

**Minutes of the Meeting of Long Whatton & Diseworth Parish Council held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 at 7.00pm at Diseworth Heritage Centre, Lady Gate, Diseworth.**

**Open Forum:** *Members of the public attended the meeting to share their concerns with the planning application at Land Adjacent Old Farm Close, Diseworth, DE74 2QJ. The main concerns raised were the following:*

- *Loss of green space.*
- *Taking down the wall, as it's protected in the conservation area.*
- *Flood risk. The grass is a natural soakaway, and it isn't sufficient to pump into the brook as this is often over capacity during heavy rain events.*
- *The access opposite the Village Hall which is dangerous.*
- *The Parish Council explained that comments should be sent individually to North West Leicestershire District Council.*
- *This was a community used area as it was tennis courts.*

**24100 Attendance and apologies**

**Present:** Cllrs D Bamford (Chairman), P De Kock and A Hawtin.

**Clerk:** Samantha Lockwood.

**Members of Public:** 3.

**Apologies received and accepted:** **County and District Councillor:** N Rushton. **Parish Councillors:** G Matravers and A Jarrom.

**24101 Code of Conduct - Councillors' Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED:** *None.*

**24102 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council**

**RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024, previously circulated, be taken as a true record, confirmed, and signed.*

**24103 Any matters to be raised with the County Councillor and District Councillor.**

**RESOLVED:**

**24104 Police, crime, safety.**

**RESOLVED:** *Clerk circulated report to members.*

**24105 Administration & Finance**

**(a) Clerk's Report and monthly payments.**

**RESOLVED: September payments approved at October's meeting.** *The Parish Council were also presented with the quarterly bank reconciliation. It was RESOLVED: that the Parish Council confirmed that the quarterly bank reconciliation balanced with all current bank statements. All members have received a copy.*

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>BACS</b>
A Clark	September Salary and expenses	£210.27	BACS
S Lockwood	September Salary and expenses	£715.70	BACS
ICO	Data Protection fee	£40.00	BACS
HMRC	Tax and NI	£550.62	BACS
Target Pest Control	Dog Waste Bin Empty	£280.80	BACS
Diseworth Village Hall	Grant	£5676.00	BACS
Community Heartbeat Trust	New defib – Diseworth Village Hall	£2640.00	BACS

**Total:** £10,113.39

**(b) GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE - The Parish Council meets the criteria for the General Power of Competence, that being that more than two thirds of the councillors were elected, and the clerk has a suitable qualification – CILCA. Fact Sheet circulated to all councillors.**

**RESOLVED:** *The Parish Council confirmed that it meets the criteria to use the general power of competence.*

(c) To ratify the NWLDC 'Poppy Art proposal for Remembrance 2024'? (fwd Cllrs)

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council agreed to have six poppies as per November 2023, in the same locations.

**24106 Community**

- **Freeport.**  
**RESOLVED:** SEGRO are still going ahead with the DCO. The airport has its application in with NWLDC. Protect Diseworth are on hold until there is something to act on/respond to. The Parish Council has been invited to a Community Forum webinar regarding the Freeport on 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Neighbourhood Plan.**  
**RESOLVED:** This has been stalled a little as we try to get the landscape study information into the NHP. The Parish Council has a meeting tomorrow with the consultant that carried out the landscape study and it is hoped to push this forward to ensure we have the final draft of the NHP as soon as possible.
- **Isley Woothouse Development Proposals.**  
**RESOLVED:** None.
- **Flood project updates.**  
**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council is going to have a meeting with the Flood Working Group to ensure we all share the same information and have preparations ready for the winter season. The Parish Council also has a meeting with LCC Flood Dept tomorrow morning for an update on the projects in Long Whatton and Diseworth.
- **Allotment Land, The Green/The Bowley.**  
**RESOLVED:** This land used to be an allotment and now is waste land. The Parish Council started looking at this in 2012 with NWLDC to turn it into a Community Orchard or similar! The housing officer held a couple of consultations with neighbouring properties but is yet to give us an outcome. This matter has now been raised again by the PC and we are waiting to hear back from the housing officer to further discuss this matter and find a resolution.
- **Diseworth Allotments, Clements Gate.**  
**RESOLVED:** Need to arrange a meeting with some allotment holders to perhaps create a new Working Group.

**24107 Planning**

(a) **Planning Applications: consider and respond to the following:**

**24/01010/FUL:** Erection of two detached dwellings with single garages and associated works to include the creation of a new vehicular access with amendments to the existing access at Land Adjacent Old Farm Close, Diseworth, DE74 2QJ. - **OBJECT.** The Diseworth Conservation Area Appraisal and Study identifies the boundary wall to two sides of this application site (on Hall Gate and Shakespeare Drive) as a "boundary wall treatment of merit". Further stating under policy E10 that development will not be permitted where there is a loss of particular features including 'Walls and other means of enclosure'. Therefore, we must strongly object to the removal of a large section of the 'Diseworth Stone' wall on Hall Gate.

We consider forming the proposed entrance on to Hall Gate to be totally unacceptable, not just because of the destruction of the historically significant wall, but local parking on Hall Gate already poses visibility and access issues for users of the Village Hall (located immediately opposite the proposed new access). For that reason, another access/egress point so close we regard as inconvenient and dangerous. In addition to this traffic exiting Shakespeare Drive already has visibility problems exacerbated by the recent addition of a property on the other corner of Shakespeare Drive, as well as previous adjacent developments where insufficient, or no, off-road parking provision has been made.

There are a number of inaccuracies, and some misleading details, given in the Design and Access Statement. The site should not be compared with an 'urban' setting when it is clearly in a rural location. It has not been built on, or used as part of the farmyard, in living memory (it was part of the garden and orchard of Village Farm) so should not be classed as 'Brownfield'. The lawn is locally known as the 'tennis court' because it was set out by the previous owners as such and made available for use by the village community at large. This proposed development will further rob the village of a piece of valuable green space as well as established trees.

Finally, the site is immediately adjacent to an area of the village where flooding regularly occurs, this land provides a natural soakaway so must not be developed without consideration as to how surface water can be removed from the site, it is not acceptable to just run it to the at times overworked Diseworth Brook or existing overloaded drainage system. **Objection.**

**24/01163/FUL:** Installation of a domestic 12 panel solar PV array to front and rear roof slopes at 3 Cheslyn Court, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2SJ. - **NO OBJECTIONS.** Production of renewable energy on roof slopes should be encouraged. **No Objection.**

**24/01108/TCA:** Works to 1no. Ash Tree including 20% thinning, removal of four lower limbs and 1.5 metre crown reduction (Unprotected tree in a conservation area) at 9 Clements Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QE. – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**24/01174/AIR:** Demolition of Control Point 2 and Installation of EV Charging Units at Control Point 2, Viscount Road, East Midlands Airport, DE74 2SA. – **NO COMMENTS.**

**(b) Planning Decisions notified since the previous meeting:**

**24/00982/TCA:** Removal of Conifer hedge (Unprotected trees in a conservation area) at 7A Lady Gate, Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QF. – **WORKS TO TREES WITHIN CONSERVATION AREA.**

**24108 Representatives' Reports.**

**RESOLVED:** None.

**24109 Miscellaneous Correspondence (to note and made available for Councillors' inspection)**

(a) PARISH & COMMUNITIES UPDATE - ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT - ISSUE 23 (18/09/24). – (fwd Cllrs)

(b) North West Leicestershire ward boundary review - draft recommendations. – (fwd Cllrs)

**RESOLVED:** To be received.

**24110 Next meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

**RESOLVED:** Noted.

**24111 Other matters/items for future Agendas at the Chairman's discretion**

**RESOLVED:** None.

**24112 Exclusion of the Press**

(To exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity in respect of the following items would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of its confidential nature)

(a) To receive the notification that the Clerk has completed the Certificate in Local Council Administration and consider pay rise.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council congratulated the Clerk on successfully completing CiLCA and confirmed the Clerks pay rise to SCP 22. This would be back dated to when the course was completed.

**Meeting ended 20:10.**