

## **ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover  
**Tuesday 20 JUNE 2023 commencing at 7.00pm**

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### **PRESENT**

Councillors E Willmot (Chairman), R Fidler (Vice-Chairman), J Cook, J Daykin, S Dronfield,  
Mrs R Early, Mrs L Hunter-Bott, M Thomas, C Miller  
Derbyshire County Councillor B Lewis  
S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)  
Members of the Public – 2

### **042/23 Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from District Councillor Mrs H Wetherall.

### **043/23 Variation of Order of Business**

There was no change in the order of business.

### **044/23 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **045/23 Recording and Filming of Council and Committee Meetings**

Members of the Public and Councillors were reminded that:-

The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of the council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014. This is in addition to the rights of the press and public to attend such meetings.

Meetings or parts of meetings from which the press and public are excluded may not be filmed or recorded. Members of the public are permitted to film or record meetings to which they are permitted access, in a non-disruptive manner.

### **046/23 Public Speaking**

County Councillor B Lewis reported on monitoring of highway issues during the Tansley Car Boot sales, highway works in and around Matlock causing travel disruption and possible 'hard verge' installation at Span Carr crossroads.

A report from District Councillor Mrs H Wetherall, had been circulated to Members.

The County Council/Parish Liaison Group Meeting would be held from 5pm on 18/09/2023 at County Hall and Ashover Parish Council would be represented.

Six crimes had been reported for April 2023 and Police response to a recent crime had been referred to the Police and Crime Commissioner by County Councillor B Lewis.

### **047/23 Exclusion of Public**

There were no items taken in exclusion.

### **048/23 Minutes**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council Meetings held 16 May 2023 are approved as a correct record.

**Resolution: That the Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council Meetings held 16 May 2023 are approved as a correct record.**

### **049/23 Planning**

Application Number: [23/00447/FLH](#)

Proposal: Two Story rear extension to existing dwelling (Affecting setting of a Listed Building)

Applicant: Mr Mark Brown

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

**No Comments**

Application Number: [23/00463/FLH](#)

Proposal: Erection of temple feature

Address: Amber House Vernon Lane Kelstedge Ashover

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Steve & Tracy Watson

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

**No Comments**

Application Number: [23/00467/LDC](#)

Proposal: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed installation of a stand alone wind turbine rear of property boundary

Address: Halewood Stretton Road Tansley Matlock

Applicant: Mr Jon Doar

Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth

**No Comments**

Application Number: [23/00511/FLH](#)

Proposal: The erection of a car port

Address: Ospring Farm Press Lane Old Tupton Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr S Pass

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

**No Comments**

Application Number: 22/00359/FL

Appeal By: Mr B Taylor

Site at: Land West Of Greenhouse Farm Coach Road Overton Ashover

Proposal: Retrospective consent for engineering works and installation of access tracks and planning consent for solar panel installation on agricultural building

#### **No Comments**

It was reported that the following application had been withdrawn from Planning Committee subject to a parking review NEDDC:-

Application Number: 21/01468/FL

Proposal: Change of use of amenity land for the provision of 10 Parking Spaces (Amended Plan)

Address: Land at Junction of Alton Lane and Stubben Edge Lane Alton Lane Littlemoor

Applicant: Ms Victoria Vernon – NEDDC

#### **050/23 Projects for Future Consideration**

The Chairman invited Members to put forward projects, with evidence of support from electors, for future inclusion in the Parish Council's Action Plan. The Climate Change Working Group may be amalgamating with the Tree Group and this may present projects for consideration.

**Noted.**

#### **051/23 Health & Safety**

Inconsiderate parking during school drop-off and pick-up times continued to present safety issues and Parish Council Representatives had met with the Primary School Head Teacher to discuss the matter further (Minute 032/23). The school was proactive in its approach to encouraging sensible and legal parking by parents/guardians by printing photos of car registrations, found to be parking in an inconsiderate manner, in its school newsletters.

**Resolution: That the Police are requested to attend at pick up times, on an ad-hoc basis, to address parking issues and to support the efforts of the school.**

#### **052/23 Parish Maintenance**

Consideration was given to MMA work on Rights of Way, refurbishment of notice boards, a parish seat on the tennis courts, a new litter bin on the car park and overdue repairs to Bridleway 140 on Vernon Lane, Kelstedge. It was noted that the red phone box on Church Street had been re-painted by BT and that the operation of a fast food facility on a Friday evening was taking place on the field. The dry stone wall adjacent right of way 37 (playing field) was in need of repair.

**Resolution:**

- (i) That T Orwin is contracted to undertake vegetation strimming on six rights of way in the parish under the Minor Maintenance Agreement scheme.**
- (ii) That the two notice boards are refurbished or replaced as required.**
- (iii) That the donation or contribution towards a parish seat on the hard courts is accepted.**
- (iv) That a covered litter bin is purchased for the car park.**
- (v) That the overdue repairs by Derbyshire County Council to Bridleway 140, Vernon Lane, Kelstedge are referred to DCC Councillor B Lewis.**
- (vi) That a specification of required works is drawn-up for the repair to the dry stone wall to the rear of the playing field.**

#### **053/23 Notice of a Parish Councillor Vacancy**

Following publication of a notice issued by North East Derbyshire District Council, the sufficient number of requests to call for an election to fill the vacancy had not been received. Therefore, Ashover Parish Council would now follow co-option procedures. The vacancy had been advertised on the Parish Council news page, Parish Council Facebook, main notice board and on the village Facebook. The closing date for applications was 9am on Friday 14/07/2023.

**Noted.**

#### **054/23 Transfer of Car Park Trust Land**

On 22/05/2023, BRM Solicitors had confirmed that the transfer of land from Ashover Parish Hall CIO to Ashover Parish Council was now complete. The original signed documents would be retained at BRM Solicitors along with other Lease and Deed documents held on behalf of Ashover Parish Council.

**Noted.**

#### **055/23 Neighbourhood Plan Review**

The Modified Plan had been 'Made' on 13.04.2023 and the Modified Plan had been published on the Parish Council's website and 3no. printed copies provided by NEDDC.

**Noted.**

#### **056/23 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)**

The application for the 'Object in the Highway' licence from Derbyshire County Council had been approved and the Licence received from the Legal Section. The existence of underlying utilities at the site of the proposed signs, would be confirmed and any planning permissions sought.

**Noted.**

#### **057/23 River Amber**

Further to Minute 033/23 a potential response to Lee Rowley MP was put forward following an update received on 03/06/2023 regarding water quality. The possible provision of reed beds would be highlighted in the response and a request to establish whether this features in Severn Trent's plans. It was noted that testing units were deployed upstream of Amber Mill and Kelstedge Sewage Treatment Works to detect any occurrence of pollution and the results from this were awaited.

**Resolution: That a full response is sent to Lee Rowley MP noting test results so far, further monitoring, permit limits, reed bed provision and review of the Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA).**

#### **058/23 Website Access**

Further to Minute 039/23 Cllr M Thomas had been given access rights to the Parish Council's website community calendar and Facebook page. All postings would be subject to approval by the Clerk.

**Noted.**

#### **059/23 News Items and Communications**

Future news posts would include information on War Graves in the cemetery.

**Noted.**

#### **060/23 Consultation on Division Boundaries for Derbyshire**

Documentation on the proposed division had been circulated to all Members and further consultation was awaited. No comments were put forward at this time.

**Noted.**

#### **061/23 Training**

Proposed training was for attendance on the DALC day by Cllr R Fidler and Memorial Safety Testing training by Cllrs J Cook and C Miller.

**Resolution: That attendance on the DALC day by Cllr R Fidler and Memorial Safety Testing training by Cllrs J Cook and C Miller are confirmed.**

#### **062/23 Clerk's Report**

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

**Noted.**

### 063/23 Councillor Audit

In accordance with Financial Regulation 2.2 and GDPR the Councillor Audit had been undertaken on 12/06/2023 and a report circulated. There were no matters arising for attention.

**Noted.**

### 064/23 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.

**Resolution: That the Financial Report for May 2023 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.**

**Financial Reports for April and May 2023 are shown below:-**

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
04/04/23	GE Willmot	Parish Maintenance	1825.20
04/04/23	Phenomenal Fireworks	Coronation Fireworks	750.00
04/04/23	DALC	Annual Subscription	711.60
04/04/23	Muktubs	Cemetery skip	156.00
04/04/23	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery maintenance	681.60
04/04/23	NEDDC	Dog bin servicing Jan-Mar 2023	718.85
11/04/23	HMRC	Tax and NI	1189.68
11/04/23	Water Plus	Allotments water	12.89
12/04/23	Auditing Solutions	Final Audit 2022/2023	576.00
12/04/23	ICCM	Annual Subscription	95.00
12/04/23	Water Plus	Public WCs water	138.05
18/04/23	Matlock First Responders	S137 donation	100.00
18/04/23	NEST	Pension Contributions	99.67
19/04/23	Npower	Defib elec to kiosks 12 months	39.39
21/04/23	Rialtas Business Solutions	Alpha software maintenance	210.00
25/04/23	Employees	Salary/Allowance/Reimbursements	1901.12
27/04/23	G Shaw	Cemetery stone pillar repair	280.00
27/04/23	Parish Hall CIO	Pavilion hire	48.00
02/05/23	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery maintenance	681.60
10/05/23	S Atkinson	Reimbursement	52.50
10/05/23	Eon	Public WCs electricity	108.87
10/05/23	Water Plus	Public WCs water	67.10
10/05/23	Water Plus	Allotments water	16.50
11/05/23	Water Plus	Cemetery water	5.86
16/05/23	BRM Solicitors	Legal Fees for land transfer	963.00
18/05/23	DALC	Cllr training x 2	110.00
23/05/23	BHIB Ltd.	Annual Insurance Premium	1131.01
25/05/23	Employees	Salary/Allowance/Reimbursements	1913.92
30/05/23	DALC	Cllr attendance at Seminar	55.00

The meeting closed at 08.20pm