

# Monyash Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Attendees

Councillors: - J Scoggins (chair), P Riley, S Mudford, A Woolley, J White.

Acting clerk: - L Fitton

Apologies: - G Elliot

1. Election of new chair and vice chair
  - a. J Scoggins resigned as standing chair as no other councillor wished to take on the role it was agreed that the meetings would be chaired on a rolling basis with councillors taking turns in alphabetical order. Therefore, meeting in June to be chaired by S Mudford.
  - b. S Mudford also indicated that she will be retiring from the Parish council from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2022 and as such a vacancy will be posted.
2. Declarations of interest
  - a. Item 4d was declared an item of interest by JS
3. Approval of minutes from April 2022
  - a. These were approved
4. Finances
  - a. Outgoings
    - i. Water rates £46.12 DD
    - ii. Electricity £101.23 DD
    - iii. Direct 365 £129 (annual sanitary bin emptying)
    - iv. Toilet rolls £38.40
    - v. Cleaning of toilets £140
    - vi. Signage £58.21
    - vii. Jubilee weekend marquee plus extras £500
    - viii. Insurance £232.69
    - ix. Additional emptying of dog waste bins £237.62 DD
    - x. Repair of walls at toilets at Mere £372 (invoice received after agenda issued)
  - b. Income
    - i. Payment from car parking spaces received for all five slots £125
    - ii. VAT claim made in Feb and received £142.93
    - iii. Payment from filming at Mere £800
    - iv. Jubilee Grant £500
    - v. Precept received £7185
    - vi. Donation money box payments approx. £505 (not banked at time of meeting)
  - c. Review of bank statements agreed
  - d. Tender for mowing and toilet cleaning
    - i. Three tenders were received for mowing coming in at £2340, £2320, and £1957. The PC agreed all were offering a similar service and therefore awarded the tender to the cheapest T&J Scoggins.
    - ii. Two tenders were received for toilet cleaning current supplier at £35/week and an alternative at £12/hour. The PC agreed to talk to the second applicant to discuss availability and number of hours/week required. It was agreed that if a new contractor were appointed, they would be given a 3-month trial and current incumbent would be given 1 months' notice.
5. Planning applications
  - a. Approved NP/DDD/0122/0113 and 0098 at the Grange
  - b. Approved NP/DDD/0222/0155 at 3 The Orchard
  - c. For discussion as arrived post agenda being issued NP/DDD/0122/0108 Greystones. The PC approved with the caveat that all footpaths be kept clear.

6. Replacement of clerk. LF informed that her tenure as acting clerk would be finished with completion of actions from this meeting and that a temporary clerk should be appointed for the next meeting. JS to contact DALC.
7. Toilets.
  - a. Complaint from a villager to the village about the height of the hump into the area outside the toilets was discussed. It was noted that this is not designed as a speed hump but is in fact a flood barrier and whilst there is a notice saying that visitors enter at their own risk a further notice would be added highlighting the barrier may not be suitable for all cars to cross and that some paint would be applied to the barrier to make it more obvious.
  - b. We could apply for a grant to refurbish the toilets from Farming in a Protective landscape. It was agreed that the priorities for work would be 1. trees overhanging the toilets 2. roof 3. flood defence 4. doors 5 car park surface. Quotes need to be applied for the above work.
8. Environmental issues
  - a. Cut back of trees to be carried forward
  - b. Lifting of sycamore crown to be conducted this month.
9. Traffic Issues
  - a. The area outside Church View Farm to be repaired and returned to grass at no cost to PC.
  - b. Movement of sign on Tagg Lane
  - c. Installation of road narrowing sign on Church Street
  - d. Installation of speeding signs/indicators

Items b, c, and d to be followed up by JW
10. Jubilee celebration PC acquired a grant of £500 towards this.
11. Filming at Mere for May. Three more days work to be filmed this month.
12. Clerks report
  - a. The asset register for this year was reviewed and signed
  - b. Noted that we received two complimentary notes from visitors regarding the facilities available in the village.
  - c. Risk assessment reviewed and approved for stalls on the green on 3rd June
  - d. Picture of chosen bench to be circulated to councillors and if no objection ordered by LF.
  - e. It was agreed that we would get more visible signage for our donation boxes
  - f. The Church have asked if we could provide some financial help. It was agreed that a one of payment could be provided and requested they provide a written request outlining amounts and for what the money will be used.
13. Date of next meeting 6th June. S Mudford to be chair and acting clerk to be appointed.

Meeting closed at 20.50