

SILVERDALE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on
Thursday 12 December 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 R Adcock (RA, part)

Parish Clerk: Ms D Powell

In attendance: Two members of the public attended the meeting.

288/24 Public Participation:

The two members of the public in attendance were there to be considered for co-option to the councillor vacancies.

289/24 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr J Brown (JB), Cllr S Doyle (SD) and Cllr I Hall (IH). The resignation of Cllr K Murphy was noted.

290/24 To resolve that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on 7 November 2024 are correct and for the Chair to sign at the meeting. RESOLVED to approve.

291/24 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda. None.

292/24 To consider the co-option to vacant councillor positions

Mr A Osobu and Mr G Churton were co-opted to the Parish Council. Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed and both were welcomed to the Parish Council.

293/24 To note the written update from the Borough Councillors

Reports had been circulated and are attached to the minutes. RA updated the Meeting.

294/24 Finance

- a. To approve the payments, receipts and transfers – Appendix A. **RESOLVED** to approve. HA proposed that the previously agreed donations to The Lions Club (for Santa’s sleigh preparations) and Silverdale Methodist Church (for brass band preparations) be honored even though the Christmas event had been cancelled. It was **RESOLVED** to make the donations.
- b. To note and approve the bank reconciliation – Appendix B. Rolled over.
- c. To note and approve the budget report – Appendix C. **RESOLVED** to approve.
- d. To consider budget requirements for 2025/26. The Finance sub-committee is to meet on 19th December to discuss the Budget and Reserves.

295/24 Planning sub-committee feedback (Standing Item) and to approve comments for the following Planning Applications.

24/00700/FUL | Proposed residential development consisting of 1 no. Detached 2-bedroom dwelling | 20 Cheltenham Grove Silverdale Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6QS

RESOLVED for HA to draft an objection

24/00763/FUL | Proposed two storey side and rear extension. | 1 Peebles Road Silverdale Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6QY No comment

296/24 Community matters (Standing item)

- a. To receive feedback on the Christmas event 2024
The Christmas event was unfortunately cancelled due to Storm Darragh. The Christmas lights were switched on at 4.30pm on 6th December. It was **RESOLVED** that the selection boxes purchased as gifts for the event are to be distributed to the choirs of Silverdale Academy, St Lukes Primary School and Dee Dee Dance School and to the Reception Class children attending Silverdale Library before Christmas.
- b. Locally Listed and Statutory Listed Buildings Update (HA)
The list is to be finalised by the Planning Department.
- c. To discuss the locations and installation of the two defibrillators. (IG)
A defibrillator is to be installed at the Athletic Club and a quote to have it installed is being obtained by IG. A second defibrillator is to be installed by Aspire. IG is sending a form to Aspire regarding the installation.

297/24 **Walley's Quarry Ltd Landfill**

- a. Environment Agency's Closure Notice commencing 29 November 2024.
This meeting had been cancelled.
- b. EA's Virtual meeting on Monday 9 December 2024 at 7.00pm – 8.30pm
This meeting had been cancelled. Both meetings are to be rearranged.
- c. Walley's Quarry Liaison meeting due on 17 December 2024

298/24 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

- a. To receive feedback from the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
HA had circulated the comments from the Steering Group meeting held on 27th November. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Steering Group meeting. The next meeting is to take place on 22nd January 2025. A consultant is writing the plans for Silverdale including historical Silverdale, the older parts of Silverdale and areas for new development and to include an alignment of businesses and shops with residential areas.

299/24 **Mining Monument progress (HLF) Project and Miners Wheel**

- a. To discuss refurbishment of the Miners Wheel
No further information had been received from the Silverdale Country Park Ranger regarding painting the monument. ST and IG to look to see if the monument requires cleaning before being painted as it has been seven years since the monument was refurbished. The colour of the paint for the monument was discussed.

300/24 **Parish jobs referred to the contractor**

The grit bins in Silverdale had been filled.

301/24 **Local Plan consultation and Keele/Silverdale Growth Corridor**

- a. Borough Council Plan Update
There had been no change. NBC is going ahead with the existing proposal which is being presented to the Planning Inspectorate.

302/24 **Acres Allotments (additional legal/site remediation/Knotweed costs)**

No further progress. HA to chase.

303/24 **To consider any grant applications (SPC grant scheme £2,000).**

CM had received a grant application. Unfortunately, this had not been received in time for consideration at the Meeting.

304/24 **GDPR (Standing Item) – INFORMATION ONLY**

Subject Access Requests/Information Security/Data Breaches. Noted.

- 305/24 **To receive and update on flooding reports on the Mineral Line at Sutton Avenue/High Steet Silverdale**
There had been no flooding reports. It was noted that some trees had fallen.
- 306/24 **To note the Staffs Parish Council Assoc Bulletins and correspondence received.** Noted
- 307/24 **Highways matters (Standing item)** Nothing to report.
- 308/24 **To discuss Freedom of Information re T&G8 site Silverdale Business Park West.**
HA to follow up.
- 309/24 **To discuss the maintenance of the clock at St Lukes Church**
It had been reported that the chimes are not working on the clock at St Luke's Church. The Parish Council had been informed that the work to repair the chimes is due to be carried out.
- 310/24 **To discuss adult exercise equipment for the park (IG)**
This matter was rolled over until 2025. A funding application is to be submitted to Ibstocks.
- 311/24 **To discuss a memorial (CM)**
CM had been approached by a resident of Silverdale regarding a memorial for a lost relative. A plaque on a bench is being considered. CM to consult with the resident. To be discussed at the January meeting.
- 312/24 **To discuss anti social behaviour at the Pavilion Silverdale Park (HA)**
There had been reports of anti-social behaviour in Silverdale Park which seems to centre around the Pavilion. The Meeting discussed previous conversations and meetings which had been held with members of NBC regarding the future use of the pavilion. The Meeting discussed having lights on the Pavilion. CM to contact NBC to pursue arranging for the lights to be switched on between 4pm and 10pm during the winter months.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON 2 January 2025, at 6.30pm

To agree future dates to include, 6 February 2025, 6 March 2025

Signed

Date

Appendix A

**Silverdale Parish Council
Payments Schedule December 2024**

DATE	REF/ Chq no	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET £	VAT £	AMOUNT £
12/12/2024	400	Stoke on Trent Leafleting	Leaflet delivery	112.50	0.00	112.50
12/12/2024	401	Office expenses	Mileage, Zoom subscription	22.89	2.60	25.49
12/12/2024	402	Payroll	December 2024	745.33	0.00	745.33
12/12/2024	403	Staffordshire Pension Fund	Pension contributions November 2024	284.80	0.00	284.80
12/12/2024	404	VAST	HMRC month 9 and payroll charges October to December 2024	94.88	4.00	98.88
12/12/2024	405	Business Enterprise Support Ltd	Room hire	20.00	0.00	20.00
12/12/2024	406	Steve Hough	Grit bins refill	420.00	0.00	420.00
12/12/2024	407	Henryk Adamczuk	Screwfix, purchase of Road Closed traffic sign Christmas event	99.98	0.00	99.98
12/12/2024	408	Sam Toon	Reimbursement for Christmas event	32.98	0.00	32.98
12/12/2024	409	Shelutions Urban Furniture Ltd	Repair of bus shelter glazing panel	238.00	47.60	285.60
12/12/2024	410	Julie Crabtree	Reimbursement for Christmas event	57.92	0.00	57.92
		TOTAL		2,129.28	54.20	2,183.48

Appendix C**Silverdale Parish Council Budget Report 2024/25**

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	TOTAL	VARIANCE
Clerk's Salary/PAYE/NI/Pension/Locum	12,000	9,826	-2,174
Chair allowance	250	0	-250
Contingency	500	0	-500
Expenses/Postage/Payroll charges/Room hire	650	1,023	373
Office Equip/Stationary/Printing	600	231	-369
Subs/Ins/Fees/Audit Fees/Trg/DPO/Payroll costs/Room Hire/Legal fees	1,200	2,315	1,115
VAT (Cost neutral as reclaimed)	0	2,872	2,872
Total	15,200	16,268	1,068
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	916	-784
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	2,500	1,745	-755
Asset additions (benches, dog waste bins and 2 x defibrillators)	0	8,992	8,992
shelters)	1,500	776	-724
Housing condition and heat loss survey	0	0	0
Total Powers and Duties	13,200	22,269	9,069
Flowers / Plants/ Wreaths /Litter picks/Hanging baskets	500	685	185
Grant applications	2,500	582	-1,918
Total Grants	3,000	1,267	-1,733
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	31,400	39,804	8,404

Ward Councillor report to Silverdale P.C. Date of report 1. 12. 2024

Councillor: Jacqueline Brown No of cases: 84 No resolved: 76 ongoing: 8

Walley's Quarry. The whole community celebrated on 28.11.24 when the Environment Agency finally served a closure notice on W.Q.LTD. From today, 29.11.24, the site cannot accept waste. This is a real victory for the residents and our MP Adam Jogee who made the closure of the site his no 1 priority. W.Q.LTD have said they will appeal the closure notice and dispute the fact that this is a poorly managed site, however the facts speak for themselves. The closure received a great deal of media attention and was featured on local and regional TV, radio and news outlets. NULBC put out a statement saying they were pleased that the EA had acted by issuing the closure notice and would update us on the proposed legal action in the light of this development.

Local Plan. As I reported in October many residents had asked me if it was `worth` submitting responses on the LP consultation as they were concerned these would not be listened to. Labour councillors were able to ask questions of the Portfolio holder, Cllr. Andrew Fear, at full council on 20.11.24. Cllr. Fear said that every comment would be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate. He could not confirm how long the assessment of the plan would take, or indeed how much it would cost. Cllr. Lewis asked about the number of submissions made and the email acknowledgements from NULBC as there seemed to be some inconsistencies. Cllr. Fear confirmed that the comments submitted would be grouped into `themes` e.g. flooding/drainage, loss of habitat, housing density etc. Cllr. Gorton asked if any of these `themes` or indeed any comments would result in a revision of the plan. Cllr. Fear said the plan would be revised if any `material concerns` had been identified. He went on to say that as yet, no material concerns had been identified by officers.

Environment: Ever since my election I have had stakeholders asking me about the future of the Parade Pavilion. As it is a council building on council land a decision needs to be made as it is a magnet for vandalism and other anti social behaviour. To this end, I raised the issue at the Health Well Being & Environment Committee on 25.11.24 see here You Tube from 28.38

Signed

Date

Agenda for Health, Wellbeing & Environment Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 25th November, 2024, 7.00 pm – Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Andrew Bird confirmed there are no plans, or indeed money for the pavilion. I put myself forward for a `task & finish` group to look at NULBC Park provision making the point that realistically any such group needs to look at funding streams, particularly in relation to the upkeep of the building. I also made the point that Silverdale PC has spent a lot of money on the park and at present it seems like `one way traffic` with no input from the council. Andrew said he would take the issues I raised back to officers and the portfolio holder.

I am very pleased to report that the fly tipping at the side of Baxter Croft, on land owned by Homes England, has finally been removed. This situation went on for over a year and took many emails and phone calls. Interestingly, in the case of the trees causing damage, reported by the same resident, I was able to get a resolution quickly once I had established the trees were on NULBC land. The fly tipping, although just yards away, was on H.E. land. This case alone highlights the difficulties on new estates when the whole estate is not adopted by the council. However, I am pleased our persistence got results.

Anti-social behaviour. I met with PCSO Neil Moffat on 11.11.24 to go over the details of recently reported cases in Vale Pleasant and on the Parade Pavilion and discuss prevention measures. Poor lighting and lack of CCTV camera coverage are a barrier to enforcement in these areas. There is also a case of illegal parking on Droitwich Close which Neil and I are working on. This involves the turning circle being compromised by the parking of residents, particularly at evenings and weekends. I have reported this to Staffs CC highways and encouraged the residents to contact Cllr. Huckfield. There is also an ongoing case of selfish and thoughtless parking outside Silverdale Methodist church that my fellow councillor and Neil have been made aware of. Neil has given advice and in both these cases his presence on the ground will be welcome to talk to those involved.

Planning & housing: No Fault Eviction Notices. I had a face to face meeting with the letting agent for these cases on 6.11.24. In both cases no rental agreement/contract had been provided and the letting agent promised he would contact the landlord to provide these. I chased this up on W/B25.11.24 and he tells me the situation has not changed. Obviously, it will be difficult for the landlord to apply the eviction procedures involved in an assured short hold tenancy if no such tenancy is actually documented. In the meantime, I negotiated an extension for the second case into April. This at least gives time for the tenants` application for various benefits and their banding assessment to be processed. The whole situation is very unsatisfactory.

I am helping a disabled resident who lives on Peebles Road get more suitable accommodation. In doing so I have learned more about the relationship between Newcastle housing and Aspire/other social landlords and I have been provided with the official Allocations Policy. The bottom line is there are just not enough 3 bed houses, particularly ones which have already been adapted. The houses on Peebles Rd are just not suitable due to the high gradient of steps in and out of the properties.

The much awaited meeting between the Labour group and Aspire senior management is due to take place early in Jan 2025.

The final Planning Committee of 2024 will take place on 3.12.24. At this committee the Bath Road development will be on the agenda and the Chair of Silverdale PC will be speaking. Any increase in social housing in my ward is very welcome. However, I will listen carefully to the debate in relation to the size and layout of the properties and the lack of a retail unit, which the community very much wanted to be included, and will base my decision on the balance of these considerations.

We heard this week that the committee`s decision not to permit the Bush development, 4x4 bed houses behind the public house on High st, has been appealed and the PC and others will have to resubmit their objections and/or speak at the appeal

General Comments

A flurry of cases have come in in the last month taking my total to 84. These mainly relate to housing, parking and Anti social behaviour.

My next surgery will be on Monday 2nd Dec 12.30-1.30 at Silverdale Library. The MP has expressed an interest in holding a joint surgery going forward and I will update you in the new year.

Under 5`s storytime continues every Monday up to and including 16.12.24. (see event below)

I am pleased to report that I have been selected as the County Council candidate for Newcastle South for the May 2025 local elections. I wish to reassure members and residents that I aim to continue as ward councillor for Silverdale. I feel like we are just starting to see the results of a lot of hard work.

Events

I am looking forward to attending a range of seasonal events including the Mayor`s Carol service at Madeley church 8.12.24 and Christmas dinner at St. Luke`s Primary school on 11.12.24

Signed

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Mince Pies & Carols at Silverdale Library. On Mon 16th Dec the Reception class from Silverdale Primary will be singing Christmas songs in Silverdale Library from 1.30-2pm. Please come along and join us for a drink and a mince pie.

Silverdale Christmas Lights This will take place at the Parade on Friday 6th Dec from 6.30pm. The Parade car park will be closed under special event license and I will be one of the car park marshalls. The Parish Council have organised the following: the shops will be open, Silverdale Methodist's brass band and local school choirs. There will also be stalls & a special visitor giving out gifts to any child who attends! The lights will be switched on by local celebrity Andrew Van Buren.

Silverdale Labour have already hand delivered 1, 500 Autumn/Winter newsletters around the village. I have also provided a paperless copy on my FB page.

Can you help? I have a large bag of daffodil bulbs donated by NULBC. I did not receive them until November and the cold snap has caught us out. These now need urgently to be planted so if anyone can take some for community use please let me know. I will be planting some on Parksite so if anyone wants to join our small band of gardeners please let me know!

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

Cllr Rupert Adcock report for Silverdale Parish Council Dec 24

Walleys Quarry

At full council on 20th November, I spoke about the worsening pollution and data over the last few months and how the operator and the EA had failed to proactively manage this. Councillors also had a confidential update on the council's legal case and its progression.

The closure notice is a great victory for all who campaigned for it for years. I am working with Cllr Tagg and my colleagues on the Liaison Committee to see how the capping off and restoration of the site will be managed and scrutinised in the months and years to come. Walleys sent out an update to members last week complaining about the EA directives relating to creating 'bench' platforms to enable more gas collection infrastructure to take place. It is clear they will resist the closure notice and have already appealed it, leading to the cancellation of the EA public meeting. We have sent questions to the EA this week to clarify what inert materials they will be allowed to accept and what disturbance there will be to the already tipped material.

Silverdale methodist church parking issues

After multiple parking issues reported to us by Lee, I have reported the access blocking issues to the County Council. We have also worked with PCSO Neil Moffat to monitor repeat offenders. I have been researching the issue and given the kerbs on Earl Street are lowered and the security gates and stairs to access the church extend to the pavement I have recommended to the church I have put in a request to the county council for yellow lines in front of their gates citing accessibility concerns. I have a case number and await a response from the County Council.

Animal welfare charter

Following an RSPCA campaign raised with me by Silverdale residents, I proposed a motion in council in January to ban the giving of live pets as prizes on council land and encourage the government to ban it nationally.

Following extensive work, I was pleased to propose the council's new Animal Welfare Charter at the last meeting which passed unanimously, and I have informed the Silverdale residents who originally raised the issue of our work. I am working with Cllr. Hutchinson to promote this in schools and do some outreach work to make local children aware of our animal welfare campaign.

Signed

Date

Parks Task and Finish Group

At the last Health, Wellbeing and Environment Scrutiny Committee I proposed we set up a 'Task and Finish' group to look specifically at play park equipment in the borough. This will involve an audit of what already exists, scrutinising maintenance schedules, coming up with play equipment proposals for the future and exploring potential sources of funding. Silverdale play parks will come under this review. Once arrangements are finalised, I will have more information on how the Parish Council could be involved.

Silverdale Athletic Centre lease

After many emails to the council's legal team over the past few weeks asking about the extension of the lease at the Club (which had been delayed for a significant time), we have finally made progress, and they have let me know that the lease arrangement is now being finalised. I have informed Marko Djukic of this positive outcome.