

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL held an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting in Ashover Parish Hall on Tuesday 21 SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7.15 pm and Councillor E Willmot Chaired the meeting.

Public Speaking

County Councillor B Lewis reported on Jubilee Celebrations, Rights of Way signage and Highways Improvements.

Members of the public addressed the Parish Council on issues relating to Planning, a Community Workshop initiative, speeding on the A632, parking congestion at the Primary School, Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement work completed and grant funding for an Alton project. The Parish Lengthman spoke to Members about his duties and future role. District Councillor W Armitage reported on Police & Crime Commissioner Panel work, NEDDC Local Plan progress, Rykneld Housing Programme and proposed refurbishment of Dovecotes garages.

Eight crimes were reported for June and eleven crimes for July 2021.

Health and Safety

Two new gates would be provided on the play area by M Tomlinson of Stretton.

Parish Maintenance/Events

The Ashover Parish Artefacts/History/Memorabilia Exhibition would take place on Saturday 23 October 2021 from 10am to 4pm in Ashover Parish Hall.

The Play Area Mural designed by children would be unveiled on Jubilee Day 2022.

The Queen's Jubilee working group would provide a budget figure for the Finance Committee and road closures would be applied for.

The car parking bays on the Milken Lane Car Park would be re-lined by Guideline Surface Marking Ltd.

The Christmas Event would be held on 05/12/2021 and purchase of the Christmas Tree was confirmed.

A contract would be placed with C Slinn for the repairs to Kelstedge bus shelter.

That the resident's comments regarding village maintenance was noted.

A new dog bin would be supplied and installed by NEDDC at a suitable location opposite the memorial seat at The Fabric.

A new litter bin would be supplied and installed on Church Street opposite The Tuck Shop.

The Chairman signed the statement confirming completion of the Minor Maintenance Agreement work for 2021/2022 and a letter of thanks would be sent to the contractor, T Cartwright, for the high standard of work undertaken.

Neighbourhood Plan Review

No further action would be taken until the District Council's Local Plan had reached 'made' status.

A632 Matlock to County Boundary and Adjacent Road (30mph,40mph and 50mph Speed Limit) Order 2021

Previous comments would be submitted i.e.:-

- 1) Members welcomed the intention to reduce the national speed limit stretches down to a 50mph limit.
- 2) Members request that the speed limit through Kelstedge is changed from 40mph to 30mph and gave the following reasons:
 - Housing opens directly onto the A632, presenting an immediate hazard for pedestrians.
 - Vulnerability of drivers accessing lanes/roads on both sides from the A632.
 - Poor visibility for drivers exiting lane/roads either side onto the A632.
 - Vulnerability of pedestrians crossing the A632 at Kelstedge, as residents live either side of the A632.

Climate Change

The notes and recommendations from the working group meeting had been circulated to Members and following a discussion, recommendations were resolved.

News Items

Newsletter no. 2 (Autumn) would be circulated via the Parish Council website and social media once completed.

Training

The Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Training Schedule was received.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report included the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils' Newsletter, Annual Report and Forum Meeting notes, publications, Notice of a Modification Order Confirmation for Footpath no. 161 and Parish Maintenance undertaken under delegated powers (Minute 018/21).

Annual Return 2020/2021

Notification had been received from the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP, that the Annual Return 2020/2021 had been completed with no matters arising.

Councillor Audit

The Councillor Audit had taken place on 14/09/2021 in accordance with Financial Regulation 2.2 and GDPR, with no matters arising.

Internal Audit

An updated letter of engagement from Auditing Solutions Ltd. was approved. The Interim Internal Audit 2021/2022 had taken place remotely week commencing 13/09/2021 and the subsequent report circulated, with no matters arising.

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 10.10PM