 2024 with councillors, a representative from Severn Trent and Toby Jesson from the EA. Severn Trent has agreed to carry out a site survey on their land above the park and will email the Parish Council office with an update, when available.

A Flood Working Group had just taken place prior to the Parish Council meeting, which included Parish Councillors, Toby Jesson (EA) Richard Oldham (Flood Warden) and Borough Councillor Geoff Lawrence. Summary of discussions:

- Awaiting a report from Severn Trent regarding their overgrown land above the park (Gibson Road area up to Heathcote Drive). They are also going to check if the pipes are operational and working correctly as they should. To also see a copy of their maintenance plan.
- Clerk to email Charnwood Borough Council Planning, and ask the following questions:
 - Are the balancing ponds signed off by a Building Inspector?
 - Who monitors the balancing ponds?
 - Who owns and maintains the balancing ponds?
 - What enforcement is in place if the balancing ponds are ineffective and not working properly?
- The Environment Agency is scheduled to clear silt and vegetation in 2024.
- A lengthy discussion took place regarding the potential siting of a 'Trash Rack' at the bridge on the Memorial Park. It was agreed that the reality versus risk does not make the track rack feasible.
- Toby Jesson informed members what the Parish Council's obligations are regarding Riparian Rights and Sileby Brook.

A Project Park! meeting had taken place earlier in the week with Cara Baker (CBC). This will be covered later under minute no's 105/24 and 115/24.

Councillor M Wilson-Knight has reported issues to the Canal and Riverside Trust regarding trees obstructing the Right of Way on the towpath between Sileby and Cossington lock,

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

(a) **P/24/0860/2** - Reserved Matters submission for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of development for 175 no. dwellings as granted under outline planning permission P/21/2131/2 - Peashill Farm, Ratcliffe Road, Sileby, LE12 7QB.

RESOLVED No objection.

(b) **P/24/1291/2** Erection of replacement rear conservatory: 34 Chalfont Drive, Sileby, LE12 7RQ

RESOLVED No objection.

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TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE PROJECT PARK! WORKING PARTY

- Resurfacing of the MUGA will commence on Thursday 8th August 2024.
- New benches are in the process of being installed.
- Councillor A Higgs had responded to Soar Valley Life regarding his article regarding the lack of benches in the last edition of the magazine. A response to this article will be published in the next edition.

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TO RECEIVED AND APPROVE A NEW LAYOUT OF THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Admin Officer gave a brief presentation of her design for a new layout. Members liked the new layout and thanked her for doing this.

RESOLVED to approve the new layout.

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TO APPROVE A PAYMENT TO MARCOS MEMORIALS

RESOLVED To approve this payment.

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TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER AN IDEA RE FOOTPATHS IN THE CEMETERY

Councillor A Booth suggested an idea to memorialise old burials in the Cemetery with an engraved paving brick.

RESOLVED To make a note on file regarding this suggestion, and when the paths are to be reviewed, to consider this as an option.

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TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION MAIN MODIFICATION CONSULTATION

RESOLVED To note this.

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TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER PRICE QUOTATIONS TO SUPPLY, TRANSPORT AND PLACE 5 BOULDERS AT THE GIBSON ROAD END OF THE MEMORIAL PARK

The Clerk gave prices that she obtained from various companies.

RESOLVED Clerk to contact Tarmac to see if they would be able to supply the boulders, and Councillor A Higgs said he would enquire about getting them delivered. If Tarmac cannot supply, the Clerk can proceed with the quotation from Stone Warehouse at a cost of £2,700.00.

111/24

TO CONSIDER ASKING CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL TO REVIEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE KING STREET CARPARK

RESOLVED Clerk to write to Karl Harrison at Charnwood Borough Council asking if there was an update from our previous request for some 'short stay' spaces.

112/24

TO CONSIDER COMPLETING A SURVEY ON VIEWS ON POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ACROSS LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND

RESOLVED Councillors to complete the survey independently.

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CONTENT FOR PARISH COUNCIL NEWS ARTICLE

Report debris in Sileby Brook (Cllr A Higgs)

Towpath from Cossington to Sileby (Cllr M Wilson-Knight)

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FUTURE PLANNING

Security of the Memorial Park

Zoom Room – Cllr A Booth

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 item is likely to be considered with members of the public and press excluded from the meeting for the reason that the matter is commercially sensitive.

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TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER TENDERS FOR THE TWO NEW PLAY AREAS ON THE MEMORIAL PARK (PROJECT PARK!) WHICH COMPRISES SITE CLEARANCE, SUPPLY AND BUILD OF TARMAC AND RESIN PATHS WITH BLOCK/STEEL EDGE FEATURES; RUBBER PLAY SURFACING; PLAY EQUIPMENT; STEEL FENCING' SITE FURNITURE; GATEWAY FEATURES; RAISED PLATERS; SOLAR LIGHTING; TREE, SHRUB AND HERBACEOUS PLANTING; WILDFLOWER MEADOW AND BULB PLANTING.

Councillor J Jones updated members on the tenders received. Unfortunately, there is a shortfall in the budget for the amounts quoted. A further meeting with Red Kite, Cara Baker (CBC) and members will take place on Tuesday, 6th August 2024 to discuss options to make amendments to the tenders, so that they come in on budget. Enquiries are being made to see if there is any further funding from S106 monies and from other sources.

It was **RESOLVED** that the amended version of the tenders will be go on the next agenda for consideration.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Chairman's Signature: Date: