

DRAYCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7.00pm in the Parish Rooms, Elvaston Street

Present - Chairman – V Clare, Councillors – D Dundas, J Fletcher, M Knight, T Scott, M Wilson

Police – No

County Council – Apologies were received from Cllr Robert Parkinson

Members of the Public – None

Minutes recorded by – Cllr Tim Scott – typed up by Sheena Butcher

Public Speaking – none

112/21 Apologies were accepted from the following councillors due to the COVID NALC advice about December meetings from Cllrs B Rogerson, K Rose, R Brown, C Wheatley

113/21 Declaration of Interest / Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – none

114/21 Dispensations – None

115/21 Minutes - the minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee and Full Council meeting on 9th November 2021 were approved to be a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed accordingly by the Chairman

116/21 Reports were received (previously circulated to all councillors) and noted by the Parish Council from:

County Council – Cllr Robert Parkinson

Planning application for Elvaston Castle Country Park masterplan

Detailed proposals to regenerate Elvaston Castle's historic grounds in a planning applications being submitted for the first phase of a £35 million regeneration programme. Final touches have been added to proposals to reverse decades of underinvestment and secure the future of the 321 acre estate which includes the historic Grade II* Listed gardens which are the finest example of renowned 19th century gardener William Barron's work.

It follows a comprehensive public consultation exercise and many months of work with Elvaston Castle and Garden Trust (ECGT), working with the National Trust, to finalise proposals for:

- building a new café accessed from the upper stable yard leading out onto a new adventure playground
- regeneration of the lower stables yard into a space for retail, catering and exhibitions
- regeneration of the upper stables yard for retail and office space
- new accommodation and workshops for site staff and volunteers in the frame yard
- reducing traffic through local villages and improving visitor access to the site by creating a new entrance and access drive closer to the A6 via a new junction/roundabout on the B5010. This would take visitors more quickly into the heart of the estate and to a proposed new car park.

Restored to its former glory, the whole site will remain a country park, free at the point of entry with increased visitor numbers helping to contribute to the running costs. If the first phase of the restoration gets the go-ahead, it will pave the way for further planned development such as:

- the repair and renovation of further historic buildings on the site to bring them back into use
- converting the ground floor of the castle into a conferencing and events venue
- offering camping and glamping on the estate's former campsite with facilities for touring caravans, motorhomes and tents.
- an improved and varied events programme to attract a wider audience.

If plans are approved, regeneration of the estate is expected to create more than 170 new jobs and increase the number of visitors. **There are no plans to build new residential housing on the estate.** The planning application will be considered by the County Planning Committee

which will decide whether or not to grant planning permission. This is because, under planning law, planning applications for development on land owned by a particular council are considered by the planning committee for that council. DCC's Planning Committee considers all planning applications on their merits and is impartial. All decisions by the committee are based on planning policy, factual information, information presented to the committee and other material considerations.

The £35 million regeneration costs will come from a mix of public and private investment, including a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund and substantial investment from DCC. The long-term plan is to hand the day-to-day running of the estate to the Elvaston Castle and Gardens Trust (ECGT) which is an independent charity committed to creating new jobs and new volunteering opportunities, to opening up access to more areas of the estate, and to sharing Elvaston's history with new and diverse audiences.

Managing Director of Derbyshire County Council appointed

Emma Alexander, current interim Managing Executive Director and Executive Director for Commissioning, Communities & Policy, has been appointed as permanent Managing Director. Emma will formally take up the Managing Director role from 6th December 2021. The Managing Director will work alongside the Leader of the Council to ensure that the Council delivers its ambitious plans and that Derbyshire thrives now and in the future. It is expected that Emma will give the county strong, accountable senior officer leadership, ensuring the Council has the capacity to face the considerable challenges of the next few years which include leading the post-pandemic economic and social recovery and the integration of health and social care, driving forward Vision Derbyshire to develop a collaborative working model across all local authorities and harnessing the opportunities that levelling up presents.

Erewash Borough Council – Cllrs Tim Scott and Val Clare

Visit Santa

Children have the opportunity to meet Father Christmas when he parks his sleigh in the stables at Erewash Museum this month as part of the magical Santa Saturdays on the 11 and 18 of December between 11am and 3pm.

As well as visiting Santa you can take part in the museum's festive family trail, pop into the gift shop for those last minute presents and have a warming drink in the Old Stables Tearoom.

The visits include timed slots and tickets must be booked and purchased in advance to avoid disappointment. To book contact museum.bookings@erewash.gov.uk or call 01159 07114.

Tickets are £3.50 per child, which includes a present. Personalised digital Santa messages can also be arranged for group bookings and school classes at £5.

Free parking over the Christmas Period.

Erewash Borough Council will again be providing its free parking scheme in all of its car parks every day from Saturday 18 December to Monday 3 January. The free parking will start at 10am daily and is aimed at encouraging residents to do their seasonal shopping at local shops and markets.

Normal parking charges will resume from Tuesday 4 January 2022.

All of the council's car parks are part of the scheme, with the exception of the commuter car park at Long Eaton Railway Station. Ilkeston Railway Station car park is not owned by the council.

Please note, if you park before 10am normal charges will apply.

Free lateral flow tests

Free lateral flow test kits, which offer rapid tests for COVID-19, are still available for any residents calling in to Ilkeston or Long Eaton Town Hall receptions.

Erewash Borough Council is keen to do all it can to help as the fight continues against the virus – from offering the free kits through to urging everyone to get themselves vaccinated.

The testing kits for Erewash residents can be picked up at either of the town halls – open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday – while a public health officer from Derbyshire County Council is based one day a week in the reception areas to answer any queries from residents. The officer is at Long Eaton on Mondays and at Ilkeston on Thursdays.

The council has also backed the appeal for all residents – and particularly young people – to have their COVID-19 vaccination.

Dog fouling

The menace of dog mess often gets worse during the dark nights as ‘can’t be bothered’ owners use the cover of darkness to leave behind their pet’s poop. Now the council’s dog wardens are appealing to local residents to help them in the crackdown by getting in touch with as many details as possible of any known offenders – including the locations and regular walk times.

While most dog owners are responsible, unfortunately some owners leave their dogs mess as a hindrance to other when the earlier nights creep in.

Details of offending dog owners can be emailed to prideline@erewash.gov.uk or call 0115 850 8383. All calls are confidential.

In addition, the council continues to offer a residents a dog mess clean-up service. Residents can make a request by text on 07792 701 586. Please give a precise location to help the team locate the mess and clean it up as quickly as possible.

Parish Councillors – no reports

Police

Crime Stats – 1st – 31st November

01/11/21 – Public order – Mapleton Road

04/11/21 – Theft – Cleveland Avenue

10/11/21 – Criminal Damage – Mapleton Road

12/11/21 - Theft – Jardine Court

13/11/21 – Suspicious – Cleveland Avenue

14/11/21 – Burglary – Derby Road

30/11/12 – Theft of Motor Vehicle – Market Street

ASB

10/11/21 – Nuisance – Station Road

117/21 Update on progress from previous minutes:

Minute Item 21/21b Request by the History Society to ask DCC Highways to keep the old style lamp posts in the village – the clerk received a reply from Rob Baines – he is consulting with the conservation team for their input and any works to re-instate (where LED upgrades etc have occurred) will be subject to funding

Minute Item 23/21 Wilne Road – quiet status request, DCC responded on 1 June to state that they were trialling this in Hazelwood in Amber Valley and post Covid would conduct a survey then consider further sites. DCC responded that due to COVID the trial in Hazelwood has been extended to August 2022 – no further action at present

118/21 Chairman’s Report

This month has seen the houses in the village gradually become decorated for the Christmas season. I would like to thank the village fund group for obtaining such beautiful trees and then putting them up for the people like myself who are unable to erect their own. They also have organised the Santas letterbox in the village, I am told children will receive a reply from Santa himself. The advent windows also make my regular dog walks more interesting. I have enjoyed watching the Christmas lights appear and I have walked almost every street in the village. My

granddaughter has declared Mapleton Avenue the best decorated street in Draycott this year.

Thank you to all the residents who have made efforts to make Draycott so festive.

I was devastated to receive the resignation of Councillor Andy Meakin from the Parish Council. Andy always had a sensible approach to problems and councillors respected his views. He has made such a difference to St. Chads nature reserve and the fishing club, I am so sorry to lose him but wish him well in his future projects.

I want to thank all councillors for their continued support through another difficult year and Madam Clerk for all the work she has continued to do despite the difficulties she has had to face. May I wish you all a very safe and Happy Christmas and hope that 2022 be a much kinder year to us all.

119/21 Clerks Report - The grounds maintenance contract with Glendale has been terminated and I have confirmed that Fox Landscaping has been awarded the contract for 2022 onwards subject to terms and conditions and signing the contract etc. I am on bereavement leave and then will be taking annual leave from the 17th and will return to working from the office on a Tuesday and Wednesday from Tuesday 4th January. Cllr Andy Meakin resigned on 8th December. The notice of casual vacancy was advertised in the noticeboard on the 9th December and EBC will require at least 10 electors to request an election before 31st December – if this does not occur, we will advertise for a vacancy for co-option

120/21 Anti-Social Behaviour in the Parish – no major issues reported. However the continuation of dog fouling remains a problem, Cllr Scott will re-advertise the free dog poop bags and EBC dog foul line on Facebook

121/21 Remembrance Sunday – a review took place of the event. Cllr Brown will re-map the marshals positionings. The Rotary Club of Church Wilne are not in a position to fund the re-vamp of the paving in the War Memorial therefore the clerk will investigate funding via the War Memorial charity (Cllr Kevin Miller from Breaston PC is good source for support)

122/21 St Chads

- a. No report due to Cllr Meakins resignation, however all works have been completed to a high standard
- b. Cllr Knight reported the costs for an external company to open and close the gate at St Chads – this was deemed too expensive at £30 per day. It was RESOLVED to leave the gate open at St Chads over the winter period and look at other options in the spring.

123/21 20's Plenty Campaign – it was RESOLVED to not join in this campaign

124/21 DCC Traffic calming / speed camera response to the Parish Councils request to review their policy in light of the number of incidents, injuries and fatalities – the parish council noted the response from DCC and are very disappointed that they will not take any actions to support the concerns. DCC's use of statistics are very questionable.

125/21 St Chads Churchyard closure request – it was RESOLVED to approve the closure and the chairman signed the form as requested

126/21 Lighting / CCTV request – it was RESOLVED to not support the request for CCTV / lighting at Draycott Playing Fields due to the very high cost to install electric cables etc (upwards of £25,000 – £50,000) as there is no electricity supply around the playing fields

127/21 It was NOTED that Glendale have received and acknowledged the termination letter for the grounds maintenance contract. The Clerk has contacted Fox Landscaping to award the contract subject to agreeing terms and conditions in January 2022

128/21 Erewash Community Sponsorship request for grant funding – it was RESOLVED to not award any funding as this is not specifically for Draycott residents and is for individuals which falls outside our policy

129/21 Bike Rack at the Leisure Green –it was RESOLVED that this work will commence in January 2022

130/21 Queens Jubilee – item deferred

131/21 Finance

a. The payment and receipts schedule were approved by the Council as was the bank reconciliation and financial statement

Payment Schedule for 14 December 2021 payments

Inv Date	To Whom	Description	Total Cost
09/11/2021	SLCC	Invoice BK203974-1 - Practitioners Conference 15-17 Feb 2022	£ 90.00
12/11/2021	DALC	Invoice SI-2995 - 2x places Survey and Tree Inspection Trg	£ 250.00
12/11/2021	DALC	Invoice SI-3024 Understanding Procurement and writing contracts	£ 50.00
18/11/2021	Draycott Village Fund	Invoice 007/21 Marshalling the Remembrance Service	£ 500.00
21/11/2021	Paul Gyll	Invoice 170 - supply and construction of wooden lean to at Parish Rooms	£ 1,120.00
15/11/2021	Boston Promotional Gifts UK Ltd	Invoice 321445 - remembrance Service Booklets x 100	£ 54.00
01/01/2022	SLCC	Invoice MEM237631-1 SLCC Membership Fee	£ 215.00
26/11/2021	Sheena Butcher	Amazon - Collins Tree Guide for supporting tree work	£ 14.50
31/11/2021	Sheena Butcher	Working from home allowance - November 2021	£ 24.00
31/11/2021	Sheena Butcher	Printing costs from home - November 2021	£ 3.49
31/11/2021	Sheena Butcher	Car parking for Tree Inspection Training at Whitworth Centre	£ 2.00
31/11/2021	Sheena Butcher	Salary November 2021	£ 1,506.03
01/12/2021	Erewash Borough Council	Cemetery Busines rates (546.43/10 payments)	£ 54.00
05/12/2021	Website Design Derby	Invoice WEB6254 - Standing Order for Website hosting and Support (1yr)	£ 42.00
01/12/2021	St Chads Fishing Club	November fee litter picking	£ 80.00
01/12/2021	HMRC	Tax / NI for November	£ 444.50
01/12/2021	DCC Pension Scheme	Pension for November	£ 483.89
01/12/2021	Paul Gyll	Invoice 171 Lengthsman duties November	£ 825.00
23/11/2021	Martin Wilson	Milage for Tree Survey Trg Darley Dale 23/11/2021	£ 26.40
28/11/2021	Waterplus	Invoice STW-INV055552188	£ 39.20
27/11/2021	Talk Talk	Invoice 23024751	£ 31.20
18/11/2021	Glendale Countryside	Invoice GC436-6076	£ 535.13
15/11/2021	Leisure Lights Ltd	Invoice 7226 - installation of Christmas lights	£ 2,094.00
06/12/2021	RB Plumbing and Heating	Invoice 1292 - repair burst water drinking fountain	£ 145.00
31/11/2021	Mason Warden Construction	Invoice 10346 - installation and groundworks for the bridges and viewing platform at St Chads	£ 9,600.00
30/11/2021	Burlington Fabrications Limited	Invoice INV001661 - fabricate and supply bridges and viewing platform at St Chads 50% balance of total price	£ 6,300.00
			£ 24,529.34

Receipts since the last meeting for approval for 14 December 2021

Inv Date	From Whom	Description	Total Amount
23/11/2021	Co op Funeralcare	Ashes Plaque Fees for Plot 131 - Whittle	£ 50.00

26/11/2021	Sandiacre Town Football Club	Invoice 2021_014 Football Fees from July - November 2021	£ 645.00
26/11/2021	DVLFC	Invoice 2021_015 Football Fees from July - November 2021	£ 275.00
07/12/2021	Horobin Memorials	Memorial Fees for plot 1340 - Corner	£ 110.00
		Total	£ 1,080.00

Finance Statement and Bank Reconciliation for 14 December 2021

Receipts budget v actual 2021 - 22

Row Labels	Sum of Amount	Sum of Budget
Bank Interest	£9.31	£100.00
Burial ground	£3,340.00	£4,000.00
Contribution from DPC Reserves	£0.00	£35,691.46
Grants / Playscheme	£1,700.00	£0.00
Misc Income (recharges)	£688.60	£2,000.00
Precept / Concurrent Functions	£78,477.00	£78,477.00
Rents - others	£1,936.44	£2,300.00
Rents Football Clubs	£1,840.00	£500.00
Rents St Chad's Water	£310.00	£350.00
VAT Refund	£8,030.33	£6,000.00
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Fishing Club - Guest Ticket Fees	£1,010.00	£1,000.00
Grand Total	£97,341.68	£130,418.46

Payments budget v actual 2021 - 22

Row Labels	Sum of Net	Sum of VAT that is claimable	Sum of Total Amount	Sum of Budget
Employment	£21,735.12	£0.00	£21,735.12	£29,421.43
Clerks Salary	£13,472.47	£0.00	£13,472.47	£18,055.67
Mileage	£67.20	£0.00	£67.20	£200.00
Pension	£4,269.99	£0.00	£4,269.99	£5,806.72
Tax /NI	£3,925.46	£0.00	£3,925.46	£5,359.04
General_Power_of_Competence	£7,954.61	£702.94	£8,657.55	£10,583.00
Band Concert			£0.00	£130.00
Christmas Tree / Lights	£1,962.32	£359.87	£2,322.19	£4,120.00
Dog Bags	£687.50	£137.50	£825.00	£1,030.00
Donations / Grants			£0.00	£0.00
Hanging Basket Sponsorship	£83.00	£16.60	£99.60	£103.00
Maintenance Contract for CCTV System			£0.00	£0.00
Remembrance Sunday	£1,521.79	£188.97	£1,710.76	£1,500.00
Summer Playscheme	£3,700.00	£0.00	£3,700.00	£3,700.00
Non_Recurring_Expenses	£1,244.64	£248.92	£1,493.56	£2,000.00
Misc expenditure (recharges)			£0.00	£2,000.00
Non Recurring Expenses	£1,244.64	£248.92	£1,493.56	
PWLB_Repayments	£3,475.70	£0.00	£3,475.70	£3,475.70
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Repairs_and_Maintenance	£52,983.58	£8,357.63	£61,341.21	£74,758.32
Cemetery maintenance	£5,067.16	£1,001.43	£6,068.59	£7,560.00
Grass and hedge cutting	£4,013.46	£802.71	£4,816.17	£6,425.00
Lengthsman Duties	£8,761.50	£0.00	£8,761.50	£11,845.00
Litter Picking - St Chads Water	£720.00	£0.00	£720.00	£960.00
Other maintenance	£1,393.10	£159.02	£1,552.12	£2,500.00
Parish Rooms maintenance	£33.34	£6.66	£40.00	£500.00
Pavilion maintenance	£977.54	£86.50	£1,064.04	£300.00
Playground maintenance	£505.50	£61.10	£566.60	£3,619.54
Tree, fence and path maintenance	£31,288.60	£6,229.72	£37,518.32	£40,548.78
Covid-19 Costs	£223.38	£10.49	£233.87	£500.00
Running_Costs	£4,794.18	£308.92	£5,127.18	£6,605.39
Audit Fees	£529.30	£80.00	£609.30	£650.00
Chairman's Allowance	£80.00	£0.00	£104.08	£300.00
DMGT Insurance	£446.99	£0.00	£446.99	£455.39
Newsletters / Subscriptions	£396.00	£10.00	£406.00	£1,000.00
Office expenses	£1,157.50	£203.92	£1,361.42	£1,700.00
Parish Insurance	£1,707.39	£0.00	£1,707.39	£2,000.00
Training	£477.00	£15.00	£492.00	£500.00
Utility	£1,501.62	£122.46	£1,623.72	£3,574.62
Cemetery Rates	£482.43	£0.00	£482.43	£708.60
Electricity - MUGA floodlights			£0.00	£272.54
Electricity - Parish Rooms	£92.00	£4.60	£96.24	£681.35
Electricity - Pavillion	£176.68	£8.83	£185.51	£511.01
Telephone & Broadband	£230.13	£46.03	£276.16	£383.16
Water Charges - Parish Rooms	£105.43	£0.00	£105.43	£181.69
Water Charges - Pavillion	£99.95	£0.00	£99.95	£136.27
Website	£315.00	£63.00	£378.00	£700.00
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Grand Total	£93,689.45	£9,740.87	£103,454.04	£130,418.46

Summary	
Balance as at 1st April 2021	
Co Operative bank account(s) balance	£ 37,130.36
Nationwide Building Society balance	£ 30,561.10
	£ 67,691.46
Less unrepresented Chqs as at 31/3/2021	£ -
Balance as at 1st April 2021	£ 67,691.46
Receipts	
Total Receipts to date	£ 97,341.68
Payments	
Total payments to date	£ 103,454.04
BALANCE	
Balance as 1 April +Receipts - Payments	£ 61,579.10
Bank reconciliation	
07/12/2021	
Co-op bank account(s) balance	£ 53,543.34
Nationwide bank account balance	£ 30,561.10
Total monies	£ 84,104.44
Minus Unrepresented cheques	£ 23,330.34
Plus payments not received at bank	£ 805.00
Total	£ 61,579.10
Bank Reconciliation difference	£ -

b. The budget for 2022-2023 was approved by the full council as £112,692.12 – the clerk will put the budget information onto the website

- c. It was RESOLVED that the precept request for 2022-23 to EBC would be £61,426.20 which equates to £62.98 per year per Band D property (based on the Band D Property figures provided by EBC and could be subject to change by April 1st 2022) This is an increase of £12.75 per year per household (at Band D)

132/21 Agenda items for the next meeting to include, Queens Jubilee, new Fishing Club representative, new Councillor (Co-option or election)

133/21 The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms (subject to COVID Restrictions)

The meeting closed at 20.04pm