

MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 17 May at 7.00 pm in the Imperial Rooms.

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

Also Present: 2 members of public
Danny Carden (Matlock Mercury)

In Attendance: Susan Smith (Town Clerk)
Amanda Wilson (Clerical Assistant)

133/10 APOLOGIES Cllr C Hopkinson (Illness)

134/10 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS - None

135/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

District Councillors D Barker, G Stevens, S Flitter, B 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 G Stevens	Item 17	PREJUDICIAL, leaving meeting	Local trader
Cllr D Barker	Planning No. 2	PERSONAL	Know applicant
Cllr S Flitter	Item 13 Item 21 (b) Item 23 Item 24	PERSONAL PREJUDICIAL, leaving meeting PERSONAL PREJUDICIAL, leaving meeting	DCC Member Past director DCC Member DCC Member

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

136/10 a) PUBLIC SPEAKING

NAME:	QUESTION OR COMMENT	ACTION TAKEN:
John Winnard	Accounts – would like the council to carefully consider the implications of the financial statement (agenda item 14) and look at why there is an overspend.	<i>Noted</i>

b) POLICE MATTERS

NAME:	QUESTION OR COMMENT	ACTION TAKEN:
Cllr D Barker	Would like to congratulate the police for making three arrests at the incident on Steep Turnpike. He had also received comments from members of public that there was no visible signs of vandalism in Matlock	

Cllr M Burfoot	Boy racers are back in the car park of the new bus station and racing up and down Derwent Way	The Clerk to raise the matter at the next Matlock Safer Neighbourhood Meeting.
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c) REPRESENTATIONS OR EVIDENCE FROM MEMBERS DECLARING A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST - None

The meeting was re-opened.

137/10 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

138/10 RATIFICATION OF DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS – appendix 1 – Noted

139/10 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

NO:	APPLICATION NO:	DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS	COMMENTS
01	10/00239/FUL	Change of use of ground floor from retail (Use Class A1) to health and beauty salon for a temporary period of 5 years – Mrs Angela Gilroy – 63 Bank Road, Matlock	No Objection
02	10/00291/FUL	Single storey rear extension – 2 West Crescent, Matlock – Mr & Mrs D Walker	No Objection

140/10 TO RECEIVE RECENT DECISIONS MADE BY DERBYSHIRE DALES DISTRICT COUNCIL – Noted

NO:	APPLICATION NO:	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	DECISION
01	PLS/SJG/G/4/A7 & 029.32	Proposed felling of the Pine tree located on land at St Giles Walk, Matlock	No Objections
02	09/00826/FUL	Change of use and external alterations to farm buildings to ice cream and dairy produce production with associated sales and education facility – Masson Farm, Snitterton Road, Matlock for Mr Michael Dakin	Granted with Conditions
03	10/00066/FUL	Single/two storey extension – 16 Quarry Lane, Matlock for Mr H Fox	Refused
04	10/00076/FUL	First floor extension – 24 Edge Road, Matlock for Mr Matthew Petch	Granted with Conditions
05	10/00080/FUL	Erection of garage – Land Adjacent To, 62 New Street, Matlock for Mr Spencer	Granted with Conditions
06	10/00100/FUL	Engineering operations to include reconfiguration and reconstruction of driveway and modification to levels of garden areas and restoration of paddling pool – Lumsdale House, Upper Lumsdale, Matlock for Mr Andrew Hatch	Granted with Conditions
07	10/00097/FUL	Removal of former water supply pipe – The Mill (Matlock Green) Management Co Ltd – Mrs Catherine Hingston	Recommended that the application be Refused

08	10/00116/FUL	Redevelopment of car park to provide 13 no. dwellings with associated car parking – Nottingham Community Housing Association – Land Adjacent The Gate Hotel, Rutland Street, Matlock	Recommended that the application be Granted with Conditions
09	10/00022/FUL	New community and football club management building – Geoquip Stadium, Causeway Lane, Matlock for Mr Keith Brown	Granted with Conditions
10	10/00122/FUL	Change of use and conversion of business premises to 6 no. dwellings – Bentley Bridge House, Chesterfield Road, Matlock for Rees Partnership	Granted with Conditions

141/10 TO CONSIDER LETTERS RECEIVED ON PLANNING MATTERS – Noted
(*amended plans, site visits, appeals*)

GENERAL:

NO:	CORRESPONDENT	SUBJECT	NOTES
01	Derbyshire Dales District Council	09/00070/FL – Land belonging to Rushley Lodge Farm, off Wirestone Lane, Middle Moor/Matlock Moor (Wind Farm)	Appeal dismissed. Planning permission refused

AMENDED PLANS:

NO:	CORRESPONDENT	SUBJECT	NOTES
01	Derbyshire Dales District Council	10/00116/FUL – Redevelopment of car park to provide 13 no. dwellings with associated car parking – Land Adjacent The Gate Hotel, Rutland Street, Matlock	Revised plans
02	Derbyshire Dales District Council	10/00122/FUL – Change of use and conversion of business premises to 6 no. dwellings – Bentley Bridge House, Chesterfield Road, Matlock	Revised plans

MINUTES

142/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 19 April 2010.

The Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting of Matlock Town Council on Monday 19 April 2010

Work in Progress

The Clerk will respond to requests from Councillors for information on work in progress

Matlock SPD Consultancy - Councillors B Tipping & I Milne had met recently with DDDC and WYG, the consultants. Their report had been cautiously optimistic. A representative of the consultants was to be invited to attend the August meeting of the Council to present their report.

143/10 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2010 – appendix 2

Resolved: to receive the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 2010

- 144/10 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2010– appendix 3**
Resolved: to receive the minutes of the Annual Meeting 2010

FINANCE

- 145/10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME – Employer Consultation Transfers-in and Abatement of Pension on Re-employment**
As the Town Council are members of the above pension scheme, Derbyshire County Council wishes to consult them on their proposals. Deadline for responses 31 May 2010.
Resolved: that the Town Clerk and Member Treasurer, Cllr I Milne respond to the consultation.
- 146/10 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2010 – copy available on request**
Cllr Milne, Member Treasurer, explained that in order to meet national guidelines, reserves should be held at around £135,000. Intentionally, the Council had decreased its balances over the past couple of years and intend to do so again this year. It is recognised that the reserves need to be reinstated in future years.
Resolved: to approve the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2010.
- 147/10 TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL RETURN – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2010 – appendix 4**
Resolved: that the Annual Governance Statement be completed, confirming that all actions had been completed to the satisfaction of the Council.
- 148/10 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2010 – appendix 5**
Resolved: to approve the Annual Return – Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2010.

GENERAL ITEMS

Cllr G Stevens left at 7.37pm and returned at 7.42pm whilst the next item was discussed.

- 149/10 RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN RE IMPRESS, CROWN SQUARE, MATLOCK**
Resolved: to ratify the action taken at the meeting of 10 May 2010 – see below:

(Documents sent by email 29 April 2010)

- a) Central Roundabout Feature - To consider comments on the MCA proposal (response required by Tuesday 11 May 2010)**

Resolved: to seek the following

- **That construction of the roundabout within the timescale of the IMPRESS scheme is done in such a way that it can be used as a base for an iconic monument to be installed at a date in the near future.**
- **That a competition is set up for local artists to design a monument for the Crown Square roundabout will act as an attraction for Matlock and which will encourage visitors into the town. The design may or may not include the Crown. If not, the Crown should be moved to a plinth set on the parapet of the bridge with a plaque detailing its history.**
- **That the winner of the competition is determined by the Town Council in consultation with the people of Matlock.**

- ***That the cost of the project be met in part by contribution from local businesses and private donors, who will have their names listed on a plaque set alongside the monument.***

2 Votes For, 6 Against with 2 abstentions – The motion fell.

Resolved: to reluctantly accept the Civic Association's proposal for the Crown Square roundabout. At some point in the future a competition should be pursued to provide a feature in the centre of the Town.

The Clerk to write to Matlock Civic Association to thank them for their time, energy and support for the IMPRESS project.

Agreed: 8 Votes For, 2 Against

- b) Central Roundabout Feature – To consider additional funding for the project (response required by Tuesday 11 May 2010)***

Resolved: not to fund the project at this time.

1 Abstention

- c) Pedestrian Crossings – The Council's views are sought on the proposal to install metal studs to either side of each crossing (response required by Tuesday 11 May 2010)***

Resolved: to accept the use of studs to either side of each crossing.

3 Abstentions

- d) Post Office site – Funding required for provision of tree/grille/tree pit and seat on the post office site to the value of £4,000 (shared cost). Revision of the existing Post Office licence would be required (response required by Tuesday 11 May 2010)***

Resolved: to replace the planters in their previous positions once the work had been completed.

Height is required, therefore consideration should be given to planting trees (root guards are to be used to restrict root growth). Consideration also to be given to placement of a circular seat around a tree on the 'Peli Deli' corner.

2 Abstentions

(Documents sent by email 4 May 2010)

- e) Street Lighting – To consider proposals submitted (response required by Tuesday 11 May 2010)***

Resolved: to accept the proposal for the lighting, however the existing wall mounted fittings could be left in their current locations. Consideration should also be given to switching off some of the lighting at midnight to alleviate light pollution in the Town.

(Email received from Drivers Jonas)

- f) Consideration of action to be taken regarding the damaged bench at the Post Office site and to the re-siting and refurbishment of planters around the Town.***

Resolved: to delegate inspection of the planters and bench to Cllrs M Burfoot and D Barker, who would report back to a future meeting.

The meeting arranged with Dave Brooks, DDDC was to be cancelled.

An item to discuss the placement of planters around Town is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

- 150/10 REVIEW OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – OUTLINE PROPOSALS FOR MATLOCK**
To consider proposals as set out by Derbyshire Dales District Council, response required by 28 May 2010 – appendix 6

Resolved: to ask Mr Foley or Mr Brooks from DDDC to attend the meeting on 7 June 2010. If the Council's response cannot be deferred until then, the following comments should be submitted:

- It appears that the new building will encroach on the park more than the existing, causing the loss of the current sitting area and blocking the existing pedestrian vista of the park.
- The stepped area is also of concern. How would the area be left after erection of the new building should there be no funding forthcoming?
- Concern also as to the treatment of the toilet block at the playground end of the park as it was paid for partly by public subscription.
- It should be celebrated that we are getting a new toilet block.
- Welcome in principle, however look forward to receiving the finer details as a planning application.

151/10 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING – FORMER KINGDOM HALL, SNITTERTON ROAD, MATLOCK - Response to be received by 21 May 2010 – *appendix 7*
Resolved: that the proposal be accepted.

152/10 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST RECEIVED FROM DDDC TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP ON PROVISION OF A SERIES OF EVENTS TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY YEAR OF HALL LEYS PARK, MATLOCK
The Park was formally opened as part of George V Coronation Day celebrations on 23 June 1911.
Resolved: to work with DDDC in partnership on the provision of a series of events to commemorate the centenary year of Hall Leys Park, Matlock

153/10 REVIEW OF TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR:
Matlock Live – *appendix 8*
Resolved: to continue the existing support for Matlock Live
Abstentions Cllrs B Hopkinson & S Flitter

Cllr Flitter left the room at 8.01pm and Cllr B Hopkinson took the chair.

Matlock Partnership – *appendix 8*

Resolved: to continue support for the Matlock Partnership, but ask to that a periodic report be provided outlining the action taken on their aims, as stated in their document.

Cllr Flitter returned at 8.06pm and took the chair

154/10 REVIEW OF CURRENT RISK ASSESSMENTS
Resolved: to approve the Risk Assessments and action plan as submitted.

155/10 COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN – to consider any action necessary; also completion of simple questionnaire from County Council: summary attached – *Cllr M Burfoot*
Resolved: to ask DCC whether we would be required to complete the entire form, which will take staff considerable time. (Cllr Flitter would enquire at DCC).

Cllr Flitter left the room at 8.25pm and Cllr B Hopkinson took the chair.

- 156/10 WINTER GRITTING 2009-10:** to consider an invitation from the County Council to assist in identifying and reporting problems; to carry out urgent snow and ice etc. clearance and gritting of footways; and to suggest sites for new grit bins and a more workable grit bin policy – *Cllr M Burfoot*
Resolved: that the Town Clerk contact Highways asking whether there is anything specific that we could do to help, and to ask that 3 new positions for grit bins be considered. (Riber and Snitterton Road as previously discussed by this Council and Asker Lane, opposite top of Bull Lane).
 Cllr Flitter returned at 8.36pm and took the chair

CLERK'S REPORT

- 157/10 STANDING ORDERS TRAINING – Noted**
 The Clerk and Finance Officer have received training on the new Standing Orders. The Finance and Audit Committee will now look at the document in order that it can be recommended for adoption by Council.

- 158/10 DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – CIRCULARS – Noted**

Circular 24 - general	Employee absence re Volcanic Ash, Bringing People Together campaign, Credit Union development, Allotment Officers Forum, Training, Car Allowances
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- 159/10 CONSULTATIONS – Noted**

Councillors are authorised by Council to respond to consultation documents, working in conjunction with the Clerk. (minute 821/05)

CONSULTATION	DEADLINE	NOTES
Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Core Strategy	deadline Friday 25 June 2010	Key Issues and Options report – view online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/mineralsplan
Local Transport Plan	Thursday 17 June 2010	Request that Council completes the more detailed questionnaire found at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation

- 160/10 LETTERS RECEIVED – Noted**

ITEM	DATE	CORRESPONDENT	SUBJECT
01	09.04.10	BG Group	AGM notice and annual report and accounts 2009: Notification of availability
02	15.04.10	Mr A Furniss – 62 Asker Lane, Matlock	Removal of trees at Wishingstone Way – Thank you letter
03	22.04.10	Fairplay	Spring newsletter 2010
04	27.04.10	Zurich Municipal	LCAS Bulletin Spring 2010
05	28.04.10	Derbyshire County Council	DVLCRP Partnership Minutes & DVLCRP Management Group Minutes

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Susan Smith (Mrs)
 Susan Smith, Town Clerk

Chairman:

Date: