



## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2023

### Those present :

Chair : Cllr S Clough

Vice-Chair : Cllr N Challenger

Councillors : Cllr B Clamp, Cllr C Curzon, Cllr D Drabble, Cllr S Jackson, Cllr T Lacey, Cllr A Platts, Cllr M Potts, Cllr E Thompson, Cllr W Tinley, Cllr J Windle

Officers : Mrs G Blank, Mrs J France

### **22/229 Chair's Announcements**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were no announcements.

### **22/230 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies have been received from Cllr C Lacey, Cllr B Rice and Cllr M Ritchie and the reasons given were accepted.

### **22/231 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & Other Interests**

a. To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) and personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (section 30 to 33). Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest in accordance with the LGA 1972, s117.

None received.

b. To receive, consider and record Members requests for DPI dispensation (section 31 Localism Act 2011) in connection with items on this agenda. Applications for this must be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

None received.

### **22/232 Adjournment for Public Participation**

There were four members of the public present.

No member of the public wished to speak.

### **22/233 Reports from County and District Councillors & Invited Guests**

There were no County Councillors in attendance.

There were no reports from any District Councillors.

### **22/234 Exclusion of the Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960**

No items on the agenda required the exclusion of the press and public.

### **22/235 Minutes from the previous meeting**

a. To approve the draft minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23rd January 2023.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2023 are a true and accurate record.**

b. To receive an update on an ongoing issues not covered as an agenda item.

Item 22/222 from the previous meeting - the Clerk has written to Derbyshire County Council stating that Killamarsh would like to be considered as a Neighbourhood Plan area. No response has been received as yet.

Item 22/224 from the previous meeting - the Clerk has written to NEDDC about the land to the rear of 29-69 Rotherwood Road. No response has been received as yet.

## **22/236 Finance Committee**

a. To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on the 20th February 2023 (if available).

The minutes were received and noted.

The minutes had been completed after the Full Council agenda had been issued and therefore the Clerk asked if the recommendation by the Finance Committee to approve the alterations to the Community Hub so that the Parish Office could move in - Item FIN78 - could be agreed at this meeting and ratified at the next available meeting.

Cllr Potts asked if more than one quote had been received for the works and the Clerk confirmed that it had.

Cllr Windle asked if there was any other work that needed doing in the Community Hub and the Chair said the heating/hot water system would need some improvement in the future, but was working.

**RESOLVED: That the alterations to the Community Hub are approved and to be ratified at the next meeting of Full Council.**

b. To receive the budget report for the period April 2022 to January 2023.

Cllr Potts questioned the amounts of leisure centre subsidy paid to NEDDC. The Chair explained that this was on a decreasing scale and that for 2023/24 it would be £95k, including a previously unbudgeted £20k for the leisure centre condition survey and boilers.

Cllr Potts asked what the money saved from when the Parish Council was running the leisure centre at a loss was being used for. The Chair said that it had been used to ensure the Parish Council Reserves are in within the legal requirements and had also been needed to pay for costs associated with the Community Hub (formerly CLOC Building), and for redundancy payments when the leisure centre moved to the control of NEDDC.

Cllr Windle said that the Parish Council could have been making money from the Community Hub (formerly CLOC Building) if they had leased it out to a private company. The Chair said that it was important to keep it as a community building for the residents of Killamarsh.

The budget report for the period April 2022 to January 2023 was received and noted.

## **22/237 Events & Communications Committee**

- To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on the 7th February 2023.

The minutes were received and noted.

**22/238 Environment & Climate Change Committee**

- To receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on the 15th February 2022.

The minutes were received and noted.

**22/239 Motions requested by Members**

Cllr Wendy Tinley

1. Norwood Play Area Funding

*The Environmental and Climate Change Committee have been authorised by Full Council at the December Full Council meeting to apply for funding from the NED UK Shared Prosperity Fund for Quality Parks and Play Areas to improve Norwood Play area. The Deputy Clerk has submitted a funding application and is awaiting a response which is due mid-February. It is hopeful that the Parish Council will be successful in obtaining at least 50% funding towards the cost of the project which is valued at £60,554.19 (inclusive of VAT which is reclaimable).*

*My motion is to request that the Parish Council approves the use of the EMR Environmental reserve (valued at £85,696.04) to cover any funding shortfall to ensure this worthwhile project will go ahead for the benefit of the children at Norwood.*

Cllr Windle stated that he thought it funny that the Norwood play area development is happening as the May elections are approaching when it has been ongoing for three years. The Chair said the project would not be completed until after the elections.

Cllr Thompson stated she had sent an email prior to the meeting to ask why a local playground company - AEL - had not been asked to quote for the Norwood development. Cllr Potts agreed that AEL should have been asked to provide a quote as they are local to Killamarsh. The Chair and the Clerk both said they were unaware of this company, but would make a note for any future playground developments. The Chair said that it would be inappropriate now that the quotation for the preferred company - Kompan - was in the public domain, to seek an additional quote at this stage. Cllr Clamp asked why Cllr Potts had not informed the office about AEL when the Norwood Play area development was first being discussed. Cllr Potts said that a simple Google search brings up AEL as a local supplier.

Cllr Potts then said that her main issue with this motion was that she did not think that the EMR Environmental Reserve should be used to fund the Norwood play area. She believes that a developer contribution income stream should have been explored prior to allocating the ring fenced funds.

Cllr Tinley's motion was seconded by Cllr Clough and eight were in favour of supporting the motion, with one against and three abstentions.

**RESOLVED: That the use of the EMR Environmental Reserve to cover any funding shortfall for the Norwood Play Area project is approved.**

2. King Charles III Coronation proposal

*At the Events and Communication Committee held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 the King Charles III coronation was discussed and what options were available to the Parish Council to celebrate this. It was duly noted that King Charles III has stated he would like a low key event, so the Committee decided that the option of a one off party/celebration would not be appropriate, also given that the Parish Council are already organising a village festival to take place in July. Other options were discussed.*

*One alternative option raised by Cllr Clough for discussion was the idea of a new park being created in the name of King Charles III, on land at High Moor and he explained that the residents of High Moor had been looking at the possibility of a new park prior to lockdown, but this unfortunately came to an end due to Covid. He went on to explain that after discussions with a few residents, a park was something they would really like, given they had lost the existing park many years ago, that unfortunately used to flood.*

*After a discussion with Cllr Clough, I would like to propose that the Parish Council consider the proposal of a new park on land at High Moor in the name of King Charles III, as a long lasting legacy and that the Environment and Climate Change Committee look to engage with local residents and schools in the design of the park, working closely with young people, so they are able to see the work and cost applied to the project, encouraging them to nurture and look after the park for future users. The committee to also look at options for funding this project, including working with local businesses and funding bodies, while also considering any available funds left in the Environment project pot, after funding is allocated to the Norwood Park project.*

The Clerk said she had spoken to Parsons Construction who had indicated they would be open to a discussion about this proposed project. Cllr Thompson asked what was meant by a park, e.g. some benches aimed at older residents or a playground. If it was the latter she did not think there were many children or families living in that area. The Chair said that the new housing development did have a considerable number of families with children and pre-pandemic a park had been considered for the area by the owners of the Travellers Rest Public House. Cllr Thompson asked if there could be a public consultation as part of the research into options for a park. Cllr Windle asked if there would be any S106 monies available for this development and he also noted that the land was sloping and so may not be suitable. The Clerk said that at this stage the motion is to consider a park in the area and to look at all options that may be suitable.

Cllr Clamp said he would second the motion and there was one abstention, with all the rest in favour.

**RESOLVED: To conduct research looking at options for a park at High Moor, to include funding options and any appropriate consultations.**

**22/240**

**Planning**

- To determine any action required on the planning application information, from lists circulated by the office previously.

Councillors had some general concerns with regards to the use of Section 73 and the variation or removal of conditions from planning applications without the requirement to submit a new application. The Chair said that it was important that district councillors should do what they can to highlight these issues at planning meetings as most applications seem to gain approval.

Cllr Potts asked if on future agendas any planning applications in Killamarsh could be listed individually for discussion.

There were no particular applications of concern currently from lists circulated by the office.

**RESOLVED: To list individual planning applications on future agendas.**

**22/241**

**Policies**

- To consider and approve the Corporate Risk Assessment Policy & Register.

At the request of Cllr Potts the Clerk had added some additional information to the policy.

**RESOLVED: That the Corporate Risk Assessment Policy & Register is approved.**

**22/242 Reports from Members**

- To receive reports from Parish Councillors who have attended recent meetings or events on behalf of the Parish Council including representation on external bodies:

- a. Veolia Norwood - nothing to report
- b. Chesterfield Canal Trust - nothing to report
- c. Community Support for Killamarsh (Bread Charity) - nothing to report
- d. NEDDC/Parish Liaison - nothing to report

**22/243 Items for discussion for a future agenda**

- Canal Bridge lease
- Cemetery SLA
- Parish Suite Working Party
- Request for a new bench at Linear Park
- Policies to be updated
- Trees at Rectory Gardens

**22/244 Date of the Next Council Meeting**

- 27th March 2023

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm.