

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF REPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY ROOM, FISHER CLOSE, REPTON AT 7.30 P.M. ON
MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2016**

PRESENT: Councillors McArdle (Chairman), Thompson, Coston, Skeith, Rainey and Dale

STAFF AND PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: S Reilly (Clerk), County Councillor Ford, District Councillors Smith and Stanton, 3 members of the public

2042/16 APOLOGIES: Councillors Shortt, Perks and McGahan,

2043/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: There were no declarations of interests.

2044/16 APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED: that they be signed as a true record

Standing Orders lifted for Public Speaking and Planning

2045/16 PUBLIC SPEAKING:

A member of the public raised the issue regarding worsening traffic problems in Repton and the Chairman moved the discussion to Public Speaking. County Councillor Ford informed the meeting that there would be further developments regarding the EMIP over the next few months and advised the Councillors to contact Heather Wheeler MP requesting that a road bypass should be an infrastructure project and to establish a Repton / Willington Forum to highlight this issue. Councillor Thompson stated that traffic volume was the strongest 'dislike' highlighted in the NDP questionnaires.

The question of a traffic survey and who should carry it out was discussed. Councillor Dale highlighted the need for it to be impartial and Councillor Rainey stated that a baseline of the current level was needed. County Councillor Ford said he would request DCC to carry out a base line traffic survey in Repton at a representative time.

A member of the public raised issues with traffic flow not being taken into account by the planning authority and problems with air quality along High Street. The Bursar, Repton School highlighted the issues raised in his letter and reiterated that political guidance and an outcome, a bypass or a further bridge across the River Trent, would be needed, when the planning application for the EMIP was submitted.

District Councillor Smith stated that all the local authority Councillors should also be involved in the process of establishing a forum.

2046/16 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Applications

9 2016 0002 – The felling of a blue cedar tree at 10 Broomhills Lane, Repton

9 2016 0009 – The proposed part demolition and conversion and extension of the existing dwelling to form a 2 storey replacement dwelling and an ancillary forestry building with an office and a secure storage facility at Harvest Barn, Main Street, Milton

9 2016 0008 – The erection of a detached forestry building to accommodate driven forestry machinery / hand operated equipment and storage of materials on land adjacent to Harvest Barn, Main Street, Milton

9 2016 0011 – The felling and pruning of trees at 15 Spring Cottage, Main Street, Repton

9 2016 0024 – The erection of a single storey flat roof lobby and single storey monopitch study to rear of bungalow at The Firs, 34 Main Street, Repton

9 2016 0021 – The felling of a silver birch and the pruning of a silver birch tree at 15 Main Street, Repton

9 2016 0120 – Pruning of trees adjacent to 1 Spinney Lodge, Repton

9 2016 0037 – Prior notification of demolition of The Dales Home for Older People at The Dales, Fisher Close, Repton

Councillors queried DCC's future plans for the site of The Dales. County Councillor Ford responded that any future plans had yet to be publicised.

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

b) Planning Decisions

9 2015 1085 – The erection of a single storey extension along with the formation of decking, screening and a boundary fence at 12 The Pastures, Repton – householder granted

9 2015 0955 – The erection of a two storey extension and porch at 69 Springfield Road, Repton – householder granted

9 2015 0888 – The felling of a cypress tree at Mitre Cottage, Mitre Drive, Repton – no objection

9 2015 1070 – The erection of an extension and addition of dormers to existing roof at Brook House, Milton Rd, Repton – householder granted

Councillor Dale questioned the response from SDDC regarding the position of the playground (9 2015 1159 – Approval of reserved matters Mount Pleasant Road, Repton) and asked if further areas, south of Milton Road, were earmarked for development? Councillor Thompson said these concerns would be contained in the Parish Council's response to the Local Plan Part II.

Standing Orders Resumed

2047/16 COUNTY, DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

a) County Councillor Ford informed the meeting that the drainage ditch on Mount Pleasant Road had been found to be full of debris and work would be carried out to clear the blockage.

b) County Councillor Ford said that the £600 grant from his Community Leadership Fund, towards the provision of two defibrillator cabinets, would be sent to the Parish Council.

c) District Councillor Smith reported that £2350.00 from the ICON Sports Awards had been shared between sports stars in South Derbyshire and the Aviva Women's Cycling Tour would race through this area in June, road surface improvements would take place prior to the event. Reports had been received of feral pigeons and doves on Pinfold Lane; however these had not been substantiated.

d) District Councillor Stanton highlighted the Pancake Race taking place in Swadlincote this week.

e) Councillor Thompson reported that the bench had now been removed from its Springfield Road / Mount Pleasant Road location, and would be relocated in the Burial Ground.

2048/16 CLERK'S REPORT

a) Monuments in Monsom Lane Burial Ground

Up to date contact details had now been found for seven of the families, who needed to be contacted regarding health and safety checks on monuments. A further ten families still needed to be contacted. SDDC had recommended further publicity to try to locate relatives.

RESOLVED: A request for family members to come forward would be placed in the Jottings in the Parish Magazine.

b) Badminton

Six sessions were scheduled to commence on Saturdays, starting on the second of April. If the number of participants was sufficient for two hour slots, the cost of hiring the Village Hall could increase to £168.00.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council would fund the hire of the Village Hall for the badminton sessions at the increased cost of £168.00

2049/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman would complete the questionnaire regarding DCC's Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy.

b) The Chairman confirmed that there was need for an additional light on Milton Road, between Springfield Road and the new housing development. District Councillor Smith would raise this issue at the next Area Forum meeting.

c) Concerns had been raised regarding the muddy condition of Matthew's Jitty. The Chairman remarked that as this was also an access for vehicles to two properties, it was not therefore appropriate to finance additional stoning. The Chairman proposed monitoring the situation.

2050/16 TRAFFIC ISSUES IN REPTON

The discussion regarding traffic issues in Repton took place under Public Speaking – to allow members of the public to contribute.

RESOLVED: The formation of a 'Local Forum' regarding traffic issues and the EMIP would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

2051/16 RESPONSE TO SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN PART 2 AND MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO LOCAL PLAN PART 1

Councillor Thompson had, on behalf of the Parish Council, prepared the response to the Local Plan Part 2 Consultation and this had been forwarded to SDDC, the evidence received from the NDP questionnaires would be distributed at SDDC. There would be no further response to the Main Modifications to Local Plan Part 1.

2052/16 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

A former employee had taken over Sam Phillips Garden Care Ltd and could continue with the burial ground work; the hedges and footpaths etc. at the same cost as that previously charged.

RESOLVED: To check the current insurance cover for Sam Phillips Garden Care Ltd and retain their services for the burial ground; hedges and footpaths etc.

2053/16 ALLOTMENTS – AGREEMENT 2016; FEES 2017; LAND NEXT TO 45 MONSOM LANE

The Church Commissioners were unable to locate any information regarding any restrictive covenants on the land.

RESOLVED: The 2016 Agreement for the Tenancy of the Allotment Plots and the Agreement for keeping chickens on Allotments in Repton were agreed. Provided that the Parish Council's insurance company confirmed, in writing, that the Parish Council would not be liable for insurance matters, then Councillor Rainey would draw up an agreement regarding the keeping of bees. Councillor Coston would liaise with Repton Allotment Society regarding composting and the siting of a polytunnel. Councillor Rainey would then draft an agreement with the Society concerning these matters.

The fees for 2017 would be set at £20.00 per any sized allotment for those not in employment; £44.00 per large undivided plot and £32.00 per smaller divided plot for those in employment.

The Councillors agreed that a legal agreement, at the expense of the house owners, could be drawn up regarding the usage of a 1 metre strip of land at the boundary of the allotments. However the conveyancing of the property was currently on hold.

To date, one quote had been received for the work required at the allotments: Tree and Garden Services, at a total cost of £750.00, further quotes had been requested. In the event of no further quote, offering a more competitive price, being received in the next two weeks the Councillors agreed to proceed.

2054/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Councillor Thompson reported that the comments received in the questionnaires had now been collated and formed the basis of draft policies. These policies formed the Parish Council's response to the Local Plan Part 2 and an insert would be included in the Parish Magazine detailing this information. The Group would then draft the document which will be circulated for further consultation this summer.

2055/16 ASSET REGISTER

The Asset Register had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk advised that the items on the Register required an inspection for risk and health and safety purposes. The new cctv system had been installed at The Den, the contribution required from the Parish Council, after the funding received from the Safer Neighbourhood Forum, was £62.50.

RESOLVED: The cctv valued at £2040 on the Asset Register would be written off, as it was no longer functioning and the Parish Council would make a grant contribution of £62.50 to JOGS for the new system.

Councillor Rainey would inspect the remaining items on the Asset Register for risk and health and safety .

2056/16 FINANCE

a) Receipts since last meeting:

RBS interest to 31.12.15	£ 1.51
Mr & Mrs A Ashcroft – Arboretum tree	£ 198.00
SDDC – refund re overpayment of pavement sweeping	£ 232.72

b) Payments since last meeting:

None

c) Payments for Approval

S. Reilly – Net Pay to 1 st February	£ 469.56
Cheque no 002537	
SDDC – room hire	£ 20.00
Cheque no 002538	
Tree & Garden Services – tree pruning at Broomhills	£ 300.00
Cheque no 002539	
Viking – A4 paper, 2 x toner cartridges, laminator, pouches & Files	£ 200.28
Cheque no 002540	
C Hawksworth – Pavilion cleaning	£ 56.00
Cheque no 002541	
JOGS – cctv grant	£ 62.50
Cheque no 002542	
Direct Debits:	
Eon – Broomhills Pavilion electricity 27.01.16	£ 5.67
BT – Office telephone	
01.02.16	£ 42.50
South Staffs Water – Pavilion 11.08.15 – 02.02.16	£ 39.49
Standing Order:	
Jaipur Restaurant – office rent	
01.02.16	£ 190.00

RESOLVED: The payments should be made

d) Bank Balances

RBS Direct Reserve Account 31.12.15 £35668.47
 Nat West Current Account 25.01.16 £17,280.96

2057/16 CORRESPONDENCE

South Derbyshire District Council: Women's Day; Consultation on South Derbyshire Open Space; Cleanup Application Form; Health talks in Swadlincote; Swadlincote Sport Relief Mile; Mercia Marina Award; Festival of Leisure; South Derbyshire Day; Charitable Collections Policy; Community Governance Review; ASB Prosecution; Private Hire Prosecution; Parish/Member Briefing Session; ICON Athletes; Pancake Races; Cycling Tour;

Derbyshire County Council: Consultation on 30mph speed limit; Public Path Diversion Order; Highways Asset Infrastructure Management Strategy; Willington Picnic Site Amendment Order

Mr & Mrs D Banks – Land at allotments

Bursar, Repton School – Traffic Issues in Repton; Sir John Port's Charity Awards Dalc – HM Treasury Budget 2016

Tarmac – Swarkestone Exhibition Flyer

Mr P Cook – Matthew's Jitty & Illegal Parking in Repton

RESOLVED: To note all correspondence.

2058/16 REPORTS TO NOTE

Dalc 02 – Revised Legal Topics; 03 – External Audit for Smaller Authorities

RESOLVED: To note all reports

2059/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 14TH March 2016, Parish Meeting at 7.00pm, followed by Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm in The Community Room, Fisher Close, Repton

The meeting closed at 8.40pm