

# NORTHWOOD & TINKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

### For the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Rowsley Village Hall

<b>Councillors:</b>	David Hempshall Tessa Lindebaum	Chris Ragg John Verdicchio	<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Colin Wragg Cllr Marilyn Franks (DDDC) Cllr David Burton (DDDC) PCSO Anthony Boswell (Police)
<b>Others:</b>	Cllr Susan Hobson (DCC) Cllr Roger Shelley (DDDC)	Sarah Porter		

*Report / Action  
Required*

1. Apologies for absence were received from the District Councillors Marilyn Franks and David Burton and PCSO Anthony Boswell (Police).
2. There were no declaration of interests.
3. Public speaking:
  - Cllr Susan Hobson –
    - Explained the background of the Traveller and Gypsy Working Group which was made up of 10 Councillors across all the parties. They looked at every site that had ever been suggested. They visited the sites, spoke to the local Councils and communities. The recommendation to remove the unsuitable sites was approved at the Full District Council meeting in November 2022. Following the elections, the Working Group was reconvened with only 4 Councillors and no Chair. You will see from the report that Cllr Hobson raised her concerns about relooking at all the sites but there has been no material changes to any of these sites. The Clerk explained that Cllr Franks had been emailed in August asking for an update on the Working Group recommendations. She did not receive a response to this email until the Clerk chased in September. The response was that the Council report would be available a week before Full Council. None of the District Councillors informed the Parish Council that the report was available. There was a discussion about this and disappointment about the process expressed.
  - Cllr Roger Shelley –
    - Introduced himself as one of the three new District Councillors.
    - It is very important that a Councillor will always attend a Parish Council.
    - Feels that the Traveller Report shouldn't have been issued in the first place as there were some gaps and questions unanswered and is pleased that this has now been postponed. Please allow the District Council to apologise for this and hopes that we can move forward in a more open and transparent way. The good news is the identification of a permanent site. The issue of the temporary sites needs revisiting to have some clear parameters.
    - Cllr Hempshall explained that from the Parish Councils point of view there is a question of why is there a need to rescind the original report, because what has changed? Cllr Shelley understands the need to answer this. He took on board the need for a local District Councillor to respond to a request from their Parish Council even if it is I will need to look into this. There was a discussion about the cost of revisiting these sites and what new sites have been looked at. The Parish Council is concerned that the research done last year that was clear and transparent is being ignored and work starting again.
    - There was a discussion about the alleged flaws from the decisions made by the previous working group. Cllr Hobson can provide all the evidence required and was available throughout the process. This was a transparent process and provided clarity to the Parish Councils and the Travellers. Priority needs to be given to looking for new sites.
4. There were no items to be taken with the public excluded.
5. The Minutes of the Meetings held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 were approved.
6. Matters Arising (non-decision making):
  - Playing Field was discussed under Item 8
  - Planning applications were discussed under Item 7
  - Finance was discussed under Item 9
  - Correspondence actioned as agreed.
    - There is a grit bin is on Calton Avenue and it is half full.
  - Clerk appointment was discussed under Item 11
7. Planning Applications:

Noted

Signed:.....

Dated:.....

- 23/00797/VCOND, Variation of condition 6 and removal of condition 7 of planning application 21/00494/FUL to vary the hours and use of the dog exercise area and remove the use restriction of the horse arena at North Park Farm, Whitworth Road Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HJ - Refused
- 23/00595/AGR - Proposed replacement of store for agricultural equipment and fodder at Tinkersley House Tinkersley Rowsley Derbyshire DE4 2NJ - DDDC will not be approving or refusing the proposal
- 23/00650/DEM - Prior notification of demolition of bungalow and associated garage. at Meadow View Dale Road North Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2HX – For information only
- T/23/00087/TPO - Fell to ground level 1no. Goat Willow tree (T1). Prune 1no. Goat Willow and Hawthorn by 1.5-2m (G1). Prune 2no. Oak trees by 1.5-2m (T3) and (T4) at 3 Waymark Close Cote Hilloc Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2QT – Permitted with conditions
- 22/01400/FUL - Change of use to hand car wash and valet service with associated drainage operations. - A6 Truck Stop, Dale Road Filling Station, Dale Road, North Darley Dale – Concern over run off from the cleaning of cars and queuing on to the A6 - Refused

8. Playing Field, defibrillator, and footpaths:

- Biodiversity project –
  - Cultivation licence – draft received and emailed for comments – Discussed and agreed to accept the licence. What is needed now is a plan to attach to agree what will be planted.
  - Bench installed, complaint from resident investigated but another location at that part of the field is not possible.
  - Grants can be looked at once the cultivation licence has been agreed.

Cllr  
Lindebaum,  
Cllr Ragg &  
Clerk

9. Finance and Audit

- Accounts to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were noted
- Audit – Eligible for exemption. This was approved and the form signed.
- S137 requests – None
- New expenditure approved:
  - Electronic payment – Clerk Home office contribution - £100
  - Electronic payment – Dalc training - £80
- Expenditure noted:
  - Standing order – Clerk pay - £190.95 per month
  - Direct Debit – DDDC - Election recharges - £179
  - Electronic payment – Insurance - £383.15
- New income noted -
  - Interest – £32.94 (May to August)
  - VAT - £49.05

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10. Correspondence –

- Derbyshire warding launch was noted.
- Peak District National Park Local Plan Review Minerals Topic Paper was noted.
- Cote Hilloc Lorry Park vandalism – The lights are on all the time. There has been no further vandalism.
- Dales Councils Action Group letter – Cllr Hempshall attended this joint meeting at Darley Dale Town Council. The new Town Councillors were not happy with the response they had had from DCC regarding all the road issues on the A6. A joint letter was sent, and a response received. Some of the issues are things like different fibre companies all installing fibre. It was suggested that the remit of the group could be widened to include planning so it would be called an Action Group. Cllr Hempshall is happy to stay on this group.
- Derbyshire Dales District Council Gypsy& Traveller Working Group – This was discussed in public speaking. There was a further discussion about how to respond to the District Council. It was agreed to respond asking that the previous working group work is properly considered. That the Parish Council is informed when recommendations may come back to Full Council and that the current working group
- Snow Warden scheme – It was agreed to join again with the Clerk as Snow Warden. It was agreed to request ½ a pallet of grit.
- DDDC Local Plan – A real determination to get more affordable homes in the District including in the Peak Park.
- Felling licence consultation 017/2237/2023 Darley Dale and Rowsley was noted.
- Letter from Sarah Dines MP for World Environment Day was noted.

11. Appointment of a new Clerk

- Welcome Rachel Verdicchio
- Start date of new Clerk was agreed 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and end date of previous Clerk was the same date.
- It was agreed to look at buying a new laptop which included Microsoft Office. Clerk to have a look at options.

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Signed:.....

Dated:.....

12. Feedback from Meetings and Training:
  - Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 18 September 2023 – Cllr Lindebaum found it very useful. The next meeting is in March, and she would be happy to attend it.
13. For information – Close A6 Derwent Way and A6 Dale Road Matlock for Carriageway Resurfacing 26th Sept to 29th Sept Night Works between 20:00 and 06:00 each night.
14. Dalc newsletter:
  - September
  - August
  - July
15. Reading (circulated by email):
  - Clerk and Councils Direct (paper)
  - Darley Hillside Resident Association Update
  - Planning notices
  - Peak Park Authority Press Releases
  - Derbyshire County Council Community News and Press Releases
  - Derbyshire Dales District Council Press Releases
  - Police Alerts
16. Dates for meetings in 2024 were approved:
  - 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024
  - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024
  - 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024
  - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024
  - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - All meetings held at 7.30pm in Rowsley Village Hall - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND -

- 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023