

# CURBAR PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.00pm at the Wesleyan Reform meeting room.**

Cllrs present:	Martyn Games	Alexa Masterson-Jones
	Tony Crook	Caralyn Denver
	Rob Scott (Chair)	
Others present:	Pip Gilbert (Clerk)	Kelda Boothroyd (DDDC)
	Kath Potter (PDNPA)	

**0724/01 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Cooper, Anthony Boswell (PCSO), Cllr Hobson (DCC)

**0724/02 Variation of Order of Business** – None

**0724/03 Declarations of interest** – None

**0724/04 To determine if any items should be taken with public excluded** - None

**0724/05 Public participation** – Cllr Boothroyd informed the Council of the following matters:

- The new Government and local MP will result in a number of changes including new housing targets. The current target for the DDDC area is 100 new houses per year to be built by DDDC including 30 to 40 in the Peak Park. Curbar is not expected to be on the list of potential new housing sites where DDDC would build new homes.
- The District Council are looking at potential Traveller Sites to meet their obligations. A number of car parks are being considered but the sites must be close to either Matlock or Ashbourne. A decision will be made on 22 July.
- Monsal Head toilets are now being maintained and cleaned by the District Council.
- Home upgrade grants are available for households who are not on the main gas system and have low income.
- District Council plans can now be viewed on their website and actions are being taken to meet these plans.

Kath Potter gave a summary of events at the Peak Park and informed the Council of the forthcoming Parishes Day and potential matters that may be covered that day.

The Council noted the email received from the PCSO on police matters for the area.

The Clerk informed the Council of the topics that Susan Hobson was hoping to cover if she was able to attend.

**0724/06 Minutes of the Annual Parish and Parish Council meeting of 2 May 24** - It was resolved to confirm these as correct records.

**0724/07 Communications received not reported elsewhere on the agenda** – Cllr Scott agreed to meet the EDF engineer for the smart meter fitting. The Council discussed the communications received from Chris and Lesley McGowan about the potential impact of tree planting on the playing field. Clerk to invite them to the forthcoming village picnic so they can show the Council their areas of concern.

**0724/08 Planning applications** –

- a. NP/DDD/0624/0614 – Riley View, The Green. New porch – no objections
- b. Appeal 3343453 Land off A625 Froggatt Bridge – no comment
- c. Note email consultations:
  - NP/DDD/0624/0592 – Well House, The Green - no objections
  - NP/DDD/0624/0606 – Bibury House, Riddings Lane – no objections.
- d. Applications received after agenda set – None

**0724/09 Peak Park Parishes Forum Management Committee and PDNPA update** – Cllr Crook provided the Council an update of matters discussed. The main topic on the forthcoming Parishes Day at PNPA will be the forthcoming issues and options documents arising from the Local Plan review. There will be a 10-week consultation period from October

to November, notification of which will be sent to the Clerk. The Council requested the consultation to be included on the November meeting agenda.

**0724/10 Burial Ground Committee** – The Clerk summarised the recent Burial Ground Committee meeting which including the annual check of the Ground. The Council approved the 5% increase in the Table of Fees proposed by the Burial Ground Committee.

**0724/11 Playing field matters** – The Council opted to delay decisions on what improvements to make to the playing field until after the village picnic consultation.

**0724/12 Benches** – Cllr Masterson-Jones agreed to appeal on the Curbar Facebook page for services to install the new benches including taking their delivery. Clerk to order the benches once help has been identified and agreed.

**0724/13 Curbar Well Dressing** – The Council agreed in principle to give a donation but would like more detail on how much and what the funds will be used for. It also requests the school is involved.

**0724/14 Village picnic** – Cllr Masterton-Jones agreed to put up posters on the event throughout the village. The picnic will start at noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> July. Councillors to bring gazebos where possible.

**0724/15 Whatsapp group** – Cllr Masterson-Jones says the group now exist. It was agreed to launch it at the village picnic and on the Curbar Facebook page.

**0724/16 Traffic matters including drainage** – The Council has received a number of complaints about blocked drains and the upkeep of verges. Clerk to contact:

- Clean and Green team about the verges specifically the Green and the area in front of the school which is not currently biodiverse and still represents a road safety issue.
- Highways about the drains in Curbar either being full, or nearly full, of gravel to get the matter addressed.

Cllr Denver informed the Council of the recent local villages road safety meeting. Specifically, that planning rules may be relaxed to enable gates to be installed at the start of villages without planning permission.

Cllr Scott noted he had changed the direction of the SID again and that the statistics show similar results but with a slight raise in volumes going into the summer months. He also noted that there are more cars during the week compared to the weekend, which is likely to be due to commuters. He agreed to purchase posts for the new 20s plenty signs and request key households to erect in their gardens by the road.

**0724/17 Trough repairs** – Cllr Scott stated he will buy concrete and wait for dry weather to mend the trough. Cllr Crook offered to help.

**0724/18 Clerk expenses and allowances** – The Council resolved to change the Clerk's contractual place of work from Curbar to her home. As a result she can now claim 45p/mile and time for work related travel such as attendance at Council meetings.

**0724/19 Statement of financial position** – The Clerk informed the Council that there is £15,108 in the bank following the July payment run.

**0724/20 Invoices for payment** - Following payments were approved:

- ROSPA - £98.40 playing field inspection - already paid
- G E Davies £290 for April, £290 for May and £290 for June mow of burial ground anplaying field - only June left to pay
- W E Harrison £118.80 new flag - already paid
- Wesleyan Reform £60 room hire - already paid
- Pip Gilbert £185.76 for June and July salary - July to pay plus mileage for travelling
- DALC £50 for chairs training course - to pay
- Parish Online £336 for website/email/IT support - £336 - to pay

**0724/21 Date of next meeting** Agreed as 7pm on 5 September at the Wesleyan Reform Church meeting rooms.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.