# **Minutes Repton Parish council meeting held on MONDAY 9th december 2024**

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

**Absent:** Councillor Hess

**Staff** **and** **public** **in** **attendance**: Clerk Caroline Crowder, and 2 members of public.

## apologies

Councillor Hess, District Councillors Haines and Lowe, and County Councillor Ford

## declarations of interest

None.

## Dispensations on Declaration of Interests

None.

## Any Items to be taken with the public excluded

None.

## Co-option of two vacancies

Closing date is 31st December 2024; this will then go onto the January agenda for any applications to be considered.

## Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2024

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

***Standing Orders suspended***

## Public Speaking

Martin Field, who works for East Midlands Community Led Housing advised that they would like to work with the Parish and District Councils to ensure that local housing needs are met. Councillor Sheldon advised that they are happy to meet with him but wished to advise him of the neighbourhood development plan the parish has as this states that Repton and Milton should not be connected. It was discussed that a daytime meeting in a few months may be useful for all parties.

## repton school

Anna Parish from Repton School said how lovely it was to see the community at the carol service last night. The school break up on Friday 13th December; traffic may be seen around lunchtime. There are two lets over the Christmas period. The next term starts on 6th January 2025. She asked Councillor Dickson if the leak at the bottom of Mitre Drive had been fixed, he advised that there is still a leak but will monitor the situation. She also asked if there were any further concerns over the flood lights since they had been fitted with the hoods, there were none. She was asked if the School had updated their recent planning permission, there was no update. Councillor Mason advised that he had concerns recently when parking due to a school event led to people parking on the verges and all over the road. She will take this away for investigation. A few of the Councillors had recently met with representatives from the School to discuss the traffic issue on Mitre Drive. It is perceived that there are a lot of people speeding and lorries reversing up the Drive. Anna was asked if the School could consider a 20mph speed limit, as it is their private land they can do this.

## Planning Matters

* 1. Planning Applications

No comments.

* 1. Planning Decisions

No comments.

***Standing Orders Resumed***

## County, District and Parish Councillor’s Reports

* 1. County Councillor Ford provided an update which was read by the Clerk. Please remind members that you will need to register your vehicle to be able to use County Council Recycling Centres. The cost of disposing of waste has risen dramatically, so the sites are now fitted with ANPR to recognise “Out of County” users hoping to use DCC sites to dispose of waste. All details on the County Council website. The County Council are still facing tremendous cost pressures, mainly due to increasing costs in Adult Social Care and Children’s Services, especially SEND cases that are statutory services. All budgets are under severe strain and measures have been instigated to restrict any unnecessary spending. Please wish all present a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy 2025.
  2. District Councillor Haines, provided an update which was read by the Clerk: Planning, the revised application at Mill Hill (DMPA/2024/1328) was approved by planning committee last week. Repton school application (DMPA/2023/0700) - I have again spoken to the case officer about this and it is still being amended. She expects to be able to progress this next month. Grass cutting, we are still getting the odd grass cutting/tree pruning query and continue to follow these up with the team. Bin on Longlands, have emailed the Operations team on this one - no update yet.

## Chairman’s Report

* 1. A builder has now been appointed by Trent and Dove and they have asked to meet the Council in January.
  2. Councillor Sheldon suggests that he writes a short piece explaining the budget decisions for the village news, **Resolved, all Councillors agreed**.
  3. He had been asked by Trent and Dove what the Parish Council would like to see the old Dales site named. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed it should remain the same, The Dales.**

## Clerk’s Report

* 1. Annual leave: 27th, 30th, 31st December 2024; 21st – 28th March, 7th and 22nd April, 27th – 30th May, 16th – 20th June, 21st July, 15th – 19th September, 5th – 12th December 2025
  2. Repton planters, a parishioner has offered to install some solar flowers in the planters to light them for Christmas, the Clerk has agreed this with them.
  3. The Clerk has agreed with Repton Village Hall to remove the landline as the mobile is the registered number. They are considering the proposal made for the reduction in office rent and subsequent donation to the youth club, Clerk will ask when the decision will be made.

1. approval of the minutes of the finance committee meeting held on 25th november 2024

**Resolved: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by Councillor Sheldon as a correct and true record, with a correction made and initialled by the Chairman.**

1. budget approval

**Resolved: all Councillors agreed to the budget proposed in the Finance Committee Meeting minutes.**

1. Precept 2025-26

**Resolved: all Councillors agreed to the precept being set to £75,000.00 The Chairman and the Clerk signed the form to be returned to SDDC.**

1. Reports from Working Groups
   1. significant incident

Councillor Sheldon has been contacted by three people after the piece in last month’s village news. Once he has appropriate numbers he will set up a meeting.

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

Councillor Sheldon met with Justin Ives, the CE for SDDC, who was receptive to the Parish Council’s views. He has sent him a letter and they will have a meeting with the planning officer before March 2025.

* 1. Environment and Heritage (Councillor Brown)
     1. Arboretum

County Councillor Ford has been requested to escalate the issue to Highways that the Cross needs assessing for damage and subsequent work.

* 1. rights of way/maintenance (Councillor Dickson)
     1. New solar light Matthews Jitty

Discussions with residents and DCC Highways have failed to agree on installing a new light. This issue is now with DCC Highways to be resolved, and will be removed from future agendas.

* 1. Burial Ground and Allotments (Councillor brown)

Councillor Brown advised that they had received a request to reduce the width of the hedge, the grounds maintenance contractor has been asked to take this into account next year. The fence to the left of the entry gate on the allotments, need to be replaced, the grounds maintenance contractor has been asked for a quote. It was discussed that the Council need to ensure that the allotment rents are covering any work that is needed.

* 1. recreation, play fields and youth
     1. Broomhills pavilion (councillor brown)
        1. Maintenance

Completed fire equipment checks, replaced one appliance.

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

Clerk to chase up contractor as drawings are needed to apply for planning permission.

* + - 1. grants (councillor hardwick)

Councillors Sheldon and Hardwick are to pursue grants, and Councillor Hardwick will document details for Crowdfunding.

* 1. emergency
     1. flooding (Councillor hess)

Councillor Hess issued a report to all Councillors before the meeting.

* 1. planning policy (Councillor rainey)

Nothing to report.

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

Report received from Milton Speed Watch.

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

No updates.

* + 1. sids (councillor hardwick)

Councillor Hardwick met recently with Richard Handbury from DCC and asked him to chase up the OITH, he will chase him again.

* 1. communication and social media (Councillor hurren)

Councillor Hurren has drafted a document and this will go onto the January agenda for agreement.

* 1. information technology ()

repton-pc.gov.uk email addresses are being looked into.

* 1. Biodiversity (Councillor hardwick)

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to remove from further agendas as this is implicit in all Council work.**

## Finance

* + 1. Receipts since last meeting:
       1. 21/11/2024 Murray’s Funeral Directors Ashes Plot and Interment £500.00 Current Account
       2. 21/11/2024 JOGS rent £10.00 Current Account (will be moved to recreation ground account)
    2. Payments already made and for approval:

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| **Current Account** | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |  |
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| 09/12/2024 | Bank transfer | Clerk Salary | | | Clerk | |  | | £1,207.59 | | For information only | | | 137 |
| 09/12/2024 | Bank transfer | Clerk pension | | | DCC | |  | | £367.88 | | For information only | | | 138 |
| 09/12/2024 | Standing Order | Office rent | | | Repton Village Hall | |  | | £175.00 | | For information only | | | 139 |
| 09/12/2024 | Direct Debit | Broomhills electricity | | | British Gas | | £3.63 | | £76.36 | | For information only | | | 140 |
| 09/12/2024 | Bank transfer | Broomhills cleaning | | | Cleaner | |  | | £45.00 | | For approval | | | 141 |
| 09/12/2024 | Direct Debit | Mobile phone | | | Tesco Mobile | |  | | £14.99 | | For information only | | | 142 |
| 09/12/2024 | Bank transfer | Grounds Maintenance | | | Mercia Garden Care | |  | | £0.00 | | For approval | | | 143 |
| 09/12/2024 | Bank transfer | December 2024 | | | Bluehost (via clerk) | | £0.96 | | £5.75 | | For information only | | | 144 |
| 09/12/2024 | Direct Debit | Electricity for lamp | | | SSE Energy Solutions | |  | | £0.00 | | For information only | | | 145 |
| 09/12/2024 | Bank transfer | Playground Equipment inspection and routine maintenance November | | | SDDC | | £10.93 | | £65.58 | | For approval | | | 146 |
| 09/12/2024 | Bank transfer | No parking sign | | | KPCM (via clerk) | | £0.61 | | £5.09 | | For approval | | | 147 |
| 21/11/2024 | Bank transfer | Planter refill Repton | | | A volunteer | |  | | £69.99 | | Paid under delegated authority to Clerk and Chairman | | | 148 |
| 09/12/2024 | Account transfer | Move JOGS rent to correct account | | | JOGS | |  | | £10.00 | | For approval | | | 149 |
| 09/12/2024 | Bank transfer | Fire equipment checks at Broomhills | | | City Fire Extinguisher Service | | £21.10 | | £126.60 | | For approval | | | 150 |
|  |  |  | | |  | | **£37.23** | | **£2,169.83** | |  | | |  |
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| **Business Reserves Account (earmarked reserves)** | | |  |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  | |
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| 12/11/2024 | | | Account transfer | Money for multi wheeled track at Mitre Field | | Recreation Ground Account | |  | | £7,200.00 | | For approval | 4 | |
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* + 1. Bank balances
       1. NatWest Current Account = £23,983.07
       2. NatWest Business Reserves Account = £36,832.50
       3. Public Sector Deposit Fund = £44,263.86
       4. Recreation Ground Account =£7,280.00 (once transfers made)
    2. Asset Register

No updates

## Correspondence (received since last agenda until 21st november 2024)

* 1. DCC: Newsletter x 3; Repton Footpath 50; Derbyshire's Holiday Activity & Food Programme: Winter 2024; School Travel Planning; Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Decisions
  2. DALC: Newsletter x Updates Due to Technical Difficulties; Request to complete and promote NALC grave re-use Forms survey; Budget changes to NI contributions; Training Sessions and Martyn’s Law Forum Details
  3. NALC: Newsletter x ; Chief Executive’s Bulletin x 3
  4. South Derbyshire CVS: Health and Wellbeing Bulletin x 1; Funding E-Bulletin x 1
  5. SDDC: Playground Inspection x 1; Invitation: South Derbyshire District Council Flood Liaison Meeting @ Thu 21 Nov 2024 10am - 12pm (GMT); South Derbyshire District Council Flood Liaison Meeting - Thursday 21st Nov -10am x 2; S106 Monies; Details of the 2025 Summer Holiday Provision for Parish Councils; Polling District and Polling Place Review
  6. Repton School:
  7. District Councillor Lowe: Household Waste & Recycling Centre Registration System update DCC
  8. Sterilizing Services: Monthly Temperature Results x
  9. County Councillor Ford:
  10. NatWest: Important news about your account
  11. Derbyshire Pension Fund, employer newsletter 214, November 2024
  12. Clark & Kent
  13. A person: Protecting our rural villages - SDDC's Draft Local Plan

## Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

13TH January 2025 in Repton Village Hall at 19:30