

MONYASH PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7 February 2022 at 7pm at the Monyash Village Hall

Cllrs present:	S Mudford	P Riley
	J Scoggins (chair)	J White

Also in attendance was the new Parish Clerk Pip Gilbert, outgoing Parish Clerk Lesley Fitton, Joe Alsop (DD National Nature Reserve - Senior Manager) and Cllr Graham Elliott (DDDC).

0222/01 Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Woolley and Cllr Simon Spencer

0222/02 Declarations of interest None were made at this point of the meeting

0222/03 Report any item that the Chair has agreed to add Covered under agenda items 0222/05 and 0222/06

0222/04 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13 December 2021 It was resolved to confirm these as correct

0222/05 Village Voice The issues with the upkeep and maintenance of the Monyash toilets were discussed with Joe Alsop, including the annual costs being around £3k to maintain (40% of the precept), vandalism and blockages. Whilst there is a donation box for the toilets it typically covers only 30% of the costs. The Council consider that the only options are to get help in running the toilets or they will have to be closed. Joe Alsop stated that Natural England are keen to keep the toilets open for the benefit of visitors to the reserve. He would enquire what support can be given and report back at the next Parish Council meeting of 7 March.

It was also agreed that Joe met with Cllr Scoggins to discuss the boundaries around the toilets.

0222/06 Communications received not reported elsewhere on the agenda

It was resolved to renominate Cllr Riley for the Palfreyman and Ralph Rider Charities (collectively the Monyash Charities).

Cllr White stated that it is now a criminal offence to park half on/off pavements but that parking on the verges in Monyash continues to be an issue. Action for Clerk to raise the matter with PCSO Ben Morris and the Highways Authority.

The dog issue has been resolved by the Police through a community protection notice.

Peak Tour Cycling event on 3 September, the Council have some concerns about the event going through Monyash, in particular the food station positions based on previous cycle events. Action for the Clerk to request further information on the event for discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr Scoggins informed the Council of a letter received from Western Power stating they will be completing tree work at the toilets. Action Cllr Scoggins to investigate further

Cllr Scoggins informed the Council that Wells week will likely to be on the run up to 3 June when there will a village market for the Jubilee run by the Village Hall. Clerk believes there maybe a Jubilee grant available from the County Council. Action for the Clerk to investigate grant options and to discuss with a Village Hall representative whether a grant would be needed.

The Council discussed the ongoing concern of the litter going into the recycling area which appears to be coming from Rake Farm. Action for the Clerk to contact owners about the matter.

0222/07 Planning applications:

- a. NP/DDD/0122/0035 – Solar panels Tagg Lane Grange. Majority support application
- b. Note Council opinion on NP/GDO/1221/1358 The Whim Tagg Lane was to support this application. Cllr Riley registered her interest in the application and did not comment on it.
- c. Others received after agenda set
 - o NP/TCA/0122/0119 – Shepley House Chapel Street removal of tree. Council resolved to have no comment about the matter
 - o NP/DDD/0122/0098 – The Grange Chapel Street proposed alterations to existing dwelling. The Council resolved to support the application
 - o NP/DDD/0122/0113 – The Grange Chapel Street listed building consent. The Council resolved to support the application.

0222/08 Risks identified in the Parish including the loose wall near the toilets.

Cllr Scoggins is in discussions with a Waller to address the loose wall issue.

Cllr Mudford highlighted that the pavement outside Ivy House on Church Street has become a large trip hazard. Action for Clerk to include in email to the Highway Authority.

0222/09 To discuss and agree works required of the toilets including the FiPL grant for the contactless card door installer. It was decided to put this agenda item on hold subject to the outcome of Joe Alsop discussions as per agenda item 0222/05.

0222/10 Discuss progress on environmental matters:

- a. Cut back of the trees at Fere Mere – It was resolved for Cllr Scoggins to work with the Clerk to get the formal planning application submitted (it has been verbally permitted) and for the work to commence as soon as practicable
- b. 3-5 year plan for all the trees the PC is responsible for – it was resolved to put this on hold at present
- c. Sycamore and willow tree crowns at the mere – The sycamore tree is planned to be completed this year, however, the willow tree will need to be put on hold as a kingfisher has taken residence there.
- d. 2 grass verges opposite the church – it was resolved to try to get this addressed, first step for the Clerk to include the matter in the email to Highways Authority as above.
- e. Safety mirror near Swallow Barn – Cllr White provided the Council with an update on his progress and dealings with the County Council. He will continue to push on this, and will request assistance from the Clerk if required e.g. to include the matter in the above Highways Authority email. Cllr White stated that it is key that an experienced person installs the safety mirror to ensure it is appropriately set minimising any safety issues.
- f. Move of litter bins outside Turners Barn to near the current dog waste bin on Naylor Lane will be completed during the w/c 7 February 22.
- g. Electric car charging point – Cllr White stated this is not financially a viable option at present. Action: Cllr White to look to see what County Council funds are available which may make this viable.

0222/11 Filming at the mere – Cllr Scoggin provided the Council with a summary of the meeting with James Manisty, Plimsoll Production Manager, and the follow-on email from him. The Council on the whole was in agreement with the proposed changes to the filming agreement including the option of either a reimbursement fee of £200/day (approximately £3000) or for the filming company to donate to an environmental project relating to the mere. Action Cllr Scoggin to look into obtaining quotes for work at the mere, Clerk to chase James Manisty for the updated legal agreement reiterating that he needs to be liaising with the Clerk on behalf of the Council who are responsible for the mere. Clerk also to forward on James's email to the rest of the Council.

0222/12 Scattering of ashes – It was resolved to permit the scattering. Action Clerk to email a response requesting that, as it is a public place, some discretion is used on timings and weather in light of the nearby of school, café and pub.

0222/13 Village plans for Queens jubilees including commemorative tree. Queens jubilee was covered under agenda item 0222/06. The potential of a commemorative tree will be discussed later in the year.

0222/14 Progress on traffic speeding and parking issues in particular:

- a. Moving of Tagg Lane speed signs – Action Clerk to include in Highways Authority email noted above
- b. Repainting of the zigzags outside the school - completed
- c. Parking outside Swallow Barn on Church Street – Clerk to follow up with PCSO Ben Morris

0222/15 Current financial position statement and to agree changes in banking arrangements including Direct Debits for water and energy suppliers.

The Clerk summarised the financial position, stating that as at the end of December there was £15999 between the current and reserve bank accounts. It was resolved for Cllr White and the new Clerk to be added to the banking mandate, and for all banking correspondence to be sent to the new Clerk. It was agreed for the Clerk to set up direct debits for the water and energy suppliers. Cllr Elliott (DDDC) stated that the Council need to consider what grants they require from Cllr Spencer (DCC) start from April, and Cllr Elliott grant after May. Clerk to add to the next meeting agenda.

0222/16 Invoices approved. The following were approved for payment:

- Lesley Fitton £311.98 which includes salary £173.42, payment made to E Lowe for toilet clean £105, £33,56 paid for water rates
- Street Cleaning for bus shelter cleaning £48
- Pip Gilbert £159.53
- DDDC Direct Debit £56.95 for emptying litter bins
- Water Plus DD (to be set up)

0222/17 Annual Auditor – It was resolved for Brian Wood to be the annual auditor.

0222/18 Date of next meeting. It was resolved that the next Council meeting be held on Monday 7 March 2022 7pm, at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9pm.