

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY ROOM, FISHER CLOSE, REPTON AT 7.30 P.M. ON
MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2016**

PRESENT: Councillors Rainey (Chairman), McArdle, Thompson, Skeith, Shortt, Perks and McGahan

STAFF AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: S Reilly (Clerk), County Councillor Ford, District Councillor Smith, 4 members of the public

2173/16 APOLOGIES: Councillors Dale and Lloyd, District Councillor Stanton

2174/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman declared a personal interest in planning application 9 2016 1013 – The pruning of trees at 1 Main Street, Repton.

**2175/16 APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2016
RESOLVED:** that they be signed as a true record.

Standing Orders lifted for Public Speaking and Planning

2176/16 PUBLIC SPEAKING:

A member of the public, and Repton Allotment Society, raised several issues regarding the allotments:

- Who should order the materials, previously agreed by the Parish Council for the compost area? The Clerk confirmed that the goods must be ordered and invoiced to the Parish Council; a budget of £300.00 was available.
- Why was there still a delay with regard to an agreement for keeping bees? The Chairman restated that the question of bees would be reviewed over the winter. (2163/16)
- Would fruit cages be allowed? The Chairman said this would be dealt with under the agenda item 'Allotment Agreements 2017' at this meeting.

The member of the public also asked if the Parish Council would act regarding the problem with dog waste on High Street, and surely CCTV would be a deterrent. The Chairman restated the Parish Council's view on the provision of CCTV (2161/16) and said incidents regarding dogs should be reported directly to the Dog Warden, SDDC.

The member of the public also questioned why Christmas lights were not displayed in the village. The Chairman restated the Parish Council's decision taken at the last meeting. (2162/16)

2177/16 PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman left the meeting and Councillor Thompson acted as Chairman.

a) Planning Applications

9 2016 0981 – The erection of extensions and alterations at 29 Chestnut Way, Repton

9 2016 1013 – The pruning of trees at 1 Main Street, Repton

9 2016 1007 – Listed building consent for the insertion of 2 roof lights on the rear roof slope and the insertion of a window on the rear elevation at 4 Bramble Barn, Milton Grange, Main Street, Milton

RESOLVED: -There would be no comments on the planning applications.

b) Planning Decisions

9 2016 0747 – The erection of a 1.5m hedge on land adjacent to 57 Burton Rd, Repton – full application withdrawn

9 2016 0675 – The erection of extensions at 26 Pinfold Close, Repton – householder permission granted

9 2016 0674 – The erection of an extension and alteration to 41 & 43 Monsom Lane, Repton – householder permission granted

The Chairman rejoined the meeting.

Standing Orders Resumed

2178/16 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- a) County Councillor Ford announced that unfortunately the planned collaboration between DCC and SDDC regarding the redevelopment of The Dales and Fisher Close sites would now not proceed. The most probable outcome would be the demolition of The Dales and its sale to a development company. Councillors expressed their disappointment at this news.
- b) County Councillor Ford also reported that there were no current plans for a new traffic count regarding High Street, Repton. The Parish Council would now formally request a new traffic count, to take place during term time.
- c) District Councillor Smith reported that, following a visit by the Footpaths Officer, Bridleway 42 would be cleared, the gate would be free moving and a notice would be placed on it stating it should not be locked.
- d) Following a query raised by a member of the public, District Councillor Smith confirmed that the siting of dog waste and other bins on Clayfields, and other new developments, was the responsibility of the developer.
- e) The Chairman said that the new 30mph area on Milton Road should be enforced before the end of October.
- f) District Councillor Smith confirmed that whilst satnav systems were sending HGVs through Milton and Ingleby, the weight limits did extend to this area and the vehicles could be ticketed. Councillor Perks asked whether a central satnav system could be updated, however this was not thought to be possible.
- g) Councillor Skeith reported that a Fire Assembly Point sign would be erected at Broomhills and that the gate to the car park was not adequately secured and the hinge required attention.
- h) Councillor McGahan had received requests for 6 new trees to be planted in the Arboretum. Whilst there were currently only 3 spaces available, if a diseased old sycamore tree was removed there would be sufficient space. Pruning of other trees was also required. Quotes would be obtained for this work and Councillor McGahan would remove the loose wooden fence post. Councillor Shortt reminded the Parish Council that further land may be available for use on the other side of the road.
- i) Councillor Shortt stated that holes in the Burial Ground path could be a safety hazard. The Chairman would investigate.
- j) Councillor Thompson asked if Repton School could carry out voluntary work in the Arboretum. Councillor McGahan suggested that routine maintenance and the tidying of the lower area near the brook would be required in the Spring. Councillor Thompson asked Councillors to notify him of any other suggestions.
- k) The Chairman had attended the Area Forum and Safer Neighbourhood Meeting and reported that plain clothes police officers were in this area checking drivers regarding mobile phone usage and one car had also received a noise warning. At the meeting he had reported the need to cut back the grass on the road to Willington.

2179/16 CLERK'S REPORT

a) Poppy Wreath – s137 Donation

The Clerk asked the Councillors if they wished to again order a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

RESOLVED: The Clerk would order a Remembrance Day wreath and a donation (s137) of £100.00 would be made to the Royal British Legion.

b) Renewal of Membership of The National Allotment Society

The renewal notice had been received at a cost of £55.00 + vat. Whilst initially the Clerk had consulted the Society on many occasions, use of membership had now diminished.

RESOLVED: To renew the membership for 1 year and review usage again in 2017.

c) The Mitre Field Play Schedule Inspection Summary

SDDC had advised that the defects in the mesh fencing were the responsibility of the Parish Council.

d) RESOLVED: The Clerk would contact SDDC to ascertain the cost of the mesh fencing and the Parish Council would offer a partial financial contribution, believing that SDDC had previously funded the fencing.

e) Installation of Electricity Meter in Office

The Clerk reported that British Gas would install the new meter free of charge and a 1 year fixed rate tariff had been offered. Terms were competitive.

RESOLVED: The agreement and direct debit with British Gas should be signed and returned.

2180/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

2181/16 WALL AND TREES AT THE MITRE FIELD

Councillor Thompson reported that a wall, erected by a householder on Burton Road, encroached on the Mitre Field by approximately 10 inches, trees and shrubs had also been planted on the field. Councillor Thompson believed the location of the wall was not a deliberate act to extend the land, merely to tie in the boundary with neighbouring properties. Councillor Shortt questioned whether planning permission should have been sought, as the property is in the conservation area and fronts onto a public open space. County Councillor Ford would ask the Enforcement Officer to check this issue.

RESOLVED: The Chairman would draft a letter, expressing concerns, to the householder. The trees would need to be removed as they would create future problems when fully grown.

2182/16 ALLOTMENT AGREEMENTS 2017

Revised agreements for the tenancy of the allotment plots – including the provision of fruit cages, together with an agreement for the keeping of chickens had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council approved the 2017 agreements for the tenancy of the allotments and for the keeping of chickens.

2183/16 DEFIBRILLATOR AT MILTON VILLAGE HALL

Milton Village Hall had requested financial assistance for the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed in Milton. After fundraising there was a shortfall of £850.00. County Councillor Ford said he would check if he had sufficient funds in his Community Fund to make a donation for this purpose.

RESOLVED: The Councillors thanked County Councillor Ford and would await his response, prior to further consideration.

2184/16 TREE WORK AT BROOMHILLS FIELD

Councillor Skeith had circulated quotes for the tree work required prior to the meeting and would recommend the felling of 4 trees and levelling of the conifers:

Quotes to fell 4 trees and reduce the conifers:

Melbourne Tree Services - £345.60

Tim Atkinson Tree Surgery - £500.00

Tree & Garden Services - £450.00

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Melbourne Tree Services regarding the felling of 4 trees and the levelling of the conifers. (Public Health Act 1875 s164; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10)

2185/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS REPORT:

Councillor Thompson reported that draft statements would now be written, which would require the services of a landscape architect and also professional planning consultants. Costs for each of these services were estimated at £2,250.00 and quotes would be obtained. The Plan would be aligned with SDDC, with the exception of the plot of land close to Burdett Way, where the NDP would oppose development. The final plan should be submitted to SDDC in January, which would be followed by a 6 week consultation period, before submission to the Examiner.

Councillor Perks reported that the two grants received had been spent and the relevant forms submitted. Additional funds will now be applied for, including £3500.00 which could be claimed for expenses. It was anticipated that some of the remaining contingency funds, allocated by the Parish Council, may be required. The Village Design Statement had also been updated.

2186/16 FINANCE

a) Receipts since last meeting:

RBS interest to 31.08.16	£ 1.61
L Petts Stonemasons – additional inscription	£ 155.00
Central England Co-Operative Ltd – interment	£ 180.00

b) Payments since last meeting:

Milton Village Hall – NDP meeting	£ 50.00
Cheque no 002604	

c) Payments for Approval

S Reilly – Net Pay 1 st September	£ 569.09
Cheque no 002605	
SDDC – room hire	£ 20.00
Cheque no 002606	
Milton Village Hall –hire of hall	£ 40.00
Cheque no 002607	
Repton PCC – advertisement in Parish Magazine	£ 68.00
Cheque no 002608	
1 st Repton Scouts – litter picking	£ 100.00
Cheque no 002609	
C Hawksworth – pavilion cleaning & supplies	£ 71.00
Cheque no 002610	
The National Allotment Society – annual renewal	£ 66.00
Cheque no 002611	
Direct Debits:	
Eon – Broomhills Pavilion electricity 05.10.16	£ 43.51
BT – Office telephone	
01.10.16	£ 42.50
Standing Order:	
Jaipur Restaurant – office rent	
01.10.16	£ 220.00

RESOLVED: The payments should be made

d) Bank Balances

RBS Direct Reserve Account 31.08.16	£35680.40
Nat West Current Account 05.10.16	£22486.61

e) Finance Report October 2016

The Clerk had circulated the half yearly finance report prior to the meeting. The Chairman would now circulate possible dates for the finance meeting.

2187/16 CORRESPONDENCE

South Derbyshire District Council: Menu Magic in the war on Food Waste; Farmers' Market; Pat takes on Charity Cycling Challenge; Swadlincote PSPO; Annual Report celebrates a Year of Success; Swadlincote Food Festival; Repton Area Forum; Invitation Letter to Members & Parish Councils; Weekly Crime Updates; Orchard Day; Free Trees; Derbyshire Alert Relaunch; Hate Crime Awareness; Swad Food Fest; Science Discovery Day;

Derbyshire County Council: Decision Notice Willington Quarry; Xmas Decorations; Rural Action Derbyshire: Neighbourhood Planning Bulletin

Heather Wheeler MP – September Newsletter

Central England Forest District – Robin & Repton Forest Plan Consultation

Mr R Little – Knotweed & Jitty

RESOLVED: To respond to the Forestry Commission Consultation, requesting increased access to Repton Shrubs and to allow bicycle access, and to note all other correspondence.

2188/16 REPORTS TO NOTE

DALC 15 – Council Tax Referendum Principles; Dalc Annual Report 2015/16;

RESOLVED: To note all reports

2189/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.30pm in The Community Room, Fisher Close, Repton

The meeting closed at 8.40pm