**ROSLISTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**South Derbyshire District in the County of Derby**

**DALC Council of the year 2022-2023**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish Council**

**Held at 7.00pm on Monday 20th February 2023**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Marbrow (Chairperson), Mrs B Evans, Mrs C Davoll, P Marbrow, B

Matkin, T

Waddington

**Officers:** S Lloyd (Clerk & RFO)

**Also Present:** County Cllr S Swann, District Councillor Mel Bridgen

**128.22 Prior to the Parish Council meeting, at 6pm, members met with Gillian Adams**

**and Ashley McGuiness of BayWare regarding the proposed solar farm.**

[**https://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/projects/**](https://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/projects/project-development-project-)

Discussions took place around the questions the Parish Council supplied to Gillian and

Ashley in advance of the meeting.

The energy storage facility was confirmed at a height of 2.8 metres over a 2-acre footprint.

Baywa-re confirmed they work with East Midlands Chamber of Commerce to encourage local

companies to be aware of the tenders for business available.

The Parish Council expressed extreme concern over the local roads and villages and their ability to cope with the HGV traffic on the routes suggested by Baywa-re, many of which have 7.5 tonne restrictions. It was confirmed that during construction there would be up to 10 HGV per day. Due to the limit on the Chetwynd Bridge of 7.5 tonne and no progression with the Walton bypass bridge, Baywa-re advised they plan to disperse the HGV through the local road network. The Parish Council expressed its concern for Rosliston Main Street and the strength of the Victorian culverts only just below the road service and also the width of roads through other local villages, including Coton.

It was advised the Planning inspectorate will consult on this matter in June 2023 and it is likely to be 12 months before a decision is made on whether the Solar Farm will be granted permission.

**129.22** **Apologies**

None

**130.22 Declaration of Members Interests**

None declared

**131.22 Public Speaking**

No members of the public attended

**132.22 County Council**

**Our Chairperson reported that works have started at the Crossroads.**

**Cllr Matkin reported that some potholes on the Linton Road have been filled, but not those on the opposite side of the road.**

Cllr Swann provided his report as follows: Main Street Culvert Repair Update. Senior Project Engineer advised, at 46 Main Street: BT have advised DCC re facilitating the support of the BT pole to enable DCC to carry out the required repair works. Legal queries in relation to the agreement BT want the Council to sign up to, and it is understood that the legal department are trying to clarify these matters with BT. An update is expected soon.

Following completion of these works, DCC can complete the other repair works carried out further downstream, which also requires the co-operation of several utility companies.

Walton on Trent Bypass and Bridge Below is an update DCC’s Assistant Director Highways Delivery provided just prior to the news of the termination of the agreement between Countryside Properties and the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in respect of the significant grant of public money towards the project: “Derbyshire County Council has been highly responsive to this matter as the authority understands the community sensitivity and importance of the scheme. The delays are down to ensuring the bridge design and bypass meet the latest design standards including allowances for climate change to ensure the new infrastructure provides adequate resilience to flood events. As things stand the design does not comply and therefore, the authorities are working with the developer to make the required amendments which would allow the highway authorities to adopt the assets once constructed. The frustration felt by the residents is appreciated, however in these instances it is the developer who drives the project, and the Council can only respond to the designs put forward for technical approval. Derbyshire County Council, together with Staffordshire County Council and the Environment Agency, will continue to work with the developer to help them refine their existing design proposals to address the risk of flooding on the western extents of the bypass.” The following information has been received regarding the decision in respect of the LEP money: The LEPs are reallocating funding on the following basis: The bridge has not received technical approvals from Staffordshire County Council/DCC/Environment Agency due to flooding concerns. This was not a marginal view of the flood authorities involved – the risk of flooding has significantly increased. Countryside Properties (the developer) do not appear to be interested in addressing these issues and have indicated that they will go back to South Derbyshire District Council with a revised planning application which would apparently take away the need for the bridge. Both LEPs (D2N2 and Stoke and Staffs) have tried to meet with Countryside Properties on several occasions and the developer cancelled the meetings. The LEP Chief Executive has spoken to Countryside Properties via telephone, and they are not interested in sorting the technical approvals and commencing the project on site so the LEPs gave them until the end of January to commit. They, however, failed to do so and consequently both LEPs have removed their funding allocations from the project as the money is required to be spent by 31st March 2023 (as set by Government). It is the developer’s decision if they want to proceed with this project or not and it was explained to them that the £7.6m of public funding is unlikely to be on the table again but this did not make any difference. By not progressing with the scheme, it seems Countryside have pulled the bridge project. Continued dialogue between all parties, perhaps with the involvement of the local MPs, would clearly be beneficial and I have pushed for this.

Crossroads (Drakelow/Rosliston) - Burton Road/Rosliston Road/Caldwell Road/Barn Lane The extensive safety improvements I secured for the crossroads commenced onsite last week (Monday 13th February) with the start of the works to significantly improve the signing. The friction road surfacing and marking works have been issued to contractors but a formal objection has been received to the proposed raised profile rumble strips on Caldwell Road and Barn Lane (officially un-named road) so in-line with the legislation this measure cannot be installed, and discussions are ongoing in respect of a possible alternative to this element of the project. A detailed design package has been received for the Vehicle Activated Signs and, in the coming weeks, the Traffic Signals team will be planning the programmed delivery of these signs onto the road network at the crossroads. Discussions with the respective landowners with a view to replacing the existing boundary hedge lines around the visibility splay extents of the junction with a new post and rail fencing arrangement remain a longer-term part of the project.

The Dracon residential scheme, as approved by SDDC, has £130,000 + indexation S106 funds sought by the Highway Authority and allocated for Caldwell Road/Rosliston Road South junction improvements. However, this is payable prior to occupation of 501 dwellings. Currently there are circa 250 occupations across the whole site (including 196 delivered by Walton Homes under the previous permission). Countryside Properties originally stated they were seeking to deliver 200 dwellings per annum therefore it is thought DCC might be able claim these funds around late 2024/early 2025. Potholes Update As we are all aware, DCC receives many reports of potholes on local roads at this time of year and the Council recognises that this issue is a particular concern and frustration for residents. The winter months are the busiest time for the County Council’s reactive maintenance gangs, especially during prolonged periods of wet and cold weather. Every year DCC fixes around 100,000 potholes across the County and at the present time there are just over reported 2,000 defects - which includes potholes - waiting to be fixed. I don’t regard it as particularly relevant, but many other highways authorities are reportedly in a similar or worse position (with well over 30,000 in Staffordshire and at least 6,000 in Nottinghamshire). Following sustained strong representations by colleagues and me, to address the present situation DCC has increased the number of dedicated reactive maintenance gangs that work from its depots from 18 to 31. Roadworkers have been moved from other jobs into reactive maintenance, as well as contractors taken on, to get on top of the outstanding jobs. The gangs are working extended hours each day and are working weekends to fix as many potholes as possible. To help deal with the current rise in potholes the Council has also hired three Jetpatcher machines and on Sunday 12 February I witnessed one of these machines in operation on Coton Park. DCC is currently fixing around 650 defects a week, and this number will increase because of the extra resources that have been deployed by the Council. In line with the risk-based approach, Potholes that are large and on main roads will be risk assessed as needing fixing within 32 hours of them being reported, those that are smaller or on more rural or residential roads will either be categorised as needing mending within 9 days or 28 days.

**133.22 District Council**

Our Chairperson thanked Cllr Bridgen for the emailed report as below.

Our Chairperson asked if Cllr Pegg is still a District Councillor, as he never sends his apologies or attends meetings. Cllr Bridgen confirmed Cllr Pegg is currently a District Councillor.

The next Rosliston Forestry Group next meeting 7 June at 5.30pm.

22 April will see the first repair café in partnership with circulatory.org – bring broken items for repair at the Forestry Centre.

SDDC will be carrying out community consultation on future plans and ideas over the next few weeks – will be included in village newsletter

Lots of fly tipping and litter being reported in the area. Clean team and Alan Grist trying to keep on top of this. Please report in if seen.

No news on the hit and run. Police are investigating but victim has not had an update

Road signs – have asked these to be replaced at no cost to the PC. This has been passed to Gary Charlton who is head of operational services for road signs but not heard anything further from him yet.

4 New Street. I am chasing SDDC planning department on this and I have been assured the enforcement team are looking into it.

Interviews will be taking place for the Chief exec and s.151 officer (finance) will be interim chief exec until replacement found.

Area forum last week – still funding available for safer neighbourhood scheme – Chris Smith contact for details.

Scouts have received some money to make their site more secure.

CREST working to try and get lorries before they come into the village.

Beat the street 15th March to 25th April. Maps and game cards – should appeal to wide range of children and adults

Cllr Bridgen confirmed she will request a meeting from 6-7pm on Monday 20th March with Chris Worman to attend, to discuss the future of the Pavilion building and its ownership and capital spend by SDDC on the Forestry Centre.

**134.22 Police**

Crime figures were reported as January 2023 crimes: 1 burglary, 1 attempted burglary, 1 vehicle interference, 1 road traffic collision

Our Chairperson reported the local PCSO has been visiting local schools and is attending the warm hub next week.

**135.22 Minutes**

Council approved as a correct record the minutes of the council meetings held on Monday 16th January 2023.

**136.22 Chairpersons Announcements**

Our Chairperson advised the funding which the Parish Council received to cover the costs of the warm hub has now been spent. A discussion took place around whether the warm hub should continue over the warmer months as a social support meeting for residents. The CVS will also be attending this week’s warm hub. It was agreed by all to continue the hub until the end of April, then to possibly ask those attendees who wish to continue to meet socially to commit to a donation to cover costs. Our Chairperson will also contact public health to ascertain if funding is available to support the activity for social and mental health wellbeing reasons.

The allotments were also discussed, and it was agreed to pay £1300 for the groundworks completed for the footpath and for Cllr Marbrow to purchase weedkiller for the paths.

Our Chairperson asked if Council should apply for the DALC Council of the Year award which council won last year. Item to be added to March agenda for consideration.

**137.22 Clerks Report**

**a Play equipment**

Kompan to supply replacement bolts. Preschool completed monthly check with no issues.

**b Walton Corner works**

Works expected to start in March and take approx. 4/5 weeks

**b Overgrown hedge by Knightswood**

DCC advised the job had been completed. Clerk advised DCC it has not and raised the job

again, with Highways. Clerk to email DCC again and cc Cllr Swann.

**f Swad Girls and scouts**

Chairperson and Clerk to meet with Swad Girls on 27th February to discuss the contract for

2023-24 based on amendments agreed at tonight’s meeting.

**g Grit bins**

DCC state they have not removed the bins. SDDC checking their records. Cllr Bridgen to enquire with SDDC.

**h Potholes**

Outside the Bulls Head and by Bayleys. Second one has been filled.

**138.22 Finance**

**a** The council approved following payments

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| **Payee** | **Detail** | **Net Amount****£** | **VAT****£** | **Total****£** |
| **HMRC** | **Bank Charges** | **5.00** | **0.00** |  **5.00** |
| Payroll | Jan salary. 4 wks, 7 hrs p.week, to 27 Jan 2023 & standing exp @ £26 p.month (less tax) Travel for meeting, 45p per mile x 6 miles (Nov) | 457.52 2.70  | 0.00 0.00**Payable** | 457.52 2.70**£460.22** |
| **HMRC** | **Income tax (in credit)** | **6.40** | **0.00** | **6.40** |
| Les Hubbard | Inv. 61. village lawns, recreation ground, strimming | 195.00 | 0.00 | 195.00 |
| Emma Windess | Litter pick | 35.00 | 0.00 |  35.00 |
| SDDC | Rent for Strawberry Lane | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 |
| S Marbrow | Reimburse for warm hub (18/1, 25/1, 31/1) | 112.00 | 0.00 | 112.00 |
| Meadowview | Allotment works | £1300.00 | 0.00 | 1300.00 |
| Northern Badge Co | For Coronation badges (inc. 250 for the Forestry Centre) | 530.00 | 0.00 | 530.00 |
|  | **TOTAL**  |  |  | **£2644.62** |

**139.22 Planning**

**DMPA/2022/0921. The erection of a bungalow at Land to the rear of 1 Strawberry Lane**

**It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the basis of safe access and egress for residents close by.**

**140.22 Outside meetings and training**

Following a meeting with the Forestry Centre, Cllr Evans advised the council that

trees will be cut back which have been affected by ash dieback. Cllr Evans will write

an article to go into the next newsletter regarding the Memorial Wood.

Our Chairperson advised she attended the recent area forum meeting, where police

confirmed a focus on challenging the HGV’s using weight restricted areas. E scooters are

also a local issue. The Swadlincote CVS also gave an update at the meeting. She has also

attended the South Derbyshire Partnership meeting and DALC board meeting.

**141.22 Correspondence**

The correspondence report was noted. A discussion took place following an email from a resident regarding an incident with cyclists, that the landowner would be contacted by Cllr P Marbrow to agree to a sign stating, “No cyclists” and if in agreement, the council will purchase and erect the sign.

**142.22** **Items for Discussion/decision**

**a Civility-Officer Protocol, Code of Conduct**

Council agreed there is some confusion around the documents and will seek to clarify this with DALCs Chief Officer in readiness for the next meeting.

**b Review litter contract**

Council reviewed the contract, and itwas **RESOLVED** the clerk should send the renewal to the litter picker.

**c Consider cost of removing 4 concrete village planters**

Council considered the quote of £225 and it was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with their removal. Cllr Marbrow to confirm which planters are to go.

**d Approval of Coronation badges**

The design was agreed on by council and it was **RESOLVED** to purchase 1000, with 250 of those to go to SDDC as per their purchase order. It was agreed each household will receive one, each of the scouts and each child at the primary school will receive one.

**e Review agreement with Swad Girls for 2023-2024**

The agreement was discussed, and amendments agreed. Council also agreed it is important to obtain accurate figures for the electricity for the building (SDDC are currently responsible for this and paying this directly with the supplier). It was agreed for Cllr Bridgen to invite Chris Worman of SDDC to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

**f DALC membership 2023-2024**

It was **RESOLVED** to renew the membership less the enhanced training fee.

**g Feedback from the Oaklands Farm consultation**

Covered in item 128.22

**143.22 Items for Information only**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.00pm on **Monday**

**20th March 2023,** at the meeting room, Bulls Head, Main Street, Rosliston

 Signed ………………………………………. (Chairperson)

 Date ………………………………………