**ROSLISTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

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

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

Cllr Mrs J Elliott

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

**Also Present:** County Cllr S Swann, PCSO Bell, Mr Robert Russell

**81.23** **Apologies**

Cllr Mrs C Davoll, District Cllr A Tilley

**82.23 Declaration of Members Interests**

None

**83.23 County Council**

Councillor Swann emailed his report in advance of the meeting as below.

East Midlands Devolution Update. The proposed East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) has moved one step closer to reality after key legislation was approved in Westminster. The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill has been granted Royal Assent after completing its passage through Parliament, paving the way for the creation of the EMCCA and the region’s first Mayoral elections next May. Derbyshire County Council, along with Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council, and Nottingham City Council, will now decide on whether to move forward with devolution plans, with decisions expected before the end of the year. The East Midlands devolution deal, agreed with Government ministers last summer, would see Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby, and Nottingham benefit from £1.14 billion of funding to invest in local projects related to transport, education and skills, housing, the environment, and economic development.

Storm Babet: Flooding and Clean-Up Storm Babet brought unprecedented rainfall across Derbyshire, with river gauges recording some of the highest ever river levels. During the storm itself, DCC’s highways teams were extremely busy closing roads, erecting warning signs, conducting inspections to check for flood damage and arranging gulley emptying and road sweeping to remove mud. Key structures like bridges were checked to make sure they had not been damaged by the floodwaters and debris. At the height of the floodwaters, the County Council closed around 200 roads and published regular updates via social media and shared information with partner agencies. In Drakelow, longstanding residents of the area were surprised by the extent of the flooding on Walton Road/Barn Lane, which they had never experienced before. The extensive housebuilding in the area is considered the most likely cause. After the floodwaters receded, further inspections of the network were undertaken to check for flood damage such as potholes or where the top of the road surface has lifted due to water damage. This work is ongoing due to the scale of the flooding across the County. Other key work included, clearing the gulley’s to remove leaves and mud left by the floodwaters and sweeping roads to remove mud and debris where, in some places, more than 4 inches of silt were left behind on the highway. The Council suspended its cyclical maintenance programme to enable teams to work across the County to clear up after the storm. The Council also prepared for the further rainfall on already saturated ground, making the required resources available. The cost of the clean-up and repairs resulting from Storm Babet will be significant with areas of the County from the Trent upwards being hit particularly hard. As an example, last week, a clean-up team spent the day at Loads Road in Holymoorside where they needed a road sweeper, drain cleaner, mini digger and lorry to clear 75 tonnes of mud to get the road back to normal. Regarding the cyclic maintenance of highway drainage, locally the system should be cleansed by South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) on a twice-yearly basis and the County Council’s Drainage Team is in on-going discussions with SDDC regarding routine/cyclic maintenance contracts in the South Derbyshire area.

Our Chairperson advised Cllr Swann that the signage at the mini roundabout at Strawberry Lane is still not facing in the correct direction. Cllr Swann confirmed it has been attended but not fixed correctly and is on the “job list” of DCC to complete.

The issue of cars parking in the bus stop was also raised and the danger for people pulling out of the CO OP car park or their driveways for those living close by, with not being able to see. Double decker buses waiting for prolonged periods when they are early, is also an issue for visibility. It was suggested the bus stop could be moved to a safer location. Cllr Swann suggested the council meet and agree a better location and for the clerk to write to him with the location.

A brief discussion also took place around devolution and what this may mean for Parish Councils.

**84.23 Public Speaking**

Mr Robert Russell advised the council that he would like to arrange a carol service in the village hall, with refreshments. He is happy to co ordinate the event and asked for the support of the council. Cllrs Mrs S Marbrow and B Matkin agreed to meet with Mr Russell. Council **RESOLVED** to offer financial support to the value of £100 towards refreshments, on the supply of receipts. Our Chairperson also advised a local resident has also offered to contribute financially towards the event.

**85.23 District Council**

Cllr Tilley emailed his report in advance of the meeting as below.

**Lighting up Swadlincote this Christmas.** Our Lights Before Christmas event will take place on Saturday 25 November.The event begins on the Delph from 4pm with the lights switch on taking placeat 6.30pm. The event will see illuminated street performers, live festive music, street food,artisan and craft stalls with local businesses opening until late. We also have a festive fun day taking place on Saturday 9 December during the day on the Delph with entertainment, festive stalls, and food available.

**Antisocial Behaviour Enforcement**

Supported by the government’s Shared Prosperity Fund, the Community Safety

Enforcement Team are now providing an enhanced presence, particularly in

town centres, to help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

The funding has enabled the team to recruit an extra member of staff which

means that we now have additional capacity to provide much more of a visible

presence. This will mainly be focused in Swadlincote but also in Melbourne. The

funding will help with enforcing the anti-social behaviour prevention measures

contained in the new Swadlincote Public Spaces Protection Order.

The enhanced presence of uniformed Community Safety Enforcement Officers

(CSEOs) should give local businesses more confidence and lead to

improvements in the public perception of the safety of our town centres, which

in turn will make them more attractive places to visit and help drive our local

economy. The two-year project ending in March 2025 is well underway, with some

notable early successes around preventing youth anti-social behaviour in

Swadlincote town centre.

**Other Information** I spoke in the council chamber at the last Full Council Meeting in support of the Drakelow governance review, this is the first step to establishing a Parish Council at Drakelow.

It has been established that most of the Bus Shelters in South Derbyshire are the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council. A review is taking place looking at maintenance and cleaning of those owned by SDDC. In response to my question about digital live bus information displays I have now received a reply from Derbyshire County Council. Swadlincote bus station will be rebuilt next year, and electronic information signs will be installed. There are currently no plans to install these in other areas on South Derbyshire

I will be attending the crossroads of doom meeting later this month.

Following social media speculation, it has been confirmed by SDDC that there is no plan to sell any playing fields.

Ian Hey Section has now responded to my email and has indicated that he has spoken with your chair and is happy to attend your December meeting to explain his new role as section 106 officer. Following a request for funding towards architect and planning fees for the Pavilion it has been agreed that 106 monies can be allocated towards this.

The planning application for an Energy from Waste Power Plant and retrospective planning for construction work that has already been completed at the A444 Wilshee site was discussed at the Planning Committee meeting this week. The recommendation from the committee was to oppose the application. This will now go to the County planning committee for a decision.

**86.23 Police**

Crime figures were reported as October: none

PCSO Kieran Bell advised Council that if someone parks blocking a driveway and the resident needs to get off their drive, then this can be reported to 101. He also asked about the community getting together a Speedwatch group. Our Chairperson advised that this has been tried before, but we did not have enough volunteers from the community, 6 are needed for the police training.

**87.23 Minutes**

Council approved as a correct record the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 16th October 2023

**88.23 Chairpersons Announcements**

Our Chairperson advised council that she has applied for 106 monies to SDDC, towards the architects fees for the drawings, plans and planning application. There is also the possibility of accessing a new Community Fund and Shelly, from SDDC will be able to advise Council how to apply for this

**89.23 Clerks Report**

Play equipment village hall: October report not received, chased 13/11 and 20/11

Main Street culverts: No further update received

Speed Indicator: Raw data downloaded and shared with council.

Play equipment recreation ground: Landowner met councillors 21/10, and offered to cover

costs for the levelling access works. Council reported the talking flowers do not work, but

would be difficult and likely costly to remove. The goal posts need painting, clerk to speak

to Les Hubbard, to complete by January. The dog waste bin needs replacing, clerk to obtain

quote for December meeting.

Crossroads: Meeting with DCC Highways and local Parish and District Councillors set for

10am on 28/11.

Unity Bank: Application progressing, Chairlady and Cllr Matkin signed application.

Blocked drain at 33 Main Street: Reported to DCC on 14/11 who said it would be cleared when

on cyclic maintenance. Advised it should be cleared more urgently. Ref: 561852543

Flag Flying: 30th November: St Andrews Day

**90.23 Finance**

**a** Council approved following payments

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| **Payee** | **Detail** | **Net**  **£** | **VAT**  **£** | **Total**  **£** |
| **HSBC** | **Bank Charges** | **5.00** | **0.00** | **5.00** |
| Payroll | Oct salary & homeworking (5 wks to 27/10)  Travel for Oct | 561.80  2.70 | 0.00  0.00  **Payable** | 561.80  2.70 **£564.50** |
| HMRC | Income tax | 46.60 | 0.00 | 46.60 |
| Les Hubbard | Invoice | 390.00 | 0.00 | 390.00 |
| Emma Windess | Litter picks (Oct & Nov) | 105.00 | 0.00 | 105.00 |
| S Marbrow | Reimbursement: r/hire £39, warm hubs £30, Pavilion lights inc. installation £482.22 | 551.22 | 0.00 | 551.22 |
| Source4Business | Water for Pavilion (April-Sept) | 65.13 | 6.78 | 71.92 |
|  | **TOTAL** |  |  | **£1734.24** |

**91.23 Planning**

No new applications

**92.23 Outside meetings and training**

Village Hall AGM is on 21/11/23

Flood liaison meeting is on 22/11/23

**93.23 Correspondence**

The correspondence report was noted

**94.23** **Items for Discussion/decision**

**a** Play inspections

Cllr P Marbrow will look at HSE for guidance. Correspondence from Zurich Insurance was discussed, along with what another local council does and what Councillors believe is the best plan to ensure the equipment is maintained and safe for public use. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Evans and Elliott would also be involved with the monthly checks if necessary. Review next meeting.

**b** Vicar event

Covered under the public session

**c** Items for the next newsletter

Forming of a possible Speed watch group. Photos from the December events to be included, therefore it was agreed the newsletter will be published mid-December.

**d** Outstanding jobs around the village

It was agreed the clerk will speak with Les Hubbard about the works to be done over winter and report back to council, which include works to the Jubilee Gardens, weeding of allotments, painting the goals at the recreation ground.

**e** Meeting with DCC Highways regarding crossroads improvements

Meeting set for Tuesday 28th November at 10am.

**f** Drakelow Governance Review

Council agreed it is in full support of Drakelow becoming a Parish Council.

**g** Feedback from DALC AGM

The meeting was postponed as there were not enough attendees for it to be quorate.

**h** Pavilion update

Council is awaiting the quote for works from the architect, which it expects to be £3-4k.

**i** Speed Indicator stats and update

Council agreed there are some high speeds recorded. Clerk to look at loading the data into another software to analyse it for the next meeting.

**j**  Items for next agenda

Chairlady to speak with Shelly at SDDC to arrange for her to come to Januarys meeting.

**95.23** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 18th December**

**2023, 7pm**, at the **meeting room,** **Bulls Head, Rosliston.**

Signed ………………………………………. (Chairperson)

Date ……………………………………….