

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL ON 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**Present:** Councillors Woodhead (Chair), Scott, Colleyshaw, Bentley, Thornhill

**Staff and Public in attendance:** 2 members of the public and Celia Bunston (Clerk).

**3086/2024 Apologies:** Councillor Oppenheimer

**3087/2024 Declaration of Members Interests:** There were no declarations of interests.

**3088/2024 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.** No requests were received.

**3089/2024 Public Speaking:**

District Councillors Lowe, Haines, and County Councillor Muller sent their apologies.

- 1) District Councillor Lowe sent a report
  - a) Gulley cleaning is in hand.
  - b) Seats at old people's bungalows have been repaired.
  
- 2) Stewart Alcock, Calke Abbey and Park reported:
  - a) January 2025 will mark the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of The National Trust, and 40 years since Calke Abbey and Park was opened to the public
  - b) Visitors to Calke have plateaued at ½ million this year. These are mostly local, within a 10-mile radius.
  - c) The park was closed last Saturday because of high winds. The park is always closed if the winds are more than 50mph.
  - d) They intend to extend the car park at Calke Explore, and the main car park.
  - e) A planning application will be put in to install kitchen facilities for catering.
  - f) Conservation work on the house costing ½ million is complete as part of £3 million project planned over the next five years
  - g) The dormice that were released are thriving.
  - h) As part of the National Trust's wider work on climate change 70,000 trees have been planted on the Calke Estate over the last 12 months
  - i) In partnership with the National Forest, further tree planting is planned on land around Tadsor Farm.

Councillor Thornhill asked Stewart if the barn on the land at Tadsor Farm will be fenced off, because the building has barn owls in it.

Yes, he believes that the barn will be fenced off.

She also asked if there were any more plans to plant trees in the Limeyards.

Limeyard Tree Felling – over the last few years we have felled a significant number off trees mostly Ash due to the impact of Ash Die Back. Thankfully for now we seem to be getting on top of that and have only identified 2 or 3 trees for felling this winter. So, we do not have further significant felling planned at the moment.

Councillor Woodhead asked what the boxes were the boxes strapped to trees in Calke. These are part of a Fungi study being undertaken with Cardiff University.

Member of the public.

- a) A member of the public reported the footpath just past the white railing on Ashby Road is difficult to pass on because the verge is spreading over the pavement.
- b) The road sign on Ingleby Lane, Main Street needs attention.

**3090/2024 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.**

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

**3091/2024 Clerk's Report:**

a) Commemorative seats at The Green and Market Place.

It was decided to wait until spring to purchase a new seat for The Green, and to have the seat on The Market Place dipped to remove the old varnish. It was also agreed to inspect all of the seats to consider whether any need to be refurbished.

**RESOLVED:** To purchase a seat in Spring and to refurbish seats as required.

b) Dog Bin on Ingleby Lane - The dog bin is on order.

c) Environmental Group.

The group will have a meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Put information from the meeting into the February newsletter.

**RESOLVED:** To put information from the Environment Group into the February newsletter.

d) Defibrillator. The Parish Council paid £750 towards a new defibrillator, the remaining £750 was funded with a charity donation. The defibrillator cabinet and defibrillator have been placed on the outside wall of the barn at 104 Main Street, adjacent to the electricity substation. Mr. Johnson of The Harpur Crewe Estate kindly gave his permission to install the defibrillator on their property. Our thanks go to Mr. Johnson from the parish. This defibrillator will now make 4 available in Ticknall.

**3092/2024 Precept Forms 2025-2026 including changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme Grant.**

It was agreed to put this matter onto the agenda for the Parish Council meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**RESOLVED:** To put the matter onto the agenda for the Parish Council meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**3093/2024 Lease of The Grange – including copy email from Mather Jamie to SDDC about the status of their lease.**

There has been no progress to report. It was agreed to put the matter onto the agenda for the Parish Council meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**RESOLVED:** To put the matter onto the agenda for the Parish Council meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**3094/2024 The Grange Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

Councillor Colleyshaw reported that the trees on the roadside and alongside Mr. Musson's farm have been flailed. The posts will be replaced, and the planning application for the trees is still ongoing.

**RESOLVED:** To report progress at the Parish Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2025.

**3095/2024 The Wheel Inn**

The Parish Council has received a report from District Councillor Haines that SDDC has received a response from Star Pubs that there has been some progress, but this is still in discussion.

**RESOLVED:** To await further information, and to put the matter onto the January agenda.

**3096/2024 – Drainage.**

We are still waiting for DCC to unblock the drains that the Parish Council has reported.

**RESOLVED:** To put the matter onto the agenda for Parish Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2025.

**3097/2024 Speed Watch.**

Speed Watch has been suspended over the winter months and will resume in March.

**RESOLVED:** To appeal for volunteers in the February Newsletter.

### **3098/2024 Planning Matters**

a) Planning Applications

DMOT/2024/1377 - The felling of an Elder tree at 31 Chapel Street, Ticknall

DMPA/2024/1252 - The installation of solar panels at 5, The Green, Ticknall

DMPA/2024/1462 - Listed Building Consent for the installation of solar panels at 5, The Green, Ticknall.

DMOT/2024/1476 - The felling of an Ash tree in a Conservation Area at 3 Ingleby Lane, Ticknall

Since agenda:

DMOT/2024/1542 – Works to trees in a conservation area, at Archway House, Main Street, Ticknall.

**RESOLVED:** No comments on the above applications.

b) Planning Decisions:

DMOT/2024/1377 – The felling of an Elder tree at 31 Chapel Street, Ticknall. No objections.

DMOT/2024/1291 – Works to 2no. Goat Willow in a Conservation Area at Old Hall Cottage, 10 Main Street, Ticknall. No objections.

DMPA/2024/1242 – Replacement doors at Woodcock Cottage, 156-158 Main Street, Ticknall.

Approved subject to 2 conditions.

DMOT/2024/1208 – The pruning of a field maple tree at Saint George’s Churchyard, Church Lane, Ticknall.

No objections.

DMOT/2024/1203 – Approval of details required by condition 3 (bat mitigation strategy) of permission Ref. DMPA/2024/0063 for installation of solar panels on brewery roof. Approved.

DMOT/2024/0945 – The pruning of a tree within a Conservation Area at 11 High Street, Ticknall. No objections.

DMOT/2024/0303 – Removal of one Silver Birch tree (T2) and pruning of one Silver Birch tree (T1) at The Granary, Ashby Road, Ticknall. No objections.

**RESOLVED:** To note the planning decisions.

### **3099/2024 Finance**

a) Receipts since last meeting to 10<sup>th</sup> December

HSBC Money Manager Account-Bank Interest–November £20.43

HSBC Reserve Account–Bank Interest–November £16.77

Ticknall Cricket Club – quarterly fees £925.00

SDDC – Section 136 Concurrent Expenses Claim 2024-25 £3803.19

HSBC Money Manager Account-Bank Interest December £19.49

HSBC Reserve Account-Bank Interest December £15.99

b) Payments since last meeting to 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

H. Brandon – Cleaning pavilion – November £30.00 BACS

Adobe – Monthly contract for November £16.64, £3.33 VAT £19.97 VISA

C Bunston – Net pay for November £360.14 BACS

C Bunston – Use of Clerk’s home for November £30.00 BACS

Currys – Computer insurance for November £9.00 VISA

HSBC – Bank Charges for November £8.00

HP – Ink Account HP – November £9.99, £2.00 VAT £11.99 VISA

Currys – Monthly cover plan – November £9.00 DD

H. Brandon – Cleaning pavilion – November £30.00 BACS

London Hearts – Defibrillator £750.00 BACS

WH Smith – Printing paper - £16.66, £3.33 VAT 19.99 CARD

H. Brandon – Cleaning pavilion, December £30.00 BACS

Owen Jowett – Connect and Disconnect Christmas Lights £200.00 BACS

Ticknall Village Hall – Hall bookings – 2 sessions	£75.00 BACS
Ashridge Trees (P. Colleyshaw) replacement trees for Community Orchard	£70.69 BACS
c) Payments for approval:	
C. Bunston - Net pay for December	£360.14 BACS
C. Bunston – Use of Clerk’s home for December	£30.00 BACS
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£75.00 Chq.737
Since Agenda:	
Ticknall Village Hall – 4 <sup>th</sup> payment on 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	£1500 BACS

**RESOLVED:** To approve the payments.

d) Balance of Accounts at 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	
HSBC Current Account	£16735.64
HSBC Money Manager Account	£12629.74
HSBC Reserve Account	£10363.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£39729.14</b>

e) Internal Audit - Checking of bank statement against invoices:

**RESOLVED:** Councillors Scott and Thornhill checked and signed the bank statement against invoices.

**3100/2024 Correspondence:**

- a) Derbyshire County Council – Sustainable Travel Team – environmentally ways to travel to school. Contact [rob.bounds@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:rob.bounds@derbyshire.gov.uk)
  - b) Derbyshire County Council – ‘It’s About Me Holiday Club’ – for children who are eligible for free school meals. [HAF.Enquiries@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF.Enquiries@derbyshire.gov.uk)
  - c) SDDC - [2024 Polling District, Polling Places and Polling Station Review | South Derbyshire District Council](#)
  - d) DCC – Register to use recycling centres.
  - e) SDDC – Planning Forum
- Since agenda:
- f) Tracy Bingham, SDDC – Budget Consultation 2025/2026. Information can be found at [Budget Consultation Survey 2025-26 | South Derbyshire District Council](#)
  - g) Rural Action Derbyshire – Feeding Derbyshire Project.

**RESOLVED:** Correspondence: Item e) Councillor Oppenheimer and Celia Bunston will attend the Planning Forum on 14<sup>th</sup> January, Items a) to d) and f) & g) Noted.

**3101/2024 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils:** November & December Newsletter

**3102/2024 Reports to Note:** No reports.

**3103/2024 Reports from representatives to outside bodies and special duties:**

It was reported that Ticknall22 WI members donated Christmas presents to Swadlincote CVS for those children who are in need.

After a discussion by the council whether a donation to the Swadlincote CVS should be made, Councillor Colleyshaw proposed, was seconded by Councillor Scott and all agreed that a donation of £500.00 should be made to Swadlincote CVS.

**RESOLVED:** To make a donation of £500.00 to Swadlincote CVS.

**3104/2024 Date and time of next meeting.** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm.

**THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**