# Ironville Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held at the Community Centre, Victoria Street on Monday 26 September 2022 at 7pm**

Present: Chair: Councillor P Cope

Councillors: Allsop-Jones, C Gent, E Holgate, Y Hutsby-Bird and P Rose

Also, in Attendance: Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)

Councillor Jack Brown (AVBC) Three members of the public

# FC/0922/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors D. Long and T Bowler

# FC/0922/02 Variation of Order of Business

Item 8 (AVBC Playground) to be taken after item 2

# FC/0922/08 AVBC Playground

Councillor Brown had discussed the Council’s request to upgrade New Road play area with Chris Beale. He advised that AVBC were not going to upgrade the playground because of ASB nearby. He suggested the Council contact Chris to discuss repair and maintenance of the existing equipment and whether AVBC would consider a joint funding bid for new equipment.

# FC/0922/03 Declaration of Members Interest

None

# FC/0922/04 Public Speaking

AVBC Councillor Jack Brown

* Told the Council that the hanging baskets and planters looked great.
* Advised that the dog warden had found no fouling when he visited New Road playground.
* Advised he would look at providing the rotary sledge to the parish council on 3 December 2022.

DCC Councillor Phil Rose

* Thanked Clerk for circulating the devolution plans and advised that he did not think this was going to be best outcome for the parish.

Team Tree Representative

* Explained that they did not see the need for another Christmas Working Group which is why they were not involved but they wanted to continue to work closely with the Council.
* Requested Council support with Highways in relation to two missing plugs from lampposts.

# FC/0922/05 Exclusion of the Public

None

# FC/0922/06 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 July 2022 were confirmed as a correct record under the provisions for approval and signature by the Chair.

# FC/0922/07 Co-Option of Parish Councillors (two)

The Council considered the two applications and **Resolved:** to co-opt Katrina Allsop-Jones and Balwinder Gill. Having accepted office Councillor Allsop-Jones joined the meeting.

# FC/0922/09 Finance

**Signed Dated** 21/11/2022

1. Annual Governance & Accountability – External Auditor Report

The Council noted the report concluded that Sections 1 and 2 were in accordance with Proper Practices. The Council noted that the AGAR had to be re-done as expenses included in box 4 rather than 6. The Clerk advised Scribe cost codes had been updated to separate these out.

1. Accounts for Payment – the Council **Resolved:** to approve the payments as set out in Schedule 1.
2. **Resolved:** that the August 2022 bank reconciliations were confirmed as correct and signed as approved by the Chair.
3. The Council noted the Budget Summary to 30 August 2022.

SAA Opt-Out – Resolved: to stay in with central external auditor appointment

1. Co-op Banking Update – Clerk had established who approved signatories were from bank and had completed new form
2. Unity Trust update – the Clerk explained once co-op signatories in order a date for transfer of account can be agree
3. S137 grant applications - None.

# FC/0922/10 Christmas 2022

1. Allocation of Jubilee Monies – details of spend and income were given and it was **Resolved:** that the Jubilee Working Group pay £489.98 to the Council and this money would be used for Christmas expenditure.
2. Silhouettes – the Clerk updated the Council on meeting with City Illuminations and advised that their cost of converting a lamppost to DCC specification was £345. The cost of hiring silhouettes, including testing, erection & dismantle was £200 each. The Council **Resolved:**
   1. to commission City Illuminations to convert 10 lampposts to DCC specification at a one-off cost of

£3,450 (excluding VAT).

* 1. to hire 13 silhouettes at cost of £2,600 (excluding VAT)
  2. to dispose of Council’s old silhouettes safely

1. Village Christmas Tree – the Clerk advised City Illuminations would install the tree lights for £400 (excluding VAT) which was £294 less than last year’s supplier. The Council **Resolved:** to order village tree for outside Post Office from Mr Christmas Tree and commission City Illuminations to install lights.
2. Church Trees – the Chair advised that the parochial council had given permission to the Council to install lights as in previous years and that they would not be claiming for the electricity costs. The Clerk advised that cost of installing lights from City Illuminations needed clarification and it was **Resolved:** to commission City Illuminations to install lights provided cost was lower than last year’s supplier charge of £999.
3. Christmas Working Group – **Resolved:** to terminate this group

# FC/0922/11 Village Matters

1. Tree Preservation Order – Council noted the AVBC were applying an order to Highfield Wood, Bullock Lane.
2. Remembrance – the Chair advised that the Church had given permission to erect one of the Tommies in the churchyard; that the warden was sourcing a cherry picker to install the 3 lamppost Tommies and locating a place for Unknown Tommy; the order to install the illuminated poppy on lamppost by school has been placed.
3. Trade Waste Bin – the Council considered the option to replace the 240L bin outside the Community Centre with a 660L one. The cost of this is an increase of £7.49 pw for emptying, this is offset by no longer using and contributing to the FoCC bin.
4. Cost of Living Crisis – Councillor Allsop-Jones advised the Council that the Pantry will be opening in the village at end of October. For a small membership fee residents can buy groceries at much reduced prices.
5. Snow Warden Scheme 2022/2023 – the Council **Resolved:** to join the scheme again
6. Other village matters:
7. Dog Fouling – the Council agreed that residents are to be encouraged to report incidents to AVBC

# FC/0922/12 Futures

No update

# FC/0922/13 Report of the Clerk

* 1. Action Plan – update noted.
  2. General Correspondence - the Council noted the general correspondence

# FC/0922/14 Highways/Footpaths

1. Definitive Map – no update
2. Highways requiring action – Councillor Holgate requested that urgent consideration be given to traffic flow at Monument Lane, **Resolved:** to request that Highways be asked to attend the village to consider options for longer term safety in relation to the bottom of Monument Lane.
3. Footpath Maintenance – Councillor Cope raised concerns about overgrown verges on Victoria Street, it was noted that this work was on the DCC list for action and that extra resources were being deployed by the County to catch up on backlogs. It was **Resolved:** Councillor Rose to establish timescales for this work.
4. HGVs – the Council **Resolved:** to contact DCC to establish if they would be supporting the call for HGVs not to be allowed to use car sat navs.

# FC/0922/14 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The Council noted the contents of September 2022 circular.

# FC/0922/15 Planning Applications

The Council considered applications AVA/2022/0730 and **Resolved:** to view plans in detail and advise Clerk if any objections.

# FC/0922/17 Items for information only

Items inclusion on next agenda

* Devolution; Civility & Respect Pledge; Dignity at Work policy.

# FC/0922/18 Date and Time of Next meeting

**Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the Community Centre, Victoria Crescent on Monday 21 November 2022 at 7.00pm **Schedule 1**

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| **Description** | **Supplier** | **Total** |
| Salary | Staff | 340.00 |
| Misc. | Kniveton Parish Council | 100.00 |
| Salary | Staff | 69.46 |
| Expenses | Staff | 34.52 |
| Environment | Friends of Cromford Canal | 124.46 |
| Christmas | ICP OAP CENTRE | 60.00 |
| Defib Electricity | ICP OAP CENTRE | 20.00 |
| Environment | AVBC | 39.44 |
| Salary | Staff | 881.67 |
| Expenses | Staff | 34.50 |
| PAYE | HMRC | 478.33 |
| Salary | Staff | 567.34 |
| Postage | Post Office | 1.65 |
| Expenses | Staff | 13.50 |
| IT | Kath Gruber | 3.79 |
| Planters | Plantscape | 1,804.80 |
| Environment | RBL | 300.00 |
| Environment | AVBC | 39.44 |
| Environment | MTD Trade | 19.99 |
| Salary | Staff | 858.15 |

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| **Total** | **5,791.04** |