

MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 3 August 2009 at 7.00 pm in the Imperial Rooms.

Present: Cllr G Stevens, in the Chair
 Councillors: B Hopkinson, Mrs S Burfoot, Mrs A Elliott,
 Mrs C Hopkinson, M Burfoot, S Flitter, I Milne, B Tipping
 Mrs U Lunn, D Barker

Also Present: Peter Foley – Director of Community Services (DDDC)
 Julia Rodgers – Matlock Mercury
 1 Member of Public

In Attendance: Susan Smith (Town Clerk)
 Karen Jenkinson (Finance Officer)

250/09 APOLOGIES - None

251/09 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS
 Agenda Items 19 then 15 will be heard before planning.

252/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 District Councillors D Barker, G Stevens, S Flitter, B Hopkinson, Mrs C Hopkinson and Mrs S Burfoot individually made the following declaration:
 "I will participate on the basis that this is a preliminary view only. At the District Council I will consider the matter afresh, taking account of all evidence available at that time".

COUNCILLOR	ITEM	TYPE OF INTEREST	NATURE OF INTEREST
Cllr Mrs Burfoot	Planning Item 3	PERSONAL	Live quite close to the building
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	Agenda Item 15	PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL, leaving meeting	Agent and Designer of the said garden
Cllr Mrs Lunn	Agenda Item 21	PERSONAL	Works for DDC

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

253/09 a) PUBLIC SPEAKING

NAME:	QUESTION OR COMMENT	ACTION TAKEN:
Mr John Winnard	The earmarked reserves in the Annual Report exceed the actual balance. Would not like to see an increase in the precept, therefore the Council faces a balancing act. There are several local towns that have lower precepts in the area with lower populations. The Council is jointly responsible for any debts incurred.	<i>Noted</i>

b) POLICE MATTERS

NAME:	QUESTION OR COMMENT	ACTION TAKEN:
Cllr Mr Burfoot	The boy racers on Derwent Way are just as bad as reported at the last meeting. Nothing has happened i.e. no police presence to deter them. Needs urgent action.	Noted

The meeting was re-opened.

254/09 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attended the Twinning Association BBQ on 30.07.09

255/09 REVIEW OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – CONSULTATION

Derbyshire Dales District Council wishes to seek the views of the Town Council on the proposals. Consultation deadline 28 August 2009 - (*appendix 3*)

- DDDC has 35 sites to maintain at considerable cost and wish to rationalise provision, therefore are seeking views as to the way forward.
- Public have high expectations – public conveniences are part of tourism
- Perhaps town centres like Matlock, Ashbourne and Bakewell should have higher standards?
- Or in the rural areas have seasonal toilets?
- Would blocks with attendants be the solution?
- Urge all Councillors to submit comments and to encourage others to do so.

Resolved: To write to DDDC stating:

- **That a new toilet block on Causeway Lane is required in the same location as it serves the Town and Hall Leys Park.**
- **The Children's Toilet block at the end of the park needs to be retained, keeping it for use by children using the playground.**
- **A quality cleaning regime is required for all toilet blocks.**
- **Best practice in other areas should be explored.**

Cllrs are to complete their questionnaires, submitting them to DDDC by the deadline.

Cllr Mr Burfoot left meeting 7.50pm, whilst the following item was discussed. He returned 7.54pm

256/09 WILD THYME COMMUNITY GARDEN

Cllr Flitter explained the outcome of enquiries made at Derbyshire Dales District Council regarding the licence and the grant.

- **Grant** – An extension has been agreed from October to Christmas 2009.
- **Licence** – a formal agreement needs to be issued by DDDC. They suggest that the Mayor and Clerk sign the document.
- **Quotes** – the contractors who supplied the original quotes need to be contacted to see whether the costs still stand. Any relevant paperwork needs to be supplied along with the specification of the work to be carried out.

- **Finance** – the Finance and Audit Committee will identify any funds that could be used to pay the surplus.

Resolved: that Cllr Flitter as Chair of the Projects Working Party continue working on the scheme throughout the summer recess as outlined above. Cllr Flitter, the Clerk and the Mayor be given authority to make any decisions necessary on behalf of the Council so as not to delay the process.

Abstention: Cllr Mrs Burfoot

Cllr Flitter left meeting at 7.54pm

257/09 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

Resolved: that the under-mentioned comments on the following applications should be submitted to the District Council

NO:	APPLICATION NO:	DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS	COMMENTS:
01	PLS/SJG/G/4/Avii	Felling of a Horse Chestnut at Rockside Hall Wellington Street Matlock for Mr Pat Parsons	OBJECTION – needs to be pruned by a professional tree surgeon Abstention: Cllr Milne
02	09/00411/FUL	Construction of a secure play area – Governors of St Joseph's School – St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Chesterfield Road Matlock	NO OBJECTION
03	09/00413/FUL	Siting of storage container to house summer camp equipment for temporary period to 30 th September 2010 – YHA (England & Wales) Ltd – Trevelyan House Dimple Road Matlock	NO OBJECTION Additional landscaping needed adjacent to the container
04	09/0425/FUL	Erection of replacement garage – Mr Paul Else – 7 Whitewoods Way Starkholmes Matlock	NO OBJECTION

Cllr Barker left the meeting at 8.06pm and returned 8.09pm

05	09/000386/FUL	Erection of 3 no. three storey detached dwellings and associated garages – Mr Brian Newton – Chindrass House Starkholmes Road Matlock	NO OBJECTION Access is an issue, wall height lowered and entrance widened
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258/09 RECEIVE RECENT DECISIONS MADE BY DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL - Noted

NO:	APPLICATION NO:	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	DECISION
01	PLS/SJG/G/4/A7 & 033.25	Felling of a Sycamore Tree at 1 Swiss Cottages Starkholmes for Mrs J Pealing	District Council raises no objections

02	09/00145/VCOND	Occupation of assisted living accommodation without compliance with Condition 2 of planning permission 03/04/0316 (age restriction) – Lilybank Care Home Chesterfield Road Matlock for Progressive Care Ltd	GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
03	09/00282/FUL	Replacement of window and door with French doors – 19 Bank Gardens Matlock for Miss E Partington	GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
04	09/00301/FUL	Erection of detached garage – 32 Mornington Rise Matlock for Mrs Joanne Roach	GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
05	09/00303/FUL	Single/two storey extensions – Norton 262 Chesterfield Road Matlock for Stephen Alcock	GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
06	09/00331/FUL	Change of use to osteopathy clinic (Use Class D1) – 96 Smedley Street Matlock for Mr James Neville	GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

259/09 TO CONSIDER LETTERS RECEIVED ON PLANNING MATTERS - noted
(amended plans, site visits, appeals)

GENERAL:

NO:	CORRESPONDENT	SUBJECT	NOTES
01	DDDC	Site at land belonging to Rushley Lodge off Wirestone Lane Middle Moor/Matlock Moor - Proposed development of a wind farm comprising a total of 5 wind turbines with associated crane hardstandings etc.	Applicant has appealed – any further representation regarding the proposed development to be submitted in writing no later than 9 September 2009. An Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State. There will eventually be a Public Enquiry date to be arranged.
02	DDDC	Site at land adjacent to 1 Rockside Mews Wellington Street Matlock - Unauthorised retaining structure for Kay Booth	Inquiry will take place on Wednesday 18 November 2009 at the Town Hall Matlock commencing at 10am

AMENDED PLANS:

NO:	CORRESPONDENT	SUBJECT	NOTES
01	DDDC	Single/two storey extensions – Mr Stephen Alcock – Norton 261 Chesterfield Road Matlock	Windows removed and match rendering?
02	DDDC	Engineering works to form raised parking deck, driveway and raised patio with storage below – Mr Colin Brassington – 7 Malpas Road Matlock	Revised plans

MINUTES

260/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 20 July 2009. The Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 20 July 2009

261/09 TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE MATLOCK IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 JULY 2009 (*appendix 1*)

Resolved: to receive the notes of the Matlock in Bloom Committee meeting held on Monday 20 July 2009

262/09 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MATLOCK JOINT CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE

Cllr G Stevens

Cllr Stevens informed the Council that it was intended that the Christmas Weekend continue along the same lines as in previous years with the exception the Matlock Live, who had secured funding, would be providing an additional element to the Christmas Parade. The Army Cadets would also be helping this year.

Resolved: to note the report.

FINANCE

263/09 TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY STATEMENT FOR JULY, AND INVOICES DUE FOR PAYMENT (*appendix 2*)

Resolved: to approve the monthly statement for July and invoices due for payment and to include an additional column on the statement for budget headings.

264/09 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHRISTMAS WORKING PARTY FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT LIGHTING FOR CHRISTMAS 2009.

*(Account: 6-1102 Christmas Lights – new Budget remaining as at 24/07/09: £13,000.00
Powers used: Local Government Act 1972, s.144)*

The Christmas Working Party had met recently and reported that many of the existing Christmas lights were showing their age and there was a distinct possibility that many would fail if used this year. They recommended that the tender process be started to obtain replacements, with the overall theme being 'snowflakes' and that the existing contractors be retained this year.

Resolved: to approve the recommendations of the Christmas Working Party, namely:

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

Appointment of Contractors:

That J K Electrical be retained as our preferred contractor this year, however be asked to submit a tender for next (3 year contract).

That Matlock Electrical Services be retained to work on Hall Leys Park and Chains and Lifting Tackle provide testing.

New Lighting:

That contractors be invited to tender for the supply of 3 across the road banners; replacement panels and festoon throughout the Town Centre.

That 10 additional sets of tree lights be purchased, using the same contractor as previous.

265/09 MATLOCK TOWN CENTRE SPD – Possible commissioning of specialist advice
DDDC have requested that the Town Council consider part funding a specialist consultancy to provide expert advice to enable the delivery of development schemes in the town centre. A response is required by the end of August.

*(Account: none Budget remaining: none allocated
Powers used: 'Free Resource' Local Government act 1972, s.137)*

Resolved: that this Council agrees, in principle, with 50:50 funding to provide expert advice to enable the delivery of development schemes in the town centre, however impose a ceiling of £7,500 which will be included in the budget for the financial year 2010/11. The Town Council wishes to have equal input into the process and receive regular consultation.

Against Cllr M Burfoot Abstention Cllr Mrs Burfoot

GENERAL ITEMS

266/09 IMPERIAL ROOMS – OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS

Verbal Report on the outcome of the meeting between Cllr Milne and the Clerk regarding the office accommodation and computer system upgrade – minute 248/09

Resolved: to accept the verbal report from Cllr Milne. A final report, including all costs to be submitted to the next meeting for consideration.

267/09 DELEGATION OF PLANNING AND URGENT MATTERS TO THE CLERK WORKING WITH WARD MEMBERS DUE TO THERE BEING ONLY ONE MEETING IN AUGUST.

Resolved: for the delegation of planning and urgent matters to the clerk working with ward members due to there being only one meeting in August

268/09 CHANGE OF REGULATIONS REGARDING POLICING OF STREET PARADES

Cllr D Barker

Resolved: to write to the Chief Constable for clarification.

270/09 MOTION: THAT THIS COUNCIL ASK DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE RELIEF ROAD ROUNDABOUT WITH REGARDS TO A POSSIBLE FEATURE OR SCULPTURE.

Cllr S Burfoot

Cllr Mrs Burfoot asked that the word “and” be inserted before “with regards” in the above motion. This was accepted.

At the projects meeting that morning this item was discussed and the following was noted:

- That it had been agreed by DDDC that Wardmans would sponsor the scheme for 3 years with the Parks staff planting and maintaining the site.
- That the Town Council had not received any notification that the work was to commence.
- That at this point in time, no sculpture or similar feature had been planned.
- It was understood that the scheme would consist of a grass surround with a central island bed.
- It had been resolved by the Projects Working Party to accept the scheme, but arrange a meeting with Paul Wilson (DDDC) , the Clerk and Cllrs Barker and Flitter to explore what could be done in future years to enhance the scheme.
- At the meeting, it was also acknowledged that it was possible that no formal approach had been made by the Town Council, in writing, for their wish to be included in discussions on the scheme.

The above was NOTED by Council.

CLERK'S REPORT

271/09 INVITATION TO ATTEND COUNTY COUNCIL PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON FORUM – THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2009, COUNTY HALL 6.00PM FOR 6.30PM - (appendix 4)
Cllrs Mr Burfoot and Barker would like to attend. A list needs to be compiled of what questions need asking – agenda item for next meeting

272/09 NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR DALC PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT 2009-2010
Closing date Friday 14 August 2009 - **noted**

273/09 INVITATION TO ATTEND AN OPEN NIGHT AT MATLOCK ARMY CADET DETACHMENT ON THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2009 FROM 7.30PM UNTIL 9PM. - noted

274/09 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – CIRCULARS - noted

Circular 34 to 42	Principle Local Authority Investments, Bus Shelters, Community Forums, Village SOS, Obituaries, Training and Induction Courses, Youth Council shadowing programme, Police Annual Meeting, Minimum Wage, DCC Liaison Meeting, Nominations for DALC President, Vacancies
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275/09 LETTERS RECEIVED – noted

ITEM	DATE	CORRESPONDENT	SUBJECT
01	17.07.09	DCC	DCC Excellence in the Community Awards 09
02	17.07.09	DCC	Child Car Seat Checking Events – July 2009
03	23.07.09	DRCC	Letter – keeping up to date
04	27.07.09	Keep Britain Tidy	Green Flag Award – Hall Leys Park

The meeting closed at 9.18pm

Susan Smith (Mrs)

Susan Smith
Town Clerk
08 September 2009

Chairman:

Date: