

Sutton-cum-Duckmanton Parish Council

At a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Arkwright Centre on the 9th April 2018.

153/18 Members Present. Councillors N. Hough, M. Smart, B. Brocksopp, A. Clark, A. Foster and J. Foster.

Also in attendance were District Councillor P. Kerry and Mr P. Goodwin - Clerk.

154/18 Apologies. Councillors J. Stocks, K. Payne, District Councillor S. Boyle and County Councillor N. Barker.

155/18 Councillors Absent. None.

156/18 Declaration of Members' Interests. There were no declarations made in respect of any of the agenda items.

157/18 Public Speaking.

Items from members of the public. None as there were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Police. The figures for March aren't yet available; however, the Clerk will include these details in the minutes of the meeting following their availability on the police website. The Clerk has collated the figures for February and these are as follows:-

Arkwright Town

One incident of violence and sexual offence on Rosling Way

District Council. The Clerk has contacted the District Council regarding the general rubble and waste material that has been found on the amenity land at the right-hand side of the entrance to Rose Gardens. The outcome is that there is insufficient evidence to serve a notice for removal of the waste on the two households felt to be responsible and the Parish Council will therefore arrange for the material to be removed.

The clearing up of the area around the Dell has still not taken place and apparently the wooden footway here is very slippery; Councillor Kerry agreed to take this matter up again with the District Council.

The security post that has been removed on the land leading to the football field has still not been replaced; this area of land belongs to the District Council. It was also suggested that some metal, or concrete, posts would be useful on the land adjacent to the roundabout on the A632 at Arkwright Town in order to stop vehicles gaining access to land beyond there; unfortunately, this has happened on more than one occasion in the past.

Work has not yet started on the proper reinstatement of the 'amenity' land on the steep embankment between the highway and the recently completed housing development off Hardwick Drive, Arkwright Town and the three posts have also not been removed. The Clerk has contacted the Planning Department and apparently Oakleigh Homes are still in existence as a company and an enforcement notice in respect of both of these pieces of work will be sent to their registered address.

The problem of fly tipping within the parish was raised and it was agreed that it would be helpful to invite someone from the District Council to attend one of our meetings in order to give advice on the most effective measures that can be taken in order to reduce the risk of this happening on a regular basis.

A discussion took place regarding the cost of emptying the dog waste bins within our parish and the Clerk was asked to find out from the District Council how many bins we have that are emptied, where they are located and also what is the unit cost for emptying each bin.

County Council. The list of outstanding issues that have been reported to the County Council is now as follows:-

- The 'chevron' sign is missing at the junction of Shire Lane and Palterton Lane.
- There is a missing 'chevron' sign between Sutton Scarsdale and Heath on the corner near to Hopkinson's Farm.
- The directional signs on Shire Lane are low and they are not clearly visible due to the surrounding vegetation.
- The highway signs at either side of the traffic lights at the Deepsc Lane/A632 junction are not clearly visible as they are being obscured by overhanging trees and bushes.
- There are a number of gullies that need cleaning out on the A632 and other roads within the Parish in order to reduce the effects of excess surface water on the highway during periods of heavy rain.
- The area under the bridge on Postman's Lane needs clearing out again.
- Water is running off the land at the 'S' bend on Sutton Lane causing a risk through icy conditions at this time of year and there is a similar issue at Muster Brook between Temple Normanton and Heath although this stretch of road is not actually within our Parish.

There has been no further information regarding to the yellow brick road since the September 2017 Parish Council meeting.

In respect of the replacement bus shelter on Hardwick Drive, Arkwright Town unfortunately there has been no progress at all in this respect.

It was also reported that lorries are parking on Enterprise Way at Markham Vale and some of these are completely blocking the pavement. It was suggested that the registration numbers and company names on the vehicles should be noted and the information reported to the police and the County Council.

158/18 Non-Exempt Minutes - 12th March 2018.

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the Non-Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March 2018

159/18 Items in Exclusion. There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

160/18 Clerk of the Council's Report.

a). **Maintenance of land.** There is nothing further to report until it is known what action, if any, will be taken by Oakleigh Homes to properly reinstate the 'amenity' land on the steep embankment between the highway and the recently completed housing development off Hardwick Drive, Arkwright Town.

161/18 Matters for Decision.

a). **Replacement bus shelter on the A632 near to the MarkhamVale roundabout.** The Clerk reported that he has followed this matter up with the County Council and the reason for the delay is that they are also looking to carry out work to the lay-by in order to improve accessibility; however, this scheme has now been given a high priority due to the length of time that the work has been outstanding for.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will follow this matter up again with the County Council.

162/18 Accounts. The Clerk read through all the items of income and expenditure that had taken place since the last meeting. The following cheques were duly approved :-

a). <u>Payee.</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
March's wages	-	738 . 24
M.T. Stanley - gardening and litter picking	000809	500 . 00
NEDDC - empty dog waste bins	000810	481 . 57
DALC - annual subscription	000811	411 . 38
Mr N. Hough - Chair's expenses	000812	106 . 88

RESOLVED that the accounts are unanimously approved and the payments listed above were authorised.

163/18 DALC Circulars.

RESOLVED to note the information contained in **5/2018** - General Circular.

164/18 General Correspondence. Various items of general correspondence were distributed to the meeting. The Clerk has sent a copy of the Markham Vale Liaison Committee April e-newsletter to all Councillors by e-mail and also a letter from the leader of Derbyshire County Council encouraging responses on the Council's proposals to transfer 20 libraries into community ownership; the consultation period begins on the 7th May and comments can either be submitted online or through the post.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence as distributed.

165/18 Reports from Parish Council Representatives on other bodies.

MEGZ - Councillor Hough stated that there is nothing further to report in this respect at the moment.

The Arkwright Centre - Councillor Smart reported that the staff in the office have worked really hard in order to bring the accounts fully up to date and the auditor is now almost in a position to finalise these up to 2017.

The Clerk reported that a grant for a solar panel installation at the Arkwright Centre has been approved in principle by the controlling company that is responsible for the two large solar farms within the Parish; there is now just some further work to be carried out with the preferred supplier before this can be finalised.

Also, the company that operates the wind turbine near to Duckmanton have a fund available which is open to applications in respect of any energy efficiency schemes that we can deliver within our Parish; the Clerk is now preparing a bid for a scheme to improve the lighting and general energy efficiency of the Centre which, if successful, will be a further boost to the financial viability of the Centre.

District and Parish Liaison Group - Councillor Smart attended this meeting and he will give a report to the next Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED to note the verbal reports that were received and to authorise a grant of £5,000 to the Arkwright Centre.

166/18 Planning Applications. **There were no objections to the following planning applications: -**

18/00219/FLH - Proposed double garage (Conservation Area) at Clearwater, Hall Drive, Sutton Scarsdale, Chesterfield for Mr and Mrs Bunting.

18/00262/FL - Proposed application for change of use of agricultural barn to 6 no. general industrial units (B2) (Conservation Area/affecting the setting of a Listed Building) at Hall Farm, Sutton Lane Sutton Scarsdale, Chesterfield for Mr Brian Brocksopp.

The following planning application has now been approved:-

18/00124/FLH - Proposed erection of single/two storey rear extension, boundary wall/fence and insertion of first floor window at 1 Rose Gardens, Arkwright Town, Chesterfield S44 5DU for Mr Christopher Whitmore.

167/18 **Date and venue of the next meeting.** The next meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and it will be held in the Arkwright Centre on Monday 14th May 2018 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Chairman 14th May 2018