

**SILVERDALE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on**  
**Thursday 7 November 2024 at 6.30 pm at Silverdale Library**

**Present:** Cllr H Adamczuk (HA), Cllr C Mrozicki (CM), Cllr J Crabtree (JC) Cllr I Gould (IG), Cllr S Toon (ST), Cllr K Murphy (KM), Cllr R Adcock (RA, part), Cllr J Brown (JB, part)

**In attendance:** One member of the public was present for part of the meeting.

**261/24 Public Participation:**

A member of the public attended to offer their services as a litter picker for Silverdale Parish. HA and JC to arrange to meet outside of the meeting.

**262/24 To receive apologies.** None.

**263/24 To resolve that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on 3 October 2024 and the Extra ordinary meeting held on 24 October 2024 are correct and for the Chair to sign at the meeting**  
**RESOLVED** to approve.

**264/24 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.** None

**265/24 To consider the co-option to vacant councillor positions**

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Ian Hall and Steve Doyle to two of the Councillor vacancies. They were both welcomed to the Parish Council.

**266/24 To note the written update from the Borough Councillors**

Borough Councillor written reports had been circulated.

In addition, JB reported:

There had been an increase in complaints regarding Walley's Quarry. From 53 in the previous period to 311. NBC had appointed a legal team. There had been a protest outside Walley's Quarry where a German TV company had recorded the protest. JB has a copy of the recording. Evictions notices had been served on Bath Road.

The tennis courts resurface is now on the works program at NBC.

HA thanked both Borough Councillors who left the meeting.

**267/24 Finance**

- a. To approve the payments, receipts and transfers – Appendix A. **RESOLVED** to approve.
- b. To note and approve the bank reconciliation – Appendix B. This item was rolled over.
- c. To note and approve the budget report – Appendix C. **RESOLVED** to approve.
- d. To discuss increasing the budget for newsletter printing. **RESOLVED** to approve the transfer of £1000 from the Housing Condition and Heat Loss Survey budget line to the Newsletter, website publications budget line.
- e. To consider budget requirements for 2025/26 for the December meeting. Noted.
- f. To note the NALC pay award backdated to 1 April 2024 and to approve the payment. Noted and **RESOLVED** to approve.
- g. To approve the appointment of Black Rose Solutions as internal auditor for the three years 2025, 2026 and 2027 at a fixed price per year of £125 plus VAT and mileage. Costs in 2024 were £125 plus VAT. **RESOLVED** to approve.
- h. To consider adding a new bank signatory to the bank mandate. **RESOLVED** to approve that JC be added as a second signatory on the bank mandate.

268/24 **Planning sub-committee feedback (Standing Item) and approve comments for the following Planning Applications.**

**24/00149/CN04 | Application for approval of details of boundary treatment as required by condition 4 of planning permission 24/00149/REM | 193 High Street Silverdale Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6JZ ([newcastle-staffs.gov.uk](http://newcastle-staffs.gov.uk))** **RESOLVED** for the chair to submit comments.

**24/00101/FUL | Application for residential development (14 dwellings) within Use Class C3, formation of open space, hard and soft landscaping, provision of access and associated engineering work. (AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED - 15.10.24 - RELATING TO LAYOUT/SITE LEVELS AND DETAILS OF OFF SITE BNG PROVISION AND IMPACT ON LOSS OF RETAIL UNIT) | Land at Bath Road Silverdale Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ([newcastle-staffs.gov.uk](http://newcastle-staffs.gov.uk))** **RESOLVED** for the chair to submit comments.

269/24 **Community matters (Standing item)**

- a. To receive an update on the Christmas event 2024
  - The meeting was updated with progress on the arrangements for the Christmas event on 6 December 2024.
  - **RESOLVED** to approve a donation of £250 to Silverdale Methodist Church for the provision of a brass band.
  - **RESOLVED** to approve a donation of £250 to the Lions Club for the provision of Santa and his Sleigh at the Christmas event.
  - Schools had agreed to attend for carol singing.
  - The Dance School, Scouts, Hedgehog Rescue and the Police had all agreed to attend the event.
  - The Douglas Macmillan shop, The Cake Shack and Daisy Chain had agreed to be open for the event.
  - A risk assessment had been prepared by HA.
  - Aspire had been contacted regarding the electrics and Christmas lights.
  - Chocolate gifts had been purchased for children.
  - HA had applied for a road closure.
  - Posters had been prepared.
  - Andrew Van Buren had agreed to be present.
- b. Locally Listed and Statutory Listed Buildings Update (HA)  
HA had prepared the list which had been sent to NBC Planning Committee for approval.
- c. To discuss the locations and installation of the two defibrillators. (IG)  
IG had met with NBC representatives at the Athletics Club. Details had been passed onto the Compliance Team regarding installation of the defibrillator.

270/24 **Walley's Quarry Ltd Landfill**

- a. Walley's Quarry Liaison Meeting  
HA to circulate the report.

271/24 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

- a. To receive feedback from the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
  - The Steering Group minutes had been circulated.
  - The last meeting was useful. HA had circulated the neighbourhood map showing provisionally the main areas of historical core, planned residential, employment and 'green belt' land issued by AECOM consultants and discussed at Steering Group 30 October. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the approach discussed at the Steering Group meeting.

- 272/24 **Mining Monument progress (HLF) Project and Miners Wheel**  
a. To discuss refurbishment of the Miners Wheel  
The meeting discussed painting of the Miners Wheel. Silverdale Country Park Ranger is providing cost of the paint which should be black. IG to speak with the Ranger.
- 273/24 **Parish jobs referred to the contractor**  
a. Filling of grit bins  
**RESOLVED** to ask the contractor to fill the grit bins.
- 274/24 **Local Plan consultation and Keele/Silverdale Growth Corridor**  
a. Borough Council Plan Update  
The Borough Local Plan is to go to the Cabinet and Planning during late November. 400 comments had been received. HA advised the meeting that an interesting comment had been received from Persimmon about SP11. The developer wants to build near to Quarry Bank as opposed to the Golf Course.
- 275/24 **Acres Allotments (additional legal/site remediation/Knotweed costs)**  
HA had circulated a report and plan. A quote had been received from the solicitor. This was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** for HA to contact NBC to request an extension to the plots in the main tenancy when the review is due in 2025.
- 276/24 **To consider any grant applications (SPC grant scheme £2,000)**  
None
- 277/24 **GDPR (Standing Item) – INFORMATION ONLY**  
Subject Access Requests/Information Security/Data Breaches  
None
- 278/24 **To receive and update on flooding reports on the Mineral Line at Sutton Avenue/High Steet Silverdale**  
No update
- 279/24 **To note the Staffs Parish Council Assoc Bulletins and correspondence received**  
Noted
- 280/24 **Highways matters (Standing item)**  
No update
- 281/24 **To discuss the litter picking contract**  
An application had been received for the role of Litter Picker. DP to amend the contract and send to HA. HA and JC to meet with the applicant.
- 282/24 **To discuss Waste Crime**  
HA to send information to Adam Jogee MP.
- 283/24 **To discuss Freedom of Information re T&G8 site Silverdale Business Park West.**  
Nothing further.
- 284/24 **To discuss the maintenance of the clock at St Lukes Church (ST)**  
The clock is a war memorial. There are concerns that the chimes have not been working for some months. HA to draft an email to NBC.

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285/24 To discuss the Government consultation on the re-introduction of remote meetings, announced at the LGA Conference by the Deputy Prime Minister.  
Councillors were asked to complete the survey.

286/24 To discuss adult exercise equipment for the park (IG)  
IG is awaiting a response from the Parks Department at NBC.

287/24 To discuss changing the date of the next meeting to 12 December 2024 and to delegate authority to the Chair and Clerk in case of the meeting not being quorate.  
**RESOLVED** to approve the change of the date of the meeting in December. **RESOLVED** to approve delegated authority to the Chair and Clerk in case the meeting is not quorate.

**THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON 12 December 2024, at 6.30pm**

To agree future dates to include,  
2 January 2025, 6 February 2025

**Appendix A**

**Silverdale Parish Council  
Payments Schedule November 2024**

DATE	REF/ Chq no	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET £	VAT £	AMOUNT £
07/11/2024	392	Keele SU Trading Ltd	Printing Local Plan leaflet and newsletters	716.00	0.00	716.00
07/11/2024	393	Office expenses	Mileage, Zoom subscription, printer cartridge	61.21	10.27	71.48
07/11/2024	394	Salary	November 2024 (includes NALC pay award backdated to 1 April 2024)	914.87	0.00	914.87
07/11/2024	395	Staffordshire Pension Fund	Pension contributions November 2024	351.53	0.00	351.53
07/11/2024	396	VAST	HMRC month 8	153.69	0.00	153.69
07/11/2024	397	Business Enterprise Support Ltd	Room hire	20.00	0.00	20.00
07/11/2024	398	Ian Gould	Reimbursement for Christmas chocolates	300.00	0.00	300.00
07/11/2024	399	Henryk Adamczuk	Christmas event expenses	70.00	0.00	70.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,517.30</b>	<b>10.27</b>	<b>2,597.57</b>

**Appendix C**

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## Silverdale Parish Council Budget Report 2024/25

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	TOTAL	VARIANCE
Clerk's Salary/PAYE/NI/Pension/Locum	12,000	8,737	-3,263
Chair allowance	250	0	-250
Contingency	500	0	-500
Expenses/Postage/Payroll charges/Room hire	650	980	330
Office Equip/Stationary/Printing	600	211	-389
Subs/Ins/Fees/Audit Fees/Trg/DPO/Payroll costs/Room Hire/Legal fees	1,200	2,295	1,095
VAT (Cost neutral as reclaimed)	0	2,818	2,818
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>15,041</b>	<b>-159</b>
Mining Project	0	4,940	4,940
Groundwork/NDP	0	1,568	1,568
Allotments	2,500	0	-2,500
Comm Safety (match funding measures) inc speed measures	1,000	0	-1,000
Entertainment & the Arts (eg Xmas parties, youth activities etc)	1,700	725	-975
signs)	1,500	0	-1,500
Fencing De rusting Painting	2,500	3,332	832
Litter collector/ranger/Community payback	0	0	0
Newsletter/Website/Publications	1,500	1,632	132
Asset additions (benches, dog waste bins and 2 x defibrillators)	0	8,992	8,992
shelters)	1,500	118	-1,382
Housing condition and heat loss survey	1,000	0	-1,000
<b>Total Powers and Duties</b>	<b>13,200</b>	<b>21,308</b>	<b>8,108</b>
Flowers / Plants/ Wreaths /Litter picks/Hanging baskets	500	685	185
Grant applications	2,500	582	-1,918
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>-1,733</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>31,400</b>	<b>37,616</b>	<b>6,216</b>

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SPECIAL PROJECTS	BUDGET	TOTAL	VARIANCE
Earmarked reserve - Groundwork UK/NDP b/f	1,799	0	-1,799
Expenditure NDP	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL (Reserves less expenditure)</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,799</b>

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Ward Councillor report to Silverdale P.C.

Date of report 6. 11. 2024

Councillor: Jacqueline Brown

No of cases: 78 No resolved: 70 ongoing: 8

Walley's Quarry. NULBC have now appointed lawyers to represent them in the legal action against the operators. In the latest available data we can see increase in odour complaints to 311 during the period ending 27.10.24 up from 53 the previous period. The odour was very offensive during half term, a time when children and families should be enjoying autumn walks etc. Complaints continue about the high numbers of vehicles waiting to access the site early in the morning, causing congestion and tail backs. The matter had been reported to Staffs CC and I brought it up at my meeting with the PCSO.

Environment: I was pleased to get the driveway and surrounding area around St. Luke's church free from moss and slime. Thanks to Rob Carter and the bereavement team at NULBC who got it ready for us in time for Remembrance on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Year 4 of Silverdale Primary 'Give Back' project starts on 11.11. 24. They will be having a tour of the library and will then look through a selection of books. The aim is for them to write and illustrate some book reviews which we will display in the library, helping to showcase the library and its users.

Anti-social behaviour PCSO Neil Moffat informed me there had been vandalism at the Parade Park Pavillion this Monday evening. Whilst on patrol he came across criminal damage on the pavilion, the cage being ripped off and 2 of the windows smashed. We are also having complaints from Vale Pleasant about ASB from the park. We are meeting on 11.11.24 to go over the details and discuss prevention measures.

Neil has also been very helpful with a case of illegal parking on High st which was reported to me with photographs including registration plate. This caused a wheel chair user to have to go into the road where he fell over. The gentleman concerned sustained minor injuries. Neil was able to visit the accident victim and take a statement. He then went and had words with the owner of the vehicle. Unfortunately, Neil does not have the authority to issue FPNs for this. However, town traffic enforcement officers can do this.

Planning & housing:

No Fault Eviction Notices I have had 2 cases of these on Parksite and I am grateful for the M.P.'s assistance on this. I am pleased to report that the eviction notice on an elderly tenant of 56 years standing has been indefinitely withdrawn thanks to our intervention. I am currently helping another case on Bath Rd and after liaison with the letting agent we are making some progress. It seems that some landlords are worried about the Labour government's new legislation on renting, including ending NFEs. This has motivated some of them to sell their portfolios before the law changes.

Silverdale Sidings Section 106 money I have gathered together all my documents on this issue and as it is nearly 18 months since I had a briefing on this from planning officers I am going to make a real concerted effort this month to get an update. This issue has been going on for almost a decade and it is very unsatisfactory. No progress on this issue.

Following the MP's meeting with Siobhan Butters the lead officer at Aspire in September I have been invited with other Labour councillors to a further meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024. We will be able to discuss in more detail the points I raised in the October ward report. Also, following the increase in No fault eviction notices on Parksite I would like to ask about help for residents in uploading evidence for the banding assessments and also ask about a number of empty Aspire homes I have seen whilst delivering newsletters.

Events

On 17.10.24 I attended a Yr.3 Q&A on the role of the local councillor and also read the book 'Our school trip to parliament'. The children asked me questions like 'What did you want to do when you grew up?' and 'What is the best bit about being a councillor?'. They were already quite knowledgeable about parliament as their friends in Yr. 6 had just visited done a visit there.

We had a good turn out at the Aspire community event on 1.11.24 at Cornerstones. The theme was Halloween and people of all ages came along to look at the stalls and activities. I was able to get information to use at my surgeries on warmer homes. My free book stall was very popular and it was good to catch up with many residents who are becoming old friends.

I will be attending the main Remembrance service and procession in town on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. Thank you to RAF veteran Ian Moore will lay the wreath for Silverdale Labour at the St. Luke's service.

Take a look at the events at the Brampton Museum. There are Remembrance events on Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Nov and I will be attending a talk entitled 'Have yourself a wild Xmas' on 28.11.24. It costs £5 and will have a British wild animal theme.

I held my ward surgery on Mon 4.11.24. at Silverdale Library. Next surgery will be on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 12.30-1.30 usual venue.

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Silverdale Labour have already hand delivered 1, 000 Autumn newsletters around the village, copy attached. We have 1, 700 to go!

Weekly updates available F.B. page Councillor Jacqueline Brown in Silverdale Page

## Cllr R Adcock report for Silverdale Parish Council November 2024

### Walleys Quarry

Gas data has shown that the last few months have all been worse than the same months of 2023. This has followed a pattern of getting worse into the winter months. I have reported the odour several times and noticed it worsening. I have spoken to Cllr Tagg about the situation and we both expressed disappointment that the government has rejected calls for a public inquiry. Councillors had a confidential briefing last month about the progression of the council's legal action against the operator and news was published last week that the council has appointed lawyers and the case is progressing with a court date pending. I was unable to attend the Liaison Committee due to parents evening at work but caught up on the proceedings. We continue to speculate on the reasons behind the directors' resignations.

### Highways

The county council has been in touch with me to let me know that the works on the High Street potholes which I reported in Summer have now been completed. This follows the repairs to Cemetery Road and Scot Hay Road I reported last month. I continue to report all potholes I notice in the village.

I together with Cllr Brown and the local PCSOs were contacted about on street parking affecting Silverdale Methodist Church. Neil Moffat is working with the church on this to try to solve the issue of blocked access.

### Winter Fuel Payment

At last month's Full Council Meeting councillors from both parties backed a motion calling for the reinstatement of the Winter Fuel Allowance. I spoke quoting statistics that show this will affect 89% of Silverdale pensioners. The council leader and CEO have jointly written a letter to the government to urge them to reconsider given the impact on our most vulnerable pensioners.