

Bakewell Town Council

Town Hall, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1BT
Tel: 01629 813525
email:townclerk@bakewelltowncouncil.gov.uk



Meeting of the Town Council held remotely on Monday 1st June 2020 at 6.30pm

Minutes

Non-Confidential items

4651/20 **Present**

Cllr John Boyle, Cllr Steve Edwards, Cllr Alyson Hill, Cllr Paul Miller, Cllr Paul Morgans, Cllr Bill Storey, Cllr Hilary Young

Tim Braund, Director of Regulatory Services, DDDC. 9 members of the public.

4652/20 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Resolved: To accept apologies from Cllr John Riley (remote access issue), and Cllr Philippa Tilbrook (prior engagement)

Apologies had also been received from Kath Potter and DCllr Alasdair Sutton.

4653/20 **Variation of order of business**

Resolved: On grounds of expediency to take Matters for Decision "To receive update on the reopening of DDDC stall market and DDDC public toilets" after Public Speaking (

4654/20 **Mayor's announcements**

Cllr Paul Morgans welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Morgans reported attendance at remote meetings of DALC and Business Peak District.

4655/20 **Declaration of Members Interests**

Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any interests they may have in subsequent agenda items in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct. Those interests are matters that relate to money or that which can be valued in money, affecting the Member her/his partner, extended family and close friends. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

None received.

4656/20 **Items in Exclusion**

To consider whether any items should be discussed in exclusion of the public and press.

It was not considered necessary to take any items “in exclusion”.

4657/20 Public Speaking

- (a) A period of not more than 30 minutes will be made available for members of the public and members of the Council to comment on any matter.

Changes to HM Government advice reducing restrictions on travel to exercise combined with a spell of warm and sunny weather had seen a marked increase in visitor numbers to Bakewell. With public toilets and non-essential shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants remaining closed this has resulted in predictable outcomes.

The Clerk reported that numerous complaints had been received residents at the amount of litter left at Wynn Meadow, Scot’s Garden and The Recreation Ground over the weekend.

Members of the public expressed strong concerns at the consequences of toilets remaining closed.

A member of the public said that over the last two weekends there had been “unparalleled trespass by many members of the public” into Wynn Meadow, with barbeques being lit and a huge amount of litter being left. Fish had been taken from the river and the cattle were abused by people throwing detritus at them. There was verbal abuse of the owner of the field.

Tim Braund, Director of Regulatory Services, DDDC outlined the recent history of the travellers encampment at Bakewell. A court order was granted on 13th March but could not be enforced because of the COVID-19 movement restrictions imposed by the government.

Following the cancellation of the Appleby Horse Fair rumours circulated that large numbers of travellers were to arrive at Bakewell. In recent days the encampment had enlarged to 40 caravans at the Agricultural Business Centre and Bakewell Showground. Tim Braund said this was the largest number he had seen at Bakewell in more than thirty years. The site had been out in lockdown down and security guards employed.

DDDC has coordinated action an “Application to Leave” on 17 caravans. This has been submitted to the courts. Courts are only dealing with urgent business at present. The justification for urgency is that further people are arriving at the encampment.

Concrete blocks have been placed to make unofficial access to the site more difficult.

A member of the public asked why policing of the site had been left to one police constable and council workers, and noted that there had also been no enforcement against the public on The Recreation Ground or in town of the disregard to social distancing.

Members said they had received telephone calls, emails and photographs and want authorities to act.

Cllr Bill Storey reported that this evening there has been coverage of the widespread littering at Bakewell on BBC East Midlands Today.

Cllr Paul Morgans noted that large fires have been seen at the encampment. Tim Braund said this had been a ruse to get the Fire Service to attend so that other travellers could “tailgate” to gain access to the site. He added that if intelligence was received that further numbers of caravans are expected the site will be locked down.

Cllr Paul Morgans said that the amount of litter and rubbish on the site is shocking. He congratulated the DDDC Green and Clean Team for their efforts.

Tim Braund outlined the search for a permanent site for the travellers. DDDC has a duty to provide such a site. The hoped for site at Ashbourne is now not available. A site is being looked for in the south of the District Council area.

Cllr Hilary Young said pleased to see the action DDDC is taking; it’s a difficult problem to solve.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Divisional Commander for comment on the concerns about the low level of policing seen over the last few days.

Variation of order of business

Matters for Decision

To receive update on the reopening of DDDC stall market and DDDC public toilets

DDDC’s news release confirms that:

“The possible reopening of public toilets and our popular Bakewell stall market will be discussed by the Council’s Emergency Committee on 11 June.

Officers have made it clear that the facilities cannot be reopened until the safety of users and its own cleaning staff can be assured.”

Tim Braund said that a risk assessment is being carried out on the operation of the market and the toilets.

Tim Braund and eight members of the public then left the meeting.

(b) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Councillor, Peak District National Park Member or District Councillor is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.

None received.

Concerns were raised that despite the fire risk during the recent spell of warm and dry weather disposable barbeques continue to be sold. Evidence of scorching at Scot’s Garden was cited. Consideration was given to asking for a ban of their sale or their use on open access land.

Clerk to send thanks to Tim Braund for attending the meeting and DCllr Mark Wakeman for his work to help clear Scot’s Garden of litter.

4658/20 **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held Monday 18th May 2020

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held Monday 18th May 2020 as a correct record.

4659/20 **Clerk's Report**

(a) To approve Clerk's Report on action taken following the meeting held on Monday 18th May 2020

Resolved: To approve the report.

(b) Project work; to receive reports and approve action taken;

(i). Bench and signage maintenance

Work has commenced today.

(ii). Community Payback

No further update at present.

(iii). Love Locks (minute 4614/20 (b)(iv) refers)

Resolved: To defer to the agenda of the meeting to be held on Monday 7th September.

(iv). Neighbourhood Plan

PDNPA Community Policy Planner, Adele Metcalfe, advises that the amendments to the draft have been completed and the document can be viewed on the PDNPA website. In order to give members time to examine the document this this will be brought to the agenda of the next meeting as a matter for decision.

(v). Parsonage Field

Photographs have been taken of the work required to make good the walls and will be put out to tender shortly. Photographs have been forwarded to PDNPA in respect of grant funding and a reply is awaited. Replies are awaited regarding the Ecology Report.

(vi). Riverbank Project

No further update at present.

(vii). Scot's Garden

The Clerk reported that a written instruction had been issued for the mowing of Scot's Garden per minute 4662/20(vi), however the mowing significantly exceeded this.

Resolved: Clerk to ascertain the reason the instruction not adhered to, to request an invoice covering the only the work ordered and to cancel further mowing by the contractor.

(viii). Tree and Woodland Management

The Clerk reported action is in hand.

4660/20 **Correspondence**

Resolved: To note receipt of items for information.

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils Newsletter May 2020

4661/20 **Planning Applications**

Resolved: To ratify responses made using Local Procedure 3 “Urgent Business” since 18th May 2020

**NP/DDD/0420/0317 (Planning Application) and
NP/DDD/0420/0317 (Listed Building Consent)**

External disabled ramp, internal alterations to reception, function room, breakfast/restaurant, to form new bar servers, convert current kitchen into private dining, reconfigure current prep kitchen into main kitchen, with associated extract & store rooms, convert ground floor emerald room into one guest en-suite bedroom, convert forest floor staff accommodation into one guest en-suite bedroom, convert second floor staff accommodation into one guest en-suite bedroom. New external cellar drop & patio door from ground floor en-suite. The Rutland Hotel, Rutland Square, Bakewell.

The Town Council:

- Supports the new disabled access arrangements and agrees with the point made by an objector about parking on the cobbles.
- Raises no objection to the proposed internal alterations.
- Objects to the proposed opening up of a cellar entry point onto King Street for the delivery of barrels. This is at its narrowest point near to the junction which would cause regular obstruction, particularly for buses and other large vehicles which take up the full carriageway when turning from Matlock Street. A condition requiring vehicles to unload further up the street (outside Costa) would equally not work as not only would there still be some obstruction causing unnecessary traffic disruption and reduced visibility for pedestrians, but there would also be the inevitable temptation to run wheels onto and crack the old stone paving that is particularly attractive at that point. Barrels being rolled to the cellar entry point similarly have the potential to damage the pavement.”

4662/20 **Matters for decision**

(a) To receive update on the reopening of DDDC stall market and DDDC public toilets

See minute 4657/20 above.

(b) Bakewell Observation Wheel to receive update and to approve involvement
DDDC and The Showground have been informed of the opportunity.

Resolved: To note the update – no further action.

(c) To review Town Council’s Social Media position

Resolved: To defer to the agenda of the next meeting.

(d) To adopt Local Procedure “Mayor’s Allowance”

Resolved: To adopt the following;

“The Town Council recognises that the office of Mayor carries with it necessary additional costs.

To help defray these costs a Mayor’s Allowance has been established.

The value of the Mayor's Allowance for the year will be set as part of the precept process.

Consideration of approval of taking the Allowance into use will be at the Annual or other such appropriate meeting following the election of the Mayor and requires the passing of a resolution of Council.

Unless otherwise agreed by a meeting of the Town Council payment of the Allowance will be made in arrears on the presentation of receipts or, where this is not possible, a written description of the costs necessarily incurred in the office of Mayor.

Other than costs particular to the Mayor, the allowance is not expected to cover the costs of the Bakewell Civic Service.

In the interests of openness and transparency in the spending of public money any payments made to the Mayor against the allowance will be listed in the Supporting Document to Town Council Meetings."

(e) To approve Mayor's Allowance 2020-21

Minute 4589/20(d), the 2020-21 precept (heading 22) approved a budget of £500 for the Mayor's Allowance.

Resolved: To take the allowance into use.

4663/20 **Finance**

(a) Statement of account

Resolved: To note the following balances;

Account	Date	Balance
Instant Access Reserve (statement 360)	30/04/20	£152,399.60
Instant Access Reserve Support Account	30/04/20	£100
Nationwide Building Society	30/03/19	£50,700.70
Petty Cash/Vouchers held	30/04/20	£100

(b) Approval of payments

Resolved: To approve the following schedule of payments;

Cheque	Date	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
4529	01/06/20	Bakewell PCC (Civic Service)	£500		£500
4530	01/06/20	DALC Invoice SI-2112 (Seminar)	£55		£55
4531	01/06/20	HMRC May		Not for publication	
4530	01/06/20	Clerk May		Not for publication	

(c) To consider risk assessment and insurance issues for decisions made above

All decisions taken in good faith. No new Risk Assessment or insurance items received.

4664/20 **Time, date and place of next meetings**

Resolved: To hold an additional remote meeting at 6.30pm on Monday 15th June 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm