



The Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 23rd July 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The Councillors unanimously elected Dr. Sue Pritchard as Chair and Sue Colebeck as Vice Chair. Dr. Pritchard signed the Acceptance of Office.

1 Members present: Councillors Stuart Eyre, Sue Pritchard, Sue Colebeck, Rob Haylock, Vicky Lightfoot, Tim Porte,

In attendance: County Councillor Deborah Taylor, Borough Councillor David Snartt, Clerk Pam McMorran, P.C.S.O Ali Cochrane.

2. Apologies for absence: Councillor Tara Pickles, Tree Warden Brian Anderson

3 Confirm and sign minutes of the June meeting. These were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

4 Declaration of Parish Councillor's personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items:

The Chairman represents the Gardening Club on the Village Hall Committee

5 Police and NHW reports: - P.C.S.O. Ali Cochrane reported that several cars had been broken into on the Bradgate car parks and a fork lift truck had been stolen from in the village. He reported that several new P.C.S.O's may be appointed in the autumn but he was not sure where they would be based. Mrs. McMorran in her capacity as NHW Co-ordinator had not received any reports of any crime issues.

6. Report by the County Councillor

County Council Report July

Highways Initiative

£0.55m has been allocated for an enhanced highway service for parishes and communities for the remainder of 2019/20. This money will also be used for a detailed survey of highway assets.

The proposals for an enhanced service to parishes and communities has been developed due to the increase in the number of parish communications directly to the service. There has been a reduction in the amount of officer time available to attend parish meetings and site visits. The nature of enquires has also become more complex as communities seek to carry out network improvements. The main service areas reported by parishes are obstructions from trees and hedges and issues with road signs.

The proposals are to increase officer capacity, improvement service delivery to customers, support parishes and communities to take on activities and deliver improvements and rejuvenate existing assets. In regard to parish engagement, two special project officers will be recruited to increase dialogue with parishes and for to enable parishes to increase their understanding and expertise regarding highway operating.

LGA Conference

I attended the Local Government Association Conference in the first week of July in Bournemouth. It was very pleasant weather but did not even make the beach but was inside the conference most of the day and evenings. It was a great conference with plenty of new ideas and plans coming forward and of course plenty of cross party networking.

I also attended a few fringe events, and one in particular that I attended was a 'virtual reality' session. This involved putting on the VR goggles and becoming a baby inside the womb. For the next 10 minutes I was shown, through the eyes of a child, what child trauma was, from hearing the abuse my mother suffered to being neglected by my parents. It was a moving experience and I was glad we were offered a glass of sparkling wine afterwards to calm my nerves!

Household Recycling Centres

On Tuesday 25th June, the Cabinet gave approval to commence a public consultation exercise over proposed changes to the Recycling and Household Waste Sites summer opening hours.

The proposal is to reduce the summer opening hours by 2 hours a day to close at 5pm instead of 7pm, April to September. Winter hours will remain the same. The consultation on the proposed service change started on Monday 1st July and will run until 23rd September 2019. The report also noted that the service intends to expand the current permit scheme to accept commercial style fridges and freezers and the acceptance of car tyres and hazardous wood for a small charge.

If implemented, the change to operational hours is planned for by the end of 2020/21 and estimated to save £134,000. The introduction of additional work streams will save approximately £2,000.

Traffic and Parking

I am, along with David, receiving emails from residents about continued issues with traffic and parking in Newtown Linford. I realise that not all residents were helped by the elongated H's put down in Grey Crescent but the majority of residents that have contacted me stating that there have been improvements. I think we need to be realistic about what problems we can find solutions for and unless we have a total ban of parking in Newtown Linford we are not going to eliminate all the problems. As you are aware the County Council undertook a traffic survey during the Easter Weekend, and I shared the first findings with you. We are waiting for the full analysis of the survey and this is likely to be in September. As you are also aware, the Director has resigned and the options going forward will be discussed at the Bradgate Park next Trustees meeting in September. I suspect that with these two things there are likely to be some changes made and I would prefer to wait until further information is available and further clarity is known. I know this leaves us with a summer to get through.

The Councillors requested the Clerk to write to LCC to express their concern over the proposed cutting of opening hours at the tips since they felt this would encourage more fly tipping.

The Councillors requested the Chair to draft a letter to be sent to Councillor Deborah Taylor to be for the attention of the Bradgate Park Trustees.

7. Report by the Borough Councillor

Deputy Mayor.

I am now installed as the Deputy Mayor of Charnwood for this Council year, already I have had some interesting and enjoyable engagements within the Borough. I have recently attended the Rempstone Steam and Country Show which has supported local and national charities for over 60 years. This was a great way to travel back in time, seeing all these magnificent types of steam engines, which included traction engines and steam rollers, also miniature engines which are often scale replicas of full size engines. I can recommend a day out next year, I don't think you would be disappointed, there is something there for all the family.

I have also attended 8 graduation ceremonies at Loughborough University. It is always a special occasion to see the young people receiving their degrees from one of the country's leading universities, which has an international

reputation for excellence in teaching and research, strong links with industry and unrivalled sporting achievement. I am sure everyone attending, especially family members, were very proud of their achievements.

Planning Application, Maplewell Road.

Information about the appeal hearing for the proposal to build up to 50 dwellings on land adjacent to Maplewell Road, Woodhouse Eaves.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday 1st October starting at 10.00am. I have managed to have the hearing take place in the Village Hall, Woodhouse Eaves, as this is now a local venue, I would be very grateful if as many residents as possible will attend on the day. The hearing is scheduled to last for one day.

Charnwood Borough Council have forwarded all the representations previously made by people to the Planning Inspectorate. All of these will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal. I am grateful for all the support and the time taken by residents to register their objections and observations to this development proposal. In my view, it will be enormously helpful if people do attend the hearing to show the strength of feeling against the proposal.

Planning Application, The Outwoods.

The Outwoods is situated close to my Ward, therefore, I thought it would be of interest to let you know about the latest planning application put forward by Charnwood Borough Council. This is to convert the derelict former Ranger's Cottage into a café and visitors' centre. The building has been empty for a number of years and it is intended that the visitor centre would include a café, toilets and a space for displays. It would also be adapted to encourage bats to roost.

I know many local residents visit the Outwoods, especially when the bluebells are out. They would have seen over the last couple of years the double decker bus café which has been very successful, thanks to the partnership with the operator. This new proposal would provide space for a café and more, it would also make better use of the empty building. The planning application can be viewed on the Charnwood Borough Council website under application number P/19/1281/2.

Whilst on the subject of a café, I understand that a new café opened at the lower end of the Beacon Hill Country Park on the 29th July. This Leicestershire County Council run café is fitted with an outdoor seating area and bike racks. The aim of the café is to go plastic-free in support of the zero-waste movement that is sweeping the nation. It is also the aim to become a hub for community events and recreational activities like cycling and hiking. The new café will serve a range of luxury hot drinks, light bites, hot food and snacks.

Sports Awards 2019.

It is that time of the year again. Charnwood Borough Council are now looking for nominations for the 2019 Charnwood Sports Awards. The awards will again recognise the success of athletes, coaches and volunteers who make a difference to sport achievements and physical activity in the Borough.

So if you know someone in Charnwood who's sporting achievements deserve to be recognised please nominate them, I would be delighted to see people being nominated from my area. The awards ceremony will take place on Monday 2nd December. This is a great evening to be part of, with all the best of local sporting talent coming together to celebrate some fantastic achievements that have taken place during the year.

To nominate online or find out more about the awards and the 11 categories visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/sportsawards or call 01509 634592. The deadline for nominations is 5.00pm on Friday 27th September 2019.

Grant Applications.

I just wanted to remind organisations and groups within my Ward that Charnwood Borough Council have grant schemes to help with projects which support local communities. In the latest round of grants, groups in Charnwood have been awarded over £20,000 in funding to support local projects. For more information about the Council's grant schemes visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/grants.

May I also remind organisations and groups within my Ward that I still have funding available through the Member Grant Scheme. Please get in touch to discuss any possible projects you may be involved with which would benefit from some financial help.

Carbon Neutral by 2030.

Charnwood Borough Council has declared its intention to be carbon neutral by 2030. The intention builds on the Council's current work to reduce its carbon footprint which has seen the increased use of LED lighting, energy efficient heating systems in its buildings and electric fleet vehicles.

The latest carbon management monitoring report shows the Council has reduced its carbon footprint by 32% since 2012/13, thanks to using less energy, more power from renewable energy sources and reducing waste. There is also a cost saving, in 2017/18 the Council spent nearly £139,000 less on carbon related costs, such as energy and transport, than in 2012/13. More information is available at www.charnwood.gov.uk/carbonpledge.

8. Village Governance and Residents: - none other than reported elsewhere

9. Planning issues:

- a. The question of the halted work at Grey Crescent was raised. Councillor Snartt reported that it was trying to be resolved by a compromise but as yet it had been unsuccessful.
- b. Councillor Snartt reported that a preapplication consultation had been put in to Charnwood by the developer for the ex caravan park site but that this was confidential and the planning committee were not allowed to read it.

Tree matters: - Tree Warden Brian had confirmed that he had looked at the following and found no reasons for TPO's to be made.

P/19/1379/2 - Lilac Cottage

P/19/1102/2 - Rose Cottage 11-13 Main Street - *subsequently withdrawn*

P/19/1378/2 - Holly Cottage 96 Main Street

10. Bob Bown Memorial Field: - Councillor Stuart Eyre reported that someone was removing the ties from the football nets. Clerk to inform residents about this. It was confirmed that the nets were still in a reasonable condition and new ones were not yet required.

11. Village Magazine: - The Revd. Richard Trethewey had requested the Editor to remove details for booking the Sunday School as a lease would soon be signed. The clerk had also removed this from the village website. It was noted that the Brownies would be using the newly built school hall from September as they can no longer use the Sunday School.

12. Parish Council Website:- nothing other than that mentioned at paragraph 11.

13. Village Hall: - nothing to report

14. Highways, footpaths and traffic: - Councillor David Snartt confirmed that he was keen for the Parish Council to carry out a survey with parish residents to ascertain what is still to be done. He offered to personally deliver to all households. A meeting was arranged for the questions to be agreed. This would be on Monday 8th August, commencing 6 p.m. Councillor Deborah Taylor expressed her concern that this survey should not get people's hopes up too much.

Councillor Snartt said that he had contacted LCC to express his concerns over the unsatisfactory weed spraying this year.

A Councillor expressed their concern over the dedicated patch for wild flowers on Markfield Lane. The clerk was asked to write to Clair Costello a resident who was believed to be keeping an eye on this area.

Councillor Tim Porte expressed his concerns over a footpath being covered in brambles near to Bradgate Park. Councillor Deborah Taylor asked him to forward these details to her to deal with. Since the meeting the LCC Officer has provided a plan of the area to be marked on it. He will then visit and ascertain what if anything can be done.

15. Cemetery: - Following the meeting it was reported that one of the newly planted trees had been damaged by the hay cutting machinery. This would be replaced in the autumn possibly in a slightly different position to avoid this happening again.

Churchyard - The clerk confirmed that the contractors had been instructed to carry out the work as quoted for previously in accordance with the plan drawn up at a previous meeting with members of All Saints.

16. Bradgate Park Trust: It was noted that Peter Tyldesley would be leaving his post at the end of July. Councillor Deborah Taylor as a Trustee of the Bradgate Trust reported that they would soon be having a meeting concerning whether the position of Director would be replaced. It was anticipated that management may change course over the coming months. It was agreed the Chair would write to Peter Tyldesley to wish him well for the future and to thank him for participating in conversations with the Parish Council.

17. Reports by Councillors/Clerk: - Councillor Tim Port reported that he had attended the Planning lecture at CBC and it had been most useful. Councillor Stuart Eyre had had to cancel at the last minute. The question of opening documents on the Planning Portal in various browsers had been discussed and concerns expressed at the unsatisfactory performance of the site.

18. Correspondence: none

19. Items of Interest or for future meetings: -

20. Finance: Authorisation for payment of invoices

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| DD | Public Works Loan repayment | 2468.06 |
| TT | Cartridge Save - toner for printer | 129.36 |
| TT | Clerk Salary July | 1063.10 |
| TT | Broadband July | 47.00 |
| TT | Plantscape - hanging baskets and 3 tier planter | 775.92 |
| TT | APB - quarterly village hall rent | 437.50 |
| TT | Cartridge Save - waste tank | 12.86 |

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| TT | LCC - enforcement officers | 1260.00 |
| TT | M. Brewin - Christmas tree erection - fitting of two VAS signs plus parts | 852.00 |
| TT | Richard Howard - mulch for cemetery | 20.02 |
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| Bank Balances | @ 22nd July 2019 business current | 2316.86 |
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A copy of the bank transactions for the month are attached to the filed hard copy of the minutes.
Copy of any letters referred to are filed with the hard copy.

21. Dates of next three Parish Council Meetings Monday 19th August, Monday 16th September, Monday 21st October

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.