

## **SELSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday, 25 September 2017** at 7.00pm at the Old Council Offices, Alfreton Road, Selston.

### Present

Cllr M Ashmore	Cllr D Hodgman	Cllr J O'Byrne
Cllr J Banks	Cllr B Jackson	Cllr P Pilgrim
Cllr B Briggs	Cllr S Jackson	Cllr D Wilson
Cllr C Chapman (also ADC)	Cllr A Justice	Cllr S Wilson (Chair) (also ADC)
Cllr S Fletcher	Cllr D Justice (Vice Chair)	Cllr R Young
Cllr S Hey	Cllr D Martin (also NCC)	

### Apologies:

Cllr S Alvey – work  
Cllr C Quinn-Wilcox – other meeting

Also present: Lisa Simpson (Clerk), Lorraine Griffiths (RFO), Tracey Kirkland-Walker (Assistant Clerk) and approximately 29 members of the public.

### 1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received as above

### 2. To receive declarations of interest from Councillors

Cllr Briggs – item 19 non pecuniary  
Cllr Hodgman – items 4, 7, 12 and 16 non pecuniary  
Cllr B Jackson – item 13 non pecuniary  
Cllr S Jackson – item 13 non pecuniary  
Cllr A Justice – item 21 pecuniary  
Cllr D Justice – item 21 pecuniary and 17 non pecuniary  
Cllr Martin – items 10, 13 and 15 non pecuniary

### 3. Members of the public are invited to address the Council

A Selston resident requested the distribution of a leaflet explaining the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum and was advised that it is currently being produced.

Residents present expressed their concerns over the closure of Selston golf course. They were very upset and feel its closure will have a detrimental effect on their health. They wanted to know who they should talk to. They would like the opportunity to prove it can work and offered to work voluntarily. Cllr S Wilson explained that ADC lease the golf course from Notts CC and it is currently for sale as a golf course. If it is not sold ADC will turn it into a country park. He told the residents to leave their contact details with the Clerk and a meeting with Ashfield District Council and Notts County Council will be arranged. A Jacksdale resident was annoyed that £6800 has been spent on a by-election and Jacksdale Recreation ground has no facilities. Cllr S Wilson informed that money has been ring fenced for Jacksdale Recreation ground, further funding will be required.

Emma Olden informed that the plans for the Christmas tree in Selston are going well. Donations have been received from the Community, and local businesses are sponsoring the lights. She requested a plaque at the Old Council Offices to list the sponsors. The tree lighting event will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. She also thanked Cllr D Hodgman, Cllr D Justice, Cllr S Wilson, Cllr J O'Byrne, Cllr S Fletcher and the Clerk Lisa Simpson for their time and support.

A Selston resident said he has noticed considerable speeding on Alfreton Rd, which was noted by the police present and will also be discussed later in the Agenda at item 12.

#### 4. Policing

Simon Gazzard gave an overview of 200 incidents over the last 30 days.

He stressed that valuables should not be left in vehicles and recommended strong boxes to store tools in vans. An arrest has been made for the car that was stolen in Selston.

As dark nights are approaching he suggested leaving lights on and informed that he has given timers and UV pens to the Parish office for residents to collect.

They are working with local schools on a keep safe campaign, and along with Cllr D Hodgman promoting the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and local police to the elderly.

Simon thanked everyone involved in the OVO bike tour and for involving the police.

They are now working from the police office at the Parish Hall and receiving lots of visitors. Carl Holland was introduced as the new sergeant for Kirkby and the rurals. He has 4 PCSO's and hopefully 1 more and 2 PC's. He informed that he has had a lot of success reducing car cruising at Junction 27 and 70 injunctions have been issued, but the current level of staff cannot be maintained in that area alone so they are working on a long term solution with Nottinghamshire County Council.

The problems with off road bike have decreased since the end of July with a 50% reduction in calls.

Cllr S Fletcher asked Sgt Holland if he had any influence on the speed camera vans. He said he would feedback Community concerns to the camera team. Cllr D Martin reported speeding on Annesley Lane and Alfreton Rd Underwood. He also asked if there could be a sign outside the police office at the Parish Hall informing residents what they should do if the office is closed.

Simon Gazzard informed that he has the Speedwatch speed gun and is qualified to train people to use it. This will be discussed at item 12 on the Agenda.

A resident reported that there have been people smashing bottles on Columbia Close Recreation Ground over the last few nights.

Resident stated that there have been accidents on Mansfield Rd Selston and requested speed cameras. Sgt Holland informed that County Council Highways and the police are informed of accident statistics and will respond accordingly.

4a. The Chairman announced that as a result of the recent by-election the council has a new Councillor Andy Justice and everyone introduced themselves.

#### 5. To approve the minutes of the full council meeting held on Monday, 31 July 2017

Cllr D Justice referred to item 14 of the minutes and asked Cllr D Martin for an update on Selston Golf Course. He informed that the new administration at Notts County Council has put an embargo on the sale of assets. He has asked the head of estates Jaz Hundal to fast track the sale of the Golf Course.



Cllr S Fletcher asked if the rumours are true that the golf course will close at the end of October.

Cllr S Wilson stated that ADC is awaiting Notts CC but it will close at the end of October.

Cllr D Justice requested the accounts for Selston and Underwood Festivals.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on 31 July 2017 as a true record.

It was agreed to bring Agenda item 12 forward to allow the police to leave:

Speed watch to include its 30 for a reason signs

Cllr D Justice asked if the 'its 30 for a reason' signs were a Notts County Council initiative as they could be located in school areas. Cllr D Martin will feed back at the next meeting.

The Clerk will liaise with Simon Gazzard and arrange a meeting for all those interested in volunteering for Speedwatch.

6. Remembrance Day Parade

The branch Chairman for Jacksdale & District Royal British Legion has requested the assistance of the Parish Council to ensure that road closures are in place as granted by Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Clerk has liaised with Mark Rickers at Ashfield District Council to provide the road closure barriers. Cllr D Martin agreed to put the barriers in place and Cllr Ray Young and Cllr Paula Pilgrim volunteered to man the barriers in Jacksdale. Cllr S Wilson said we will ensure there are enough volunteers.

Cllr S Jackson volunteered for Selston.

7. Correspondence received as per list attached to the Agenda

The following comments were made

NALC – It was agreed that the Clerk & Assistant Clerk should attend the Data Protection Workshop

Palladian Homes – Clerk advised that Palladian Homes have been informed that Freizeland Recreation Ground is a registered Field in Trust site and therefore cannot be used for any purpose other than a playing field or recreation ground without their consent. Cllr D Martin informed that residents voted against a similar scheme proposed by Palladian Homes in 2010.

Cllr D Justice proposed that a letter is written to Fields in Trust informing them of the request and the potential of improving the facilities. Cllr D Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favour.

Greenwood Community Tree Planting Grant – Cllr D Hodgman said she would apply for the grant to plant new trees on Woodnook Recreation Ground and once established remove some of the trees along Recreation Street. A letter will be sent to residents on Recreation Street for their input. Cllr D Hodgman will also do a grant application for Freizeland.

Delta Force Paintball – It was agreed to distribute the vouchers for local groups to use as a fundraiser.

Brinsley Parish Council - The Chairman will attend the Festive Event on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Browne Jacobson Solicitors – Invoice for works to date was approved.



8. Finance

Cllr D Wilson asked if Cllr A Gascoyne had sourced a storage container but the Clerk explained the price he quoted at the last meeting was for a cash deal. The cheapest container at £1345 which was presented at the July meeting was purchased. There were no further questions on the Accounts.

9. Feedback from Finance meeting

Minutes of the Finance meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 were emailed prior to this meeting and hard copies were also available.

**Bank Failure** – The UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme will cover the deposits of small local authorities up to £75000. The Government recommends that all councils seek professional advice and ensure that their money is spread over a variety of institutions. Cllr S Wilson tasked the Finance Committee with finding alternative investments.

**Pension Deficit** – The deficit was discussed and we are awaiting a further explanation from Notts County Council.

**Election Payment** – Cllr C Chapman proposed that Election payments continue to be taken from the Central pot and the vote was carried.

Cllr D Justice noted that if there are any resignations in future residents should be made aware of the cost implications of calling an election.

**Working Party required for Recreation Grounds & Parish Land** – Members will be required to report on the condition of the assets, arrange clean up days and source funding possibilities. Cllr S Wilson asked for those willing to get involved to contact the Clerk.

**Building Survey on Underwood Community Centre** – A building surveyor will carry out a structural survey of Underwood Community Centre on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. His report should contain recommendations for the repair of the exterior cladding.

Cllr S Wilson thanked the Finance Committee

10. County Council Update

Selston golf course was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Notts CC are lobbying the government to electrify train lines.

Sure Start Centres are moving to a hub which will reduce the number of Sure Start Centres currently available.

Numbers of Fire fighters have been reduced and also allowing tenders out for secondary appliances which have 3 people on board instead of 5.

Conservative administration has increased the road fund budget to 6.3million over the next 3 years. This includes £1 million per year on pot holes and road repair.

Inconsiderate Parking/lack of enforcement - As requested at the last Council meeting Cllr D Martin reported that in 2016-17 the Civil Parking Partnership gave just 50 hours to Selston Parish which is made up of 193 visits to Jacksdale 218 to Underwood and 502 to Selston. They have admitted they have a problem and will report back to Cllr D Martin. Cllr D Justice requested that Cllr D Martin reports back at the next meeting on pot holes and parking and Cllr D Hodgman asked for clarification on the Sure Start Centre at the Tin Hat in Selston.

11. Feedback from OVO Bike Tour Event

Cllr S Wilson thanked Cllr S Hey for organising the event it was an overwhelming success. Cllr S Hey reported that the event went well and thanked everyone who had taken part, the best dressed bike was won by Holly Hill Nursery and they have received a book voucher. The best dressed house was on Alfreton rd Underwood and they have received a £20 garden centre voucher. An estimate of 700 people attended. Underwood Church also organised an event which went well. Selston got a mention on ITV4 news stating how good it was to see the Community come together.

12. Speed watch to include its 30 for a reason signs – already discussed before item 6

13. Recreation Grounds

Parking on Lea Lane – It was agreed to write to Notts CC and ask if they would formally adopt the car park, if it was created on Lea Lane Recreation Ground, as it would be a public car park.

Shelter on Woodnook – Safety checks have revealed that the shelter needs replacing. Cllr S Wilson has agreed to remove it FOC. £4774 has been returned to SPC by ADC from the contingency fund for Greenwells so Cllr P Pilgrim proposed that 50% of the cost of a new shelter, which is approximately £4800 plus installation, is taken from the budget for Recreation Grounds and 50% from the returned Contingency fund. The remaining contingency fund to be ear marked for Jacksdale Recreation ground. Cllr Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was carried.

Tree planting grant for Woodnook – A letter will be sent to residents

Jacksdale – The Clerk will liaise with Jacksdale Councillors to arrange a public consultation.

Freizeland – All Underwood Councillors will form a Working Party as lots of complaints have been received about Freizeland. The Clerk has already met with Paul Crawford from ADC for advice on creation of the skate park area. Wicksteed will provide a quote.

14. Planning Applications

Cllr D Wilson informed that the micro brewery on Portland Rd has been rejected and the land at 10 to 14 Inkerman has been withdrawn. There were no further comments.

**RESOLVED:** No comments to be submitted on any of the planning applications

15. Allotments

Cordy Lane Allotments have received notification from National Allotment Garden Trust that they will give £1000 towards the cost of an eco toilet providing they can supply evidence that they are able to secure the rest of the funding.

The cost of the eco toilet is £1600.

Cllr D Justice proposed that £600 is given towards the project, Cllr D Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was carried.



## 16. Community Centre

**Pavilion** – As Selston Football Club is growing so are the amount of supporters and there is only one public toilet in the pavilion. The football club have installed a port a loo outside but it is still insufficient. Councillors agreed the problem should be addressed. The Clerk will liaise with the sports clubs to clarify how many toilets are required and obtain quotes for a site toilet block containing separate ladies & gents toilets.

**Parish Hall** – Selston Football & Cricket Club are continuing with their application for an alcohol license at the Pavilion. Events at the Parish Hall will apply for a TEN.

Cllr D Hodgman had an item of late correspondence relating to the Parish Hall which was a request for a table & chairs in the Parish Hall to be dressed for an event to advertise a business. The Clerk informed that the Parish Council cannot give precedence to one business so the request was denied.

There was also a letter from the Chairman of Selston Football Club thanking the Council for their support with the floodlights and inviting them to the first floodlit match in a friendly against Alferton Town on Tuesday.

Another item of late correspondence regarding the Lawn Bridge will be emailed to all councillors and discussed at the October meeting.

A Thank you email was received for creating another access onto Underwood Hill Recreation Ground.

Old Council Offices – Tree Lighting Event 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 – Donations for the lights have been received from the Community and Local businesses. It was agreed that money left from the £500 budget allocated to the Bike Tour Event should be put towards the lights. The Clerk informed that ADC have agreed to install the electricity supply for the tree lights and also to light up the existing tree on Nottingham rd, but the Parish Council needs to budget for Xmas Events in future. It was noted that the decorative lights should have a life span of 3 years.

## 17. Update on Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr J Banks informed that the referendum will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and everyone should have received a polling card. There have been regular centre page articles in the Community News about the Neighbourhood Plan and lots of consultations but the Steering Group are producing a leaflet explaining exactly what residents are voting for. The Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online, in Community Centres and Libraries. Volunteers were requested to help the steering group deliver the leaflets. Cllr D Martin, Cllr P Pilgrim, Cllr R Young, Cllr B Briggs, Cllr D Justice and members of the public offered to help.

## 18. Article for Community News

Cllr D Justice stated that the deadline for the December issue is 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and her article will include reports on Stay n Play, The Bike Tour, Police Station, litter picks and advertise the Xmas events. She requested that if anyone would like to add anything they either tell or email her. Cllr S Hey suggested the floodlights at the Parish Hall and Cllr D Martin the Christmas Play at the Parish Hall.

Everyone was happy for Cllr D Justice to be the editor and write the article.



19. NALC AGM – To be held 15<sup>th</sup> November Epperstone Village hall at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend. The guest speaker will be Mr Craig Guilford Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police.

It was agreed to nominate Cllr S Hey and Cllr B Briggs for the Executive Committee for 2017/18 and the Clerk and Cllr S Hey as voting delegates.

20. Telephone Mast

The Clerk has received written requests from 5 Councillors to revisit the decision made at the Council meeting in July after Shared Access offered to give the Parish Council more time to consult with the High School.

The Clerk Cllr S Wilson and Cllr J O'Byrne have met with the headmaster at Selston High School. He confirmed that the consultation letters had been distributed and agreed to text all parents to ensure the letters had been received and to place the letter on the school website again.

There has been no further feedback received by the school or the Parish office so the result is still 75% in favour and 25% against.

It was agreed to hold a secret ballot to either accept or decline the deal offered by Shared Access which is a one of payment of £40,000 to site a telephone mast in the grounds of Selston Parish Hall.

**The result of the ballot was to accept the deal offered by Shared Access.**

21. To minute findings from recent by-election

Cllr D Justice & Cllr A Justice left the meeting for this Agenda item.

Cllr S Fletcher stated he did not intend to analyse the recent by- election but he felt that some of the literature produced bought the Parish Council into disrepute.

One of the leaflets stated that the independent councillors were fake independents.

Cllr S Fletcher stated that as an independent he maintains a fair and balanced approach and was very annoyed that the leaflet implied that he and other independent councillors were fake.

Other independent Councillors agreed with Cllr S Fletcher and expressed concern over what the residents must think of the Parish Council, as councillors are here to serve the Community.

It was also noted that those who have worked to create the police office at the Parish Hall were upset by the election leaflet that stated the police officers and police station were fake.

21.30 It was agreed to extend Standing Orders 3w

22. Date of next meeting – Monday, 30 October 2017 at 7.00pm at Underwood Community Centre

23. Confidential Items

The Clerk was asked to investigate a staffing matter and report back to the staff committee.

Meeting Closed at 21.50 hrs