

MINUTES OF REPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

Present: Councillors Sheldon (Chairman), McArdle, Hardwick, Dickson, Brown and Hurren

Absent: Councillors Fluck, Mason, Kingman and Rainey

Staff and public in attendance: District Councillor Lowe, Clerk Caroline Crowder and 0 members of public.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Fluck, Mason, Kingman and Rainey all gave their apologies. District Councillor Haines and County Councillor Ford gave their apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. DISPENSATIONS ON DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

4. ANY ITEMS TO BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

None.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2024

Resolved: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by Councillor Sheldon as a correct and true record.

6. CO-OPTION

No applications have been received, **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to advertise again and have co-option on the next meeting agenda.**

Standing Orders suspended

7. PUBLIC SPEAKING

None present.

8. REPTON SCHOOL

No one present. Councillors would like the Clerk to write to the School regarding the ongoing issues with the flood lights and to report to them an issue with Mitre Drive where it joins the Burton Road is a pothole.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

a. Planning Applications

DMPA/2023/0559: Notification of planning appeal. The demolition of the existing dwelling, and the erection of 4no. bungalows at 7a Pinfold Lane, Repton, Derby, DE65 6GH. Appellant: Mr D Sandhu. Appeal Ref. No: APP/F1040/W/24/3337672. **Resolved, all agreed to submit the following details on the planning appeal.**

"It is understood that the previous comments and objections made by Repton Parish Council will go forward as part of this appeal. Repton Parish Council discussed the appeal at their April 2024 meeting

as there are now more points that need to be made. The first being that since the application, two significant flooding issues have been seen in the area, which if this goes ahead will only get worse. The second is that the Council don't feel that biodiversity has been addressed, as under the current planning proposal land that provides a positive contribution to biodiversity will be lost. Please can you ensure that you consider these points as well as the original ones when dealing with this appeal.

b. Planning Decisions

No comments.

Standing Orders Resumed

10. COUNTY, DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

District Councillor Lowe advised that District Councillor Haines has requested larger signs for Mitre Field highlighting the Public Spaces Protection Order 2023. She has also reported the refuse issues in the Holloway area and has asked for it to be investigated. Councillor Sheldon asked if District Councillor Lowe could report back to the Parish Council on the current status of the Fisher Close programme.

11. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Councillor Sheldon formally wished to thank Repton School on the work they have completed on the accessibility around the barriers on Pastures/Mitre Drive. Clerk to pass this on via email.
- b. Discussion was had over communicating with Repton Village Hall over their finances. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the Clerk documenting a communication on their behalf**
- c. He will be organising some CPR training for Repton, more details to follow.

12. CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Annual leave in the next month: 2nd May
- b. Annual letters have gone out to the residents that share a border with both Arboretums and Mitre Field. Some comments have been received about the letters the Clerk has dealt with these.
- c. Comments have been received asking why the precept has gone up by so much for the financial year 2024-25. The Clerk has written back with some details including that nearly half the precept goes to pay for the village hall and that all minutes and agreed budget details are on the website.
- d. Comments about potholes are still coming in to the Clerk; these are now being referred to County Councillor Martyn Ford directly.
- e. Clerk is suggesting that this year's DALC subscription is taken out without the enhanced training fee as this year that is an extra £290 on top of the subscription of £774.83. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed.**
- f. End of year bank balances have gone out to Councillors, final cashbook accounts will be certified by the clerk and presented for the next meeting

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUPS

a. ELDERLY PROVISION (COUNCILLOR SHELDON)

i. FISHER CLOSE

No updates.

b. ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE (COUNCILLOR BROWN)

i. ARBORETUM

Councillor Brown has inspected the trees in both and there are no issues to report.

ii. MILTON TELEPHONE BOX

Weather is not currently dry or warm enough for the decorator to start work.

No progress with the Cross kerbstones and the dovecote at Ridgeway Farm.

c. RIGHTS OF WAY/MAINTENANCE (COUNCILLOR DICKSON)

The Councillors are walking some of the rights of way on Friday.

d. BURIAL GROUND AND ALLOTMENTS (CLERK)

Grounds maintenance contractor has asked if the Council could enforce the regulations as the unauthorised items around some of the graves are making the maintenance very hard. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to a gradual enforcement of the regulations, notices to be put up in the burial ground, notice boards, parish magazine and website to advise of this and the timetable of events.**

e. RECREATION, PLAY FIELDS AND YOUTH

i. BROOMHILLS PAVILION (COUNCILLOR BROWN)

i. MAINTENANCE

No updates.

ii. MITRE FIELD

i. MULTI-FUNCTION TRACK (COUNCILLOR MASON)

No updates.

ii. GRANTS (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

Councillor Hardwick asked if Parish Council's as the Charity trustees could crowd fund. Clerk to ask DALC.

f. EMERGENCY

i. FLOODING (COUNCILLOR SHELDON)

Work is ongoing with all the parties. A postgraduate student may be able to assist in the next few months.

g. FREEPORT (COUNCILLOR FLUCK)

No updates.

h. SPEED WATCH, PARKING AND TRAFFIC

i. SPEED WATCH (COUNCILLOR KINGMAN)

Both Milton and Repton speed watches are actively having speed watch sessions. Councillor Fluck has asked if the Council can fund separate equipment for Milton as both groups currently need the equipment at the same time. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to fund if money becomes available. Clerk to ask County Councillor Ford if he is able to contribute. Clerk to get quotes for the equipment. Clerk to check into ANPR camera.**

ii. PARKING AND SPEED CONTROL (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

School Safe Haven project is happening in the Derby city, Clerk to ask County Councillor Ford and PCSO Marley if this can happen in Repton.

New parking initiative has been announced by the Police, Clerk has already put the details out on the website and social media.

iii. SIDS (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

Ongoing work with DCC to get appropriate permissions.

i. ACCESS AROUND THE PARISH (COUNCILLOR DICKSON)

Resolved, all agreed to remove this from any future agendas.

j. COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA (COUNCILLOR HARDWICK)

No updates.

k. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CLERK)

No updates.

l. BIODIVERSITY ()

Awaiting Councillor Fluck to document a draft policy.

14. FINANCE

a. Receipts since last meeting:

- I. 05/04/2024 SDDC First precept payment (£32,500) and support grant (£693) = £33,193.00 (Current Account)
- II. 25/03/2024 Wombourne Funeral Services New headstone £200.00 (Current Account)
- III. 28/03/2024 March Interest £48.28 (RBS Reserves Account)
- IV. 28/03/2024 March Interest £22.47 (NatWest Reserves Account)

b. Payments already made and for approval:

Date	Payment method/cheque number	Description	Name	Vat	Total	Details for banking	Payment from
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	Clerk Salary	Clerk		£1,021.52	Information only	Current Account
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	Clerk pension	DCC		£277.89	Information only	Current Account
08/04/2024	Direct Debit	Office rent	Repton Village Hall		£175.00	Information only	Current Account
08/04/2024	Direct Debit	Broomhills electricity	British Gas	£2.18	£45.87	Information only	Current Account
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	Broomhills cleaning	Cleaner		£45.00	For approval	Current Account
15/04/2024	Direct Debit	Broomhills water	Source for Business		£112.35	Information only	Current Account
08/04/2024	Direct Debit	Mobile phone	Tesco Mobile		£14.99	Information only	Current Account
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	Annual Subscription	DALC		£774.83	For approval	Current Account
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	NI and Income Tax	HMRC		£190.23	Information only	Current Account
15/04/2024	Direct Debit	Allotments and Burial Ground water	Source for Business		£112.10	Information only	Current Account
08/04/2024	Direct Debit	Loan repayment	Public Works Loan Board		£11,301.39	Information only	Current Account
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	Grounds Maintenance	Mercia Garden Care		£419.25	For approval	Current Account
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	Email March 2024	Bluehost (via clerk)	£0.95	£5.71	For approval	Current Account
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	Stationary	Amazon (via clerk)	£0.98	£5.90	For approval	Current Account
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	Transfer for Earmarked Reserves into NatWest Business Reserves Account	Repton Parish Council		£3,041.98	For approval	Current Account
08/04/2024	Direct Debit	Electricity for street light	SSE Energy Solutions	1.34	£12.46	Information only	Current Account
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	Bags for speed watch signs	Protect Signs	8.72	52.34	For approval	Current Account
08/04/2024	Bank transfer	Skip hire for allotment	Burton Skip Hire Limited	£51.67	£310.00	For approval	Current Account
			TOTAL		£65.84	£17,918.81	

c. Bank balances

Current Account = £31,298.52

Recreation Ground Account = £1,142.76

Earmarked Reserves (once transfer received from current account) = £38,413.82

RBS Reserves = £43,454.38

Petty Cash = £81.76

d. Asset Register

No updates needed

e. Banking Arrangements

Chairman's signature, once full Council has approved: _____

For CCLA Account **Resolved**, all Councillors agreed to using the current account as the nominated one for withdrawals, dividend payment to be automatically reinvested, directors to be Chairman and Vice Chairman, signatories to be Councillors Sheldon, Dickson, Fluck, Rainey and McArdle, any two signatories for withdrawals, main contact/portal administrator to be the Clerk and RFO, authorisations to be made via email.

15. CORRESPONDENCE (RECEIVED SINCE LAST AGENDA UNTIL 25TH MARCH 2024)

- a. DCC: Newsletter x 2; Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 16 April 2024 x2; Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) News No 3; Temporary Road Closure | Brook End, Repton | 20/04/2024 - 21/04/2024; Temporary Road Closure | Various Roads, South Derbyshire | Carriageway Surface Dressing | Any 20 days between 01 April 2024 to 30 September 2024; FYI - Repton FP.29; Temporary Road Closure | Robins Cross Lane, Repton | 24/03/2024 - 14/04/2024
- b. DALC: Newsletter x 1 ; Forum x 2; Consultation - venues 100+ capacity - Martyn's law; Pre election publicity period; Portrait of His Majesty The King for all town, parish and community councils in the UK – reminder
- c. NALC: Newsletter x 3; Chief Executive's Bulletin x 3
- d. South Derbyshire CVS: Improving Bus Services; Health and Wellbeing Bulletin x 1; Funding E-Bulletin
- e. SDDC: Playground Inspection x 1; Draft Statement of Community Involvement consultation; Parish Council Consultation Response; Postal Vote Changes Affecting May 2024 Elections; Safer Neighbourhood News; Planning Consultation: Draft Statement of Community Involvement; Reminder! Final year of SD Community Grant Fund Scheme; Contact Email addresses for general enquiries
- f. Sterilizing Solutions monthly report x
- g. Derbyshire Pension Fund, employer newsletter 206, March 2024 Groundwork Five Counties: Charity support in your area: free employability support for out of work people
- h. Repton School: Flood Lights
- i. South Derbyshire CVS: Health and Wellbeing Bulletin x ; Funding E-Bulletin
- j. Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner: Councillor Briefing - Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13th May at 19:30 in the meeting room at Repton Village Hall