# **Minutes Repton Parish council meeting held on MONDAY 13th january 2025**

**Present**: Councillors Sheldon (Chairman), Dickson, McArdle, Rainey, Mason, Hardwick and Hurren (Councillor Williamson attended the start of the meeting as a member of public and then joined the meeting as a Councillor)

**Absent:** Councillor Hess

**Staff** **and** **public** **in** **attendance**: Clerk Caroline Crowder, District Councillor Haines and 3 members of public.

## apologies

Councillor Hess, County Councillor Ford, District Councillor Lowe.

## 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

Two applications received and circulated to Councillors. Councillor McArdle proposed Martina Williamson for a position of Councillor; this was seconded by Councillor Sheldon. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to Martina Williamson becoming Repton Parish Councillor, she signed her declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting as a Councillor.** Councillor Mason proposed Tony Browne for a position of Councillor; this was seconded by Councillor Hurren. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to Tony Browne becoming a Repton Parish Councillor. Clerk will contact him to gain his acceptance of office.**

## Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th december 2024

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

***Standing Orders suspended***

## Public Speaking

Two members of the public talked about planning application DMOT/2024/1618 – Land at SK3126 0097 Milton Road, Repton. There are issues with outstanding problems. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to submit an objection see 9.a for further details.**

## repton school

No representative joined the meeting.

## Planning Matters

* 1. Planning Applications

Planning Application DMOT/2024/1618 – Land at SK3126 0097 Milton Road, Repton. Repton Parish Council wishes to object to the Planning Application DMOT/2024/1618 on the following grounds. Condition 14 to the original application should not be removed until the long term responsibilities covered by this condition are enforceable, defined and agreed by all the relevant parties involved including the parishioners living on the site. **Clerk to submit to SDDC Planning.**

* 1. Planning Decisions

No comments.

***Standing Orders Resumed***

## County, District and Parish Councillor’s Reports

* 1. County Councillor Ford sent his apologies and submitted the following update to the Clerk before the meeting. The Clerk read out the update as follows: Despite earlier positive discussions the Government financial settlement has fallen well short of what was expected, this, combined with the effects of the N.I. Increases in the budget will impact the council services by millions of pounds, both with direct council employees, where a previous commitment to councils to cover this cost has now been reduced to a “Contribution” which again falls short, and sub-contractors to the council, especially care service providers, as covering these extra increases will have a significant cost running into several millions of pounds.  Regarding the recent White Paper on Local Government Reform, the Gov’t is keen to see unitarization which means Districts and Boroughs will, in effect, cease to exist in their current form, being absorbed into redefined authorities with greater responsibilities for service delivery. This is a complex issue with lots of talk between local Leaders and Government trying to work out the right mix demographically and politically and will take time, we will get much more detail over time and a timeline for elections, reminding you that this years’ County Council elections could be postponed for between 12 months up to two years, leading to formation of the new authorities and boundaries in 2027.  The controlling group on Derbyshire County Council have expressed the opinion that a Whole County Unitary, less Derby City, which is already a Unitary Authority, is the best option to keep the county together and to be able to deliver improvement to services and also savings.  Following the recent flood events that closed the causeway, whilst any delay in re-opening the causeway can be inconvenient, inspections are required I’m afraid. Previous flood events have damaged culverts under the highway which needed repairs, the latest closure and inspection has identified damage to the pedestrian embankment which will require rectification at some point in the future. Thankfully the road surface is fine. Cadent have also got work to do after gas leaks have been located.  I have asked for any updates on the Notts C.C. Flood Warden scheme
  2. District Councillor Haines, the local area forum is on the 21st January in Newton Solney Village Hall. Parish Councillors Dickson, Sheldon and Hardwick agreed to attend. She has no update on the Longlands bin, but will keep chasing. The government has brought forward some changes and SDDC may need to submit part 2 of the local plan, which is to do with settlement boundaries, earlier than they first thought. Councillor Dickson advised he has written to District Councillor Haines about The Lodge, Mitre Drive as it has been advertised to rent the property for multiple occupancy. He is also to write to the School about traffic management. She was also asked to check if anything has gone into planning about church commission land which has the potential to join Repton and Milton together, which is against the neighbourhood plan.

## Chairman’s Report

* 1. Following on from the meeting with the Chief Executive of SDDC concerning plans for Fisher Close, a meeting was requested with SDDC planners, he asked District Councillor Haines to chase this up.
  2. The Village news article he had written and was published, he has received positive comments back from parishioners. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to publish this on the Council website and share on social media.**
  3. D Day 80 is this year and he asked the Council if they wish to have a beacon. It was discussed and Councillor Williamson agreed to look into this further, Clerk to ask Duffield Parish Council for details on their beacon and put onto the February agenda for further discussion.
  4. He asked Councillor McArdle if she could make contact with the Royal British Legion over the Remembrance Parade 2025.
  5. He asked District Councillor Haines to look into the path from Wystan Court to Pinfold Lane as it is only half tarmaced, which may cause safety issues to some users.
  6. He is to speak to an ex Councillor on gaining repton-pc.gov.uk email addresses for all Councillors.

## Clerk’s Report

* 1. Grounds maintenance, one quote received, Clerk asked if the Council would like to gain 2 more quotes. **Resolved, the majority of Councillors agreed to this, Clerk to request more quotes.**
  2. Annual leave: 21st – 28th March, 7th and 22nd April, 27th – 30th May, 16th – 20th June, 29th September – 3rd October, 5th – 12th December 2025
  3. Standing order altered to Repton Village Hall, £150 to Youth Club and £25 for rent as the Village Hall agreed to the reduced rent.
  4. Fence repairs at the allotments, quote received from the grounds maintenance contractor for £200. Budgeted £300 in next years’ budget, work would not start until March. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed**.
  5. Repton Squirrels (part of the scout group for young ones) will visit the allotments, and will chat to some of the allotment holders. Clerk has advised the Repton Squirrels representative that the allotments are open to the public and they have arranged to meet with one plot holder.
  6. Clerk asked for agreement to attend charity training with DALC £110, **Resolved, all Councillors agreed.**
  7. Clerk has received a resignation from Councillor Brown. SDDC have been informed. The following areas will need to be reassigned:
     1. Broomhills Maintenance **Resolved, all Councillors agreed for the clerk to take on the general administration of a monthly check, meter readings, fire safety equipment checks and lighting checks. Councillors agreed for the electrician to have a set of keys. Councillor McArdle agreed to retain a set of keys.**
     2. Allotments and Burial Ground – 3 allotment checks per year, memorial checks annually, general checks at burial ground. Councillor Hurren agreed to take this on.
     3. Environment and Heritage, Councillor Dickson agreed to take this on. Councillors Dickson and Sheldon to attend tree inspection training.
  8. **Resolved, all Councillors wished to send ex Councillor Brown a letter thanking him for his work and service to the Council**

1. reserves policy

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to accept the policy as drafted by Councillor Hardwick.**

1. Reports from Working Groups
   1. significant incident

No update.

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

See 11a.

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

Clerk to ask for a maintenance quote without the use of weed killer from Woodgrow Horticulture.

* + 1. TREE INSPECTION

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to Councillors Dickson and Sheldon attending the DALC tree inspection training. Clerk to book.**

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

A report had been issued to all Councillors before the meeting.

* 1. Burial Ground and Allotments (councillor hurren)

No update.

* 1. recreation, play fields and youth
     1. Broomhills pavilion
        1. Maintenance

Clerk to ask electrician to perform emergency lighting check needed. There are S106 monies available for use at Broomhills.

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

Trustees Stuart Mason and David Dickson met with the contractors before Christmas. There are extra costs that need to be agreed by the trustees. **Resolved, all trustees agreed to the following extra costs: price increase due to inflation of £4,329.00 plus VAT, additional safety changes £2,421.00 plus VAT, leading to a new total construction cost of £78,9000.00 plus VAT. The Clerk is to email the contractors confirming this and asking for the invoice for the deposit. Clerk advised that the full Council will need to authorise payment of this once the invoice is**

**received for £15,780.00 plus VAT. Clerk to ask DALC if VAT should be recovered as the Charity or the Council.**

* + - 1. planning permission application

Councillor McArdle advised that a biodiversity net gain assessment will be needed before applying for planning permission. Four quotes had been gained and distributed to the Councillors. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to accept the quote from Elton Ecology. All Councillors also agreed to pay the standard charge for the planning application**.

* + - 1. grants (councillor hardwick)

No update.

* + - 1. crowdfunding (Councillor hardwick)

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the wording that Stuart Mason is to use for Crowdfunding. This can then be shared on social media and promoted. Clerk to ask DALC if gift aid can be gained for this funding.**

* 1. emergency
     1. flooding (Councillor hess)

Councillor Sheldon advised that there is flood training on 30th January for flood wardens.

* 1. planning policy (Councillor rainey)

No update.

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

No activity for December and January for Milton Speed Watch. No report received from Repton Speed Watch.

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

Councillor Hardwick advised an email had been received from Richard Hanbury from DCC; there are outstanding queries with him.

* + 1. sids (councillor hardwick)
       1. Risk assessment

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the risk assessment documented by Councillor Hardwick.**

Councillor Hardwick advised that the new posts have been installed by DCC and existing posts tested as being able to take the SIDs

* 1. communication and social media (Councillor hurren)
     1. policy

The policy documented by Councillor Hurren was discussed. Clerk to contact DALC to ask for their advice on this policy, should the Clerk be the only one updating social media or should the Councillors also get authorised to update. Once a reply has been gained, the policy will be reviewed again.

* 1. information technology (clerk)

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

## Finance

* + 1. Receipts since last meeting:
       1. 14/11/2024 Interment of Ashes A person £200.00 Current Account
       2. 29/11/2024 Interest NatWest £47.29 Business Reserves Account
       3. 31/12/2024 Interest NatWest £46.58 Business Reserves Account
       4. 10/12/2024 JOGS rent JOGS £10.00 Recreation Ground Account
       5. 10/12/2024 multi wheeled track Earmarked Reserves Account £7,200.00 Recreation Ground Account
       6. 19/12/2024 Interment of Ashes A person £200.00 Current Account
       7. 05/01/2025 Income reinvestment CCLA £174.72 CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund
    2. Payments already made and for approval:

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| **Current Account** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 13/01/2025 | Bank transfer | Clerk Salary | Clerk |  | £1,029.81 | For information only | 151 |
| 13/01/2025 | Bank transfer | Clerk pension | DCC |  | £298.75 | For information only | 152 |
| 13/01/2025 | Standing Order | Office rent | Repton Village Hall |  | £25.00 | For information only | 153 |
| 13/01/2025 | Direct Debit | Broomhills electricity | British Gas | £2.54 | £53.45 | For information only | 154 |
| 13/01/2025 | Bank transfer | Broomhills cleaning | Cleaner |  | £45.00 | For approval | 155 |
| 13/01/2025 | Direct Debit | Mobile phone | Tesco Mobile |  | £14.99 | For information only | 156 |
| 13/01/2025 | Bank transfer | Grounds Maintenance | Mercia Garden Care |  | £0.00 | For approval | 157 |
| 13/01/2025 | Card Payment | January 2025 | Bluehost (via clerk) | £0.96 | £5.74 | For information only | 158 |
| 13/01/2025 | Direct Debit | Electricity for lamp | SSE Energy Solutions | £4.44 | £44.26 | For information only | 159 |
| 13/01/2025 | Bank transfer | Playground Equipment inspection and routine maintenance December | SDDC | £10.93 | £65.58 | For approval | 160 |
| 13/01/2025 | Bank transfer | NI and Income Tax | HMRC |  | £378.87 | For information only | 161 |
| 13/01/2025 | Standing Order | Youth Club | Repton Village Hall |  | £150.00 | For information only | 162 |
| 13/01/2025 | Bank transfer | Annual support charge for Milton defibrillator | Community Heartbeat Trust |  |  | For approval | 163 |
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|  |  |  |  | **£45.87** | **£2,273.45** |  |  |

* + 1. Bank balances
       1. NatWest Current Account = £22,109.62
       2. NatWest Business Reserves Account = £36,926.37
       3. Public Sector Deposit Fund = £44,438.58
       4. Recreation Ground Account =£7,280.00
    2. Asset Register

No updates

## Correspondence (received since last agenda until 8th january 2025)

* 1. DCC: Newsletter x 5; Temporary Road Closure | Main Street, Ingleby | 18/02/2025 09:30-15:30; Consultation on further integration between Derbyshire County Council & Derbyshire Community Health Services; Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) News No 5; Mobile Library Routes 6 January - 28 March 2025
  2. DALC: Newsletter x 1; DALC's Professional Development Courses : 2025
  3. NALC: Newsletter x ; Chief Executive’s Bulletin x 4; our chair has penned an open letter to parish and town councils
  4. South Derbyshire CVS: Health and Wellbeing Bulletin x ; Funding E-Bulletin x 1
  5. SDDC: Playground Inspection x 1; January 2025 Repton Area Forum meeting; Parish Forum Event; Council Tax Base Query; Budget Consultation 2025/26; Seasons Greetings from The Chair of South Derbyshire District Council; Repton agenda pack - January 2025; Details of the 2025 Summer Holiday Provision for Parish Councils
  6. Sterilizing Services: Monthly Temperature Results x 2
  7. Derbyshire Pension Fund: MHCLG consultation; Derbyshire Pension Fund Revised Pension Administration Strategy – Employer consultation; December Newsletter; Derbyshire Pension Fund – Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) - Revised Pension Administration Strategy
  8. Baker Baird Communications: Free tree planting scheme launched in your area - Derbyshire County Council
  9. CCLA: Letter
  10. Repton Youth Club Funding
  11. Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service Consultation
  12. Derbyshire Police: Updates

## Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

10th February 2025 in the meeting room at Repton Village Hall at 19:30