# **Minutes Repton Parish council meeting held on MONDAY 10th march 2025**

**Present**: Councillors Sheldon (Chairman), Dickson, Rainey, Hess, Hardwick, Mason (joined during public speaking), Hurren, Williamson, McArdle and Hignett (once co-opted)

**Absent:**

**Staff** **and** **public** **in** **attendance**: Clerk Caroline Crowder, District Councillors Haines and Lowe, and 11 members of public.

## apologies

County Councillor Ford

## declarations of interest

Councillor Williamson for 8 and 9.

## Dispensations on Declaration of Interests

None.

## Any Items to be taken with the public excluded

None.

## Co-option

One application received from Andrew Hignett. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to co-opt Andrew Hignett.** He signed his declaration of office and joined the meeting as a Councillor. The Clerk informed the Council that Tony Browne had tendered his resignation. The Clerk has informed SDDC and the vacancy will be advertised. Co-option can be advertised and occur once legally able to do so.

## Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th february 2025

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

***Standing Orders suspended***

## Public Speaking

PCSO Marley advised that the scheme to clamp down on the illegal use of e-scooters has been successful; they are seizing any they stop. He thanked the Parish Council and specifically Councillor Sheldon for the work around emergency assistance. He has received a lot of complaints about the John Port school bus in reference to the safe boarding and off-boarding of the students, he has therefore met recently with DCC on site to look at alternative options. The current proposal would be along Mount Pleasant Road. General crime remains remarkably low; people are good at crime prevention. He reminded people to be vigilant with locking their cars; they have seen a lot of thefts where people have left their keys in the car, which would invalidate their insurance. There are currently drain surveys happening in Repton, he believes they are to survey 90 in the area.

A member of the public spoke about their concerns around planning application DMPA/2023/0700 3G football pitches at Repton School. Councillor Sheldon advised that the Council would be agreeing to send in comments to SDDC; these comments would be published on the Council’s website and sent to Repton School. Sarah Grieg form Repton School advised that they have taken on board the comments received.

## repton school

No further update.

## Planning Matters

* 1. Planning Applications

**Resolved, two Councillors abstained, all other Councillors agreed to the wording of the response to SDDC Planning on application DMPA/2023/0700 3G football pitches at Repton School**

* 1. Planning Decisions

No comments.

***Standing Orders Resumed***

## County, District and Parish Councillor’s Reports

* 1. District Councillor Haines, no update on the Longlands bin yet but one has now been installed on Chestnut. Local government reform, two different suggestions are now being discussed of how to split the County. Councillor Sheldon asked if there had been any progress on the Wystan’s Court path. Councillor Lowe believed that it may be possible for the Parish Council to have the land.

## Chairman’s Report

The Chairman advised that a resident had asked the Council if they would consider a request to re-site the Mercia sign on Burton Road, they were willing to cover the costs. **Resolved, two Councillors abstained the majority of Councillors agreed that as long as DCC approve it and the resident covers the costs they agree to this request.**

## clerk’s report

* 1. Annual leave: 21st – 28th March, 7th and 22nd April, 27th – 30th May, 16th – 20th June, 29th September – 3rd October, 5th – 12th and 29th-31st December 2025
  2. Annual letters sent to residents bordering the Mitre Field and the two arboreta
  3. Gov.uk email addresses update. For each email account google workspace would also be needed. The cost of this would be for 11 Councillor and 1 Clerk therefore 12 users, £68.52 per month, which is £822.24 per year. Another Derbyshire Town Council have advised they pay £58.80 per Councillor email. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed not to progress further due to costs at this time**
  4. Offer of help from Repton School received, all Councillors asked for ideas of any community help projects
  5. Commercial waste contract for next year received from SDDC, no price increase. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to continue with this contract for a further year.**

## litter and dog waste bins

## See 10 for update.

1. policy review

**Resolved, all Councillors agreed that having reviewed them, the following policies do not require any updates: Annual Financial Risk Assessment and Asset List. All Councillors agreed to the updated Lone Working Policy**

1. beacon

Councillor McArdle has spoken to the chairman of the Royal British Legion in Repton. They believe that a new base and to make the beacon safe would cost approximately £500. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to the cost and for Councillor McArdle to authorise this work with the Legion.**

1. Reports from Working Groups
   1. significant incident

Councillor Sheldon and Flood Warden Farrell recently attended a meeting in Matlock with other agencies and DCC. It was agreed that the training to be a flood warden encompassed a lot of the training that would be required for a significant incident. Therefore he believed that this group should be called a Community Incident group and more training would be received to cover this.

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

Councillors Sheldon, Dickson and McArdle are due to meet a senior planning officer on Thursday to discuss this area and would report back at the next meeting. Work on the old Dales site is due to start in the summer.

* 1. Environment and Heritage (Councillor dickson)
     1. mercia sign on burton road

See 11 for update.

* + 1. Councillors Dickson and Sheldon will be attending a tree surveying course tomorrow.
  1. rights of way/maintenance (Councillor Dickson)

Councillor Dickson advised that there is a walk planned for Friday morning and everyone is welcome.

* 1. Burial Ground and Allotments (councillor hurren)

Councillor Hurren is arranging to meet the local Vicar.

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

Nothing to report on maintenance. Councillor Sheldon has been in touch with the Repton Casual’s representative and they are to arrange a meeting. He asked Councillors McArdle, Hignett and Rainey to join him.

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

Councillor Mason advised that he has met with the youth leaders and children at the Youth Club and they were keen for the track to go ahead.

* + - 1. planning permission application

Clerk had circulated a draft application before the meeting. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed for the clerk to submit the application.** It was discussed that some public consultation should be done to allow people to discuss the application with the Council.

* + - 1. grants (councillor hardwick)

Councillor Hardwick has applied to Tarmac for a £20k grant.

* + - 1. crowdfunding (Councillor hardwick)

Councillor Hardwick reported that this is going well and currently stands at 37 supporters and £1,136

* + - 1. charity commission sole managing trustee

Following advice from DALC, **resolved, all Councillors agreed to update the details on the charity commission website to reflect that the Council is the sole managing trustee. Clerk to update.**

* + - 1. charity reclaim gift aid

Following advice from DALC, **resolved, all Councillors agreed for the clerk to apply for the charity to reclaim Gift Aid from any donations.**

* 1. emergency
     1. flooding (Councillor hess)

Councillor Hess reported that they continue to engage with land owners over flooding.

* 1. planning policy (Councillor rainey)

SDDC have issued their updated local plan, Councillor Rainey advised that this needs reviewing.

* 1. speed watch, parking and traffic
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Report received from both Milton and Repton Speedwatch groups

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

Councillor Hardwick advised that the 20mph working group has met; they are going to ask Samantha Niblett MP for her support. They are aiming to have the whole village as 20mph. They intend to run a petition online and on paper. He is proposing to ask candidates who are to stand in the County Council elections to support this. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed to this, Clerk will contact them when they are announced**.

* + 1. sids (councillor hardwick)

The Clerk advised that although the official licence has not yet been received DCC have informed them that it has been approved. Councillor Hardwick suggested that both should be for 20-30mph limits. Clerk is to check that charges are provided. He asked the Council to approve the costs of £6,725 for the signs, up to £200 on PPE and £1,000 for a tripod ladder and any training as needed. **Resolved, all Councillors agreed the costs.**

* 1. communication and social media (Councillor hurren)
     1. repton men’s club

Councillor Hurren advised that two volunteers have been found for the club.

* 1. information technology (clerk)

See update in clerks report.

## Finance

* + 1. Receipts since last meeting:
       1. 05/02/2025 Additional Inscription Artstone Memorials £125.00
       2. 04/02/2025 Memorial G A Cannells £250.00
       3. Various dates Allotment fees £750.00
       4. 27/02/2025 Memorial fee Artstone Memorials £250.00
       5. 03/03/2025 Footpaths Grant DCC £495.00
       6. 28/02/2025 Concurrent functions SDDC £15,066.49
       7. 04/02/2025 Income reinvestment Public Sector Deposit Account £178.68
       8. 28/02/2025 Interest Earmarked Reserves Account £24.29
    2. Payments already made and for approval:

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| **Current Account** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 10/03/2025 | Bank transfer | Clerk Salary | Clerk |  | £1,029.81 | For information only | 180 |
| 10/03/2025 | Bank transfer | Clerk pension | DCC |  | £298.75 | For information only | 181 |
| 10/03/2025 | Standing Order | Office rent | Repton Village Hall |  | £25.00 | For information only | 182 |
| 24/02/2025 | Direct Debit | Broomhills electricity | British Gas | £2.82 | £59.32 | For information only | 183 |
| 10/03/2025 | Bank transfer | Broomhills cleaning | Cleaner | £1.17 | £43.00 | For approval | 184 |
| 10/03/2025 | Direct Debit | Mobile phone | Tesco Mobile |  | £14.99 | For information only | 185 |
| 10/03/2025 | Bank transfer | Grounds Maintenance | Mercia Garden Care |  | £0.00 | For approval | 186 |
| 10/03/2025 | Card payment | February 2025 | Bluehost | £0.95 | £5.70 | For information only | 187 |
| 10/03/2025 | Direct Debit | Electricity for lamp (December, January, February) | SSE Energy Solutions |  | £0.00 | For information only | 188 |
| 10/03/2025 | Bank transfer | Playground Equipment inspection and routine maintenance February | SDDC | £10.93 | £65.58 | For approval | 189 |
| 06/02/2025 | Card payment | stamps | Post Office Ltd |  | £25.50 | For information only | 190 |
| 10/03/2025 | Standing Order | Youth Club | Repton Village Hall |  | £150.00 | For information only | 191 |
| 18/02/2025 | Card payment | Flyers and posters for pump track | Vista Print | £8.08 | £48.43 | For information only | 192 |
| 10/03/2025 | Bank transfer | Councillor essentials training | DALC |  | £40.00 | For approval | 193 |
| 10/03/2025 | Bank transfer | Tree work | Woodgrow Horticulture | £70.00 | £420.00 | For approval | 195 |
| 10/03/2025 | Bank transfer | Move to Recreation Ground Account | Recreation Ground Account |  | £20.00 | For approval | 194 |
|  |  |  |  | **£93.95** | **£2,246.08** |  |  |
| **Recreation Ground Account** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 10/03/2025 | Bank transfer | Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment | Elton Ecology | £156.75 | £940.50 | For approval | 7 |
| 10/03/2025 | Bank transfer | Planning application | Portal Plan Quest Limited |  | £216.50 | For approval | 8 |
|  |  |  |  | **£156.75** | **£1,157.00** |  |  |

* + 1. Bank balances
       1. NatWest Current Account = £35,458.25
       2. NatWest Business Reserves Account = £24,192.49
       3. Public Sector Deposit Fund = £44,796.55
       4. Recreation Ground Account =£7.00
    2. Asset Register

No updates

## Correspondence (received since last agenda until 5th march 2025)

* 1. DCC: Newsletter x 4; Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum: Wednesday 5 March 2025; Public experiences of local pharmacy services wanted; DCC news release: Tree planting underway to create Derbyshire’s Heartwood Community Forest
  2. DALC: Newsletter x 2; February Forum
  3. NALC: Chief Executive’s Bulletin x 4
  4. South Derbyshire CVS: Health and Wellbeing Bulletin x ; Funding E-Bulletin x ; Community Reach Bulletin
  5. SDDC: Playground Inspection x 1; Planning Application; SDDC Active Wellbeing Strategy Adult Consultation
  6. Sterilizing Services: Monthly Temperature Results x 1
  7. Repton School: Repton Parish Council Meeting; Repton’s Combined Cadet Force; Community Help
  8. Airport: EMACC Annual Review 2024
  9. East Midlands Freeport Newsletter Feb 2025
  10. Derbyshire Police Newsletter
  11. Police: Parking Enforcement
  12. Repton Dog Walkers Sadness
  13. A Parishioner: Mercia sign on Burton Road
  14. NatWest: Important News about your Account
  15. National Grid: Chesterfield to Willington Land Registry and Environmental Surveys
  16. A Parishioner: Support Required for Lack of Fibre Broadband
  17. Milton Community Speedwatch Report
  18. Immediate Justice Newsletter February 2025
  19. CCLA: Market Update

## Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

14th April 2025 in the meeting room at Repton Village Hall commencing at 19:30.