

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL held an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover on Tuesday 19 JULY 2022 at 7.00 pm

Public Speaking

A member of the public spoke on Tree Preservation Orders and highway issues. The District/Parish Liaison Meeting would take place via zoom at 4pm on 22/07/2022 and the County Council Liaison meeting would take place at County Hall Matlock at 6.00pm on 26/07/2022. Eleven crimes were reported for May 2022.

Exclusion of Public

There were no items taken in exclusion.

Parish Maintenance

Consideration of quotations for maintenance of paths in the cemetery was deferred until the September meeting as a further quotation was awaited. The Footpaths and Bridleways Group had highlighted the possibility of grant funding for rights of way from 'Peak and Northern Footpaths Society'. The Play Area Mural had now been re-fixed satisfactorily. The 1st Ashover Brownies and 1st Ashover Guides had used the Parish Council litter picking equipment to undertake litter picks at Highoredish, Ashover Rock and round the Parish Hall.

Working Groups

Climate Change – The next group meeting would be held on 28/07/2022.

Sports Pavilion and Car Park

BRM Solicitors had been appointed to represent the Parish Council for the transfer of car park trust land back to the Parish Council and this would be for a nominal fee of £1.00.

Neighbourhood Plan Review

Payment of an invoice in the sum of £600 had been made to Andrew Towler Associates for preparation of a draft Consultation Statement, SEA/HRA Screening Report and draft Basic Conditions Statement.

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No applications had been received.

Training

Training opportunities were circulated and the Clerk was authorised to attend NALC training on 'Working between the Tiers' on 28/09/2022 at a cost of £43.09.

Public Meeting

A public meeting has been arranged to take place in **The Bassett Rooms, Church Street, Ashover from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Friday 23 September 2022**. The purpose of the meeting would be to allow members of the public to express their concerns regarding safety along the A632 and pollution of the River Amber. Invitees included Lee Rowley MP, DCC Cllr B Lewis and a Highways Officer. Representatives from the Police & Crime Commissioner's office had been invited along with representatives from Severn Trent Water. The meeting would be advertised as widely as possible.

River Amber

Ashover Parish Council had sent a letter dated 24/11/2021 to Severn Trent Water regarding pollution of the River Amber and, following the intervention of Lee Rowley MP, an email response had been received on 07/07/2022. The questions posed to Severn Trent Water together with its response would be circulated in the next Parish Council Newsletter.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

A matched funding grant application to the Police & Crime Commissioner had been successful and a grant of £3,000 had been offered towards the provision of 2no. SIDs at Kelstedge. Advice would be sought from Highways Officers on potential locations for the SIDs prior to application for an 'Objects in the Highway' (OITH) licence application being made. Quotes for the SIDs would also be required prior to application for the OITH licence.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report including Derbyshire Association of Local Councils newsletters had been circulated to Members.

Councillors Audit

The Councillor Audit had taken place on 14/07/2022 in accordance with Financial Regulation 2.2 and GDPR, 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 08.27pm