# **Minutes Repton Parish council meeting held on MONDAY 8th july 2024**

**Present**: Councillors Sheldon (Chairman), Hardwick, Fluck, Brown, Dickson, Hurren, Rainey and Hess.

**Absent:** Councillors McArdle, Kingman and Mason.

**Staff** **and** **public** **in** **attendance**: District Councillor Haines, Clerk Caroline Crowder and 1 member of public.

## apologies

Councillors McArdle, Kingman and Mason. District Councillors Lowe and Haines and County Councillor Ford

## declarations of interest

None.

## Dispensations on Declaration of Interests

None.

## Any Items to be taken with the public excluded

None.

## Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10TH june 2024

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

***Standing Orders suspended***

## Public Speaking

A member of public thanked the Council for a response to their email. Discussion was then had over the flood lights at Repton School. Councillor Sheldon advised that the Council are writing to the school at least every month. He advised that the Police and County Councillor Ford had also been communicated with. It was agreed for the Clerk to escalate the issue with the Headmaster and DCC as it would not be long before the dark nights would necessitate the lights being on more.

## repton school

No attendance.

## Planning Matters

* 1. Planning Applications

DMPA/2024/0798 was discussed as there was concern over the building being so close to a major sewer, parking on the road is not sufficient for the current level of vehicles so at least two parking spaces should be part of the proposed development and flooding is also seen regularly in this area which the flooding report on the proposed application does not reflect. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to object to the planning application. Clerk to document a response and forward to Councillors Sheldon, Rainey and Hess to agree before submitting to SDDC Planning.**

* 1. Planning Decisions

No comments.

***Standing Orders Resumed***

## County, District and Parish Councillor’s Reports

* 1. County Councillor Ford had sent his apologies. The Council wished to thank him for escalating the safety issue on Matthews Jitty bridge. The Council asked the Clerk to email him and ask for the causeway pavement to be made safe as this was being encroached by grass and weeds, and also find out when the temporary fix to the bridge on the causeway will be replaced with stone.
  2. Councillor Brown advised that judging for Repton in Bloom was to take place on Thursday. He would meet and greet the judges and has organised a tour of the village with other volunteers. He wished to thank everyone for the great effort they have gone to and in particular to Owen and Alan, Repton School and District Councillor Haines who organised for the repainting of two bins.

## Chairman’s Report

Councillor Sheldon advised that wherever possible the Council would respond to questions from members of public but that a regular update on issues cannot be offered, all relevant updates should be in the meeting minutes. Clerk to draft a standard reply to emails and direct people towards to the website in the first instance.

## Clerk’s Report

* 1. After discussion on the Councillor Surgeries it was agreed not to run again until September and possibly to run only every other month. It was agreed to ask for feedback in the village news from parishioners.
  2. Speed Indicator Devices grant from the Police and Crime commissioner has been agreed of £3,192.00

1. Reports from Committee/Working Groups
   1. major disaster

Councillor Sheldon was involved recently with a local emergency on Brook End. He and Councillor Brown assisted PCSO Marley until the correct emergency services were able to attend site. He believes that a Major Disaster Response Group should be set up in case of any future issues. It was suggested that an article could go into the village magazine to ask if people wished to join a WhatsApp group. Councillor Sheldon is to provide the Clerk with the details.

* 1. Elderly Provision (Councillor Sheldon)
     1. fisher close

Waiting on SDDC to provide an update.

* 1. Environment and Heritage (Councillor Brown) cross kerb stones no action,
     1. Arboretum

No updates

* + 1. repainting of the bin outside the spar shop

No longer needed at this time.

* 1. rights of way/maintenance (Councillor Dickson)

Councillor Dickson advised that he had received an invitation from the residents of Broomhills Lane to meet with the Council again. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to support this but that this would not be a Council run meeting.**

* 1. Burial Ground and Allotments (Councillor brown)
     1. Allotment Inspection

Allotments checked by Councillor Brown and Clerk on 3rd July 2024. In general most of them are well kept. A reminder is needed to ensure that water butts are covered. Two plots have no evidence of work and are very overgrown. Suggest that they are written to and advised that unless there are extenuating circumstances they will be given notice to vacate. It has been suggested that at least one of the plots should be split into 4 starter plots and if full plots then become available and the starter plot is well kept they can then move onto a full plot. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to both decisions.**

* + 1. Councillors Brown and Kingman have been clearing items at the burial ground. Councillor Brown and the Clerk checked the burial ground on 3rd July 2024. It was neat, the hedge had been cut and the grass mowed with no grass on the headstones. Someone has picked up the toppled gravestones, these need lying flat again as they are unsafe. Councillor Brown has been discussing the grounds maintenance with the contractor and it seems that more mows than contracted for would be needed going forwards. This should be considered in the next budget.
  1. recreation, play fields and youth
     1. Broomhills pavilion (councillor brown)
        1. Maintenance

None at the moment.

* + - 1. Fence repairs

Two quotes had been received and passed to the Councillors. **Resolved, all agreed to award the work to Mercia Garden Care. Clerk to remind Repton Casuals that they must not climb over the fence but use the stiles provided.**

* + 1. Mitre Field
       1. crowdfunding

Councillor Sheldon would like to set up a crowdfunding page. Clerk advised that the Council should agree to some controls around this as suggested by DALC. After discussion it was agreed for Councillor Sheldon to write a proposal and bring back to the Council in September.

* + - 1. Multi-function track (councillor Mason)

After discussion it was agreed that a project plan needs to be documented before any decisions can be taken by the full Council.

* + - 1. grants (councillor hardwick)

Councillor Hardwick is looking into grants for funding.

* 1. emergency
     1. flooding (Councillor Sheldon)

Councillor Sheldon thanked Councillor Hess for joining the working party. The group is looking to buy a shed to be put on private land. They are waiting for a formal agreement. Clerk advised that this should go onto the Parish Council insurance.

* 1. freeport (Councillor Fluck)

No updates, there is very little information available at the moment.

* 1. speed watch, parking and traffic
     1. speed watch (Councillor kingman)

Councillor Fluck advised that Milton have changed times around when they do their sessions, it was suggested to contact the Repton group to advise this may be worthwhile for them. They are also to have some Police led sessions.

* + 1. parking and speed control (councillor kingman)

No updates.

* + 1. sids (councillor hardwick)

Grant agreed from Police and Crime Commissioner, see clerks report.

* 1. communication and social media (Councillor hardwick)

No updates.

* 1. information technology (clerk)

No updates.

* 1. Biodiversity ()

Comments on the draft policy have been received; Councillor Fluck will update and recirculate.

## Finance

* + 1. Transfer to CCLA Account (the public sector deposit fund)

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to transfer all the money for the Royal Bank of Scotland General reserves account and close the account.**

* + 1. Receipts since last meeting:
       1. 14/06/2024 SDDC Safer Neighbourhood Grant £710.00
       2. 27/06/2024 G A Cannell Memorials Additional inscription £125.00
       3. 28/06/2024 Royal Bank of Scotland General Reserves Account June interest £48.46
       4. 28/06/2024 NatWest Earmarked Reserves June interest £42.84
       5. 05/07/2024 SDDC 2nd part of Precept £32,500.00
    2. Payments already made and for approval:

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| **July 2024 Payment Schedule** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 08/07/2024 | | Bank transfer | Clerk Salary | Clerk |  | £945.73 | For information only | 57 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Bank transfer | Clerk pension | DCC |  | £288.87 | For information only | 58 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Standing Order | Office rent | Repton Village Hall |  | £175.00 | For information only | 59 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Direct Debit | Broomhills electricity | British Gas | £2.01 | £42.25 | For information only | 60 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Bank transfer | Broomhills cleaning | Cleaner |  | £36.00 | For approval | 61 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Direct Debit | Mobile phone | Tesco Mobile |  | £14.99 | For information only | 62 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Bank transfer | Grounds Maintenance | Mercia Garden Care |  | £831.00 | For approval | 63 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Bank transfer | Email May 2024 | Bluehost (via clerk) | £0.95 | £5.69 | For information only, paid via card | 64 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Direct Debit | Electricity for lamp | SSE Energy Solutions | £1.40 | £13.25 | For information only | 65 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Bank transfer | Playground Equipment inspection and routine maintenance June | SDDC |  |  | For approval | 66 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Bank transfer | NI and Income Tax | HMRC |  | £429.65 | For approval | 67 |
| 27/06/2024 | | Card Payment Online | Printer ink | The Cartridge People | £6.48 | £38.90 | For information only, paid via card | 68 |
| 08/07/2024 | | Bank transfer | Planter fill for Repton in Bloom | Aldi and B&M (via a volunteer) | £1.33 | £50.98 | For approval | 69 |
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| **Royal Bank of Scotland General Reserves Account** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 08/07/24 | Bank transfer | | Move to Public Sector Deposit Fund | RPC |  | 43,613.39 or final balance | For approval | 2 |
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* + 1. Bank balances
       1. NatWest Current Account = £55,165.22
       2. NatWest Business Reserves Account = £38,552.94
       3. Royal Bank of Scotland General Reserves Account = £43,613.39 until closure processed and transferred to Public Sector Deposit Fund
       4. Public Sector Deposit Fund = £0.00
    2. Asset Register

No updates

## Correspondence (received since last agenda until 2nd july 2024)

* 1. DCC: Newsletter x 3; Emergency Temporary Road Closure | Brook End, Repton | 19/06/2024 - 02/07/2024
  2. DALC: Newsletter x 1; Forum Session - Wednesday 26th June 1pm - all welcome; National Grid Proposal Chesterfield to Willington
  3. NALC: Newsletter x 2; Chief Executive’s Bulletin x 3
  4. South Derbyshire CVS: Health and Wellbeing Bulletin x ; Funding E-Bulletin x 1
  5. SDDC: Playground Inspection x 2; DCC Boundary Review; Contact Details; Information Concerning Postal Vote Handling - UK Parliamentary Election and Hatton by-election
  6. District Councillor Lowe: UKSPF detail and applications
  7. National Grid: Chesterfield to Willington - updated events schedule; Chesterfield to Willington Stage 1 Consultation Update
  8. Councillor Brown: Environment; Heritage Ad- Hoc report June 2024
  9. Repton School: Response to Queries
  10. A member of the public: Various Questions
  11. NatWest: We’re making changes to your terms
  12. Sterilizing Services: Monthly Temperature Results
  13. Derbyshire Pension Fund, employer newsletter 209, June 2024

## Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

Monday 9th September 2024 in the meeting room at Repton Village Hall at 19:30