

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL held an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting remotely via the 'Zoom' Platform on Tuesday 27 APRIL 2021 Meeting at 6.30pm

Public Speaking

A member of the public spoke on the 'Treescapes' funding initiative. District/Parish Councillor W Armitage reported on the District/Parish Liaison Meeting held 26/03/2021 and climate emergency initiatives, a Derbyshire Association of Local Council Executive Meeting, general parish issues and that the Milltown Tree Preservation Order would be considered by a District Council Committee. Nine crimes had been reported for February 2021.

Annual Parish Meeting 27/04/2021

Consideration was given to items raised and a request would be submitted to Derbyshire County Council Highways for installation of fixed speed cameras at Kelstedge.

Councillor Resignation

A letter of resignation by a Parish Councillor had been submitted to North East Derbyshire District Council and due procedure was now being followed.

Health and Safety

A tamper proof dog bin would be installed at The Fabrick and information had been circulated to Members on spring water testing in the parish.

Parish Council Maintenance/Events

There would be a Volunteer Litter Pick on 22/05/2021 11am – 1pm and ten litter picking tools had been purchased for the group. The District Council had loaned 30 litter picking tools for the event. An Artefacts Exhibition was proposed for 23/10/2021 and this would be progressed. A Grit Bin at Westedge Close, Kelstedge would be relocated. The "20's Plenty" campaign was supported and a future Local Authority Treescapes Fund initiative would be promoted to landowners.

Cemetery

Extension E, the new burial area, had been laid out and had taken 35 tons of limestone for the paths and a dumper had been hired to assist with the laying out.

Climate Change

The working group was progressing an action plan and a suggestion for the supply of a bike rack would be progressed and put forward to the next meeting.

News Items

The Annual Report was in preparation. The 'Book Swap' in the Information Point on Moor Road, Ashover had been well received and was now operative with coronavirus precautions in place.

Training

Planning training undertaken on 20/04/2021 was confirmed.

Internal Audit Report 2020/2021

The Final Audit Report for 2020/2021 was received from Auditing Solutions Ltd., with no matters arising.

AGAR 2020/2021 Section 1

The Annual Governance Statement Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/2021 was approved for signature by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO.

AGAR 2020/2021 Section 2

The Accounting Statements Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/2021 was approved for signature by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO.

Monthly Financial Report

A budget appraisal and report/reconciliation from the computerised accounts detailing account balances, cheques/transactions issued/authorised and cheques received and any outstanding receipts considered. The report was put forward for signature by the Chairman. Details of any cheques signed or for signature by authorised Councillors and BACS invoices were confirmed.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.48 PM