

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover
Tuesday 18 JULY 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, C Miller, M Thomas
District Councillor Mrs H Wetherall
S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public – 9

065/23 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Derbyshire County Councillor B Lewis.

066/23 Variation of Order of Business

There was no change in the order of business.

067/23 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No declarations of interest were received.

068/23 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.

069/23 Public Speaking

A presentation was put forward by the owner on future proposals for Butts Quarry. District Councillor Mrs H Wetherall reported on local issues relating to housing, Bolehill Quarry and membership of the 'True and Fair' Party. Limited parking on the Milken Lane car park by Ashover Brass Band would be authorised for Ashover Show Day. It was noted that Lee Rowley MP would hold a surgery Monday 24 July 2023 from 6.15pm to 7.30pm in The Bassett Rooms, Church Street, Ashover. A second letter had been issued regarding overnight parking on the Milken Lane Car Park. Nine crimes had been reported for May 2023. Four candidates for the co-option of a Parish Councillor were invited to address Members and answer any questions. One candidate withdrew from the process.

070/23 Exclusion of Public

Agenda Item 9 (a) Co-option of a Parish Councillor, would be taken in partial exclusion.

071/23 Minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 20 June 2023 are approved as a correct record.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 20 June 2023 are approved as a correct record.

072/23 Planning

Application Number: 23/00542/FL
Proposal: Construction of new activity and storage building
Address: Camping Ground Matlock Road Spitewinter Ashover
Applicant: Chesterfield District Scouts
Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth
No Comments

Application Number: 23/00514/FLH
Proposal: Proposed orangery to rear and altered velux roof windows
Address: 4 The Paddocks Jetting Street Milltown Ashover
Applicant: Mr Cosgrove
Case Officer: Curtis Rouse
No Comments

Application Number: 23/00233/FL
Proposal: Revised scheme of previously approved 19/00966/FL, to re-site one holiday chalet.
Address: Overton Park Camp Coach Road Overton Ashover
Applicant: Mr Karl Hayes
Case Officer: Colin Wilson
No Comments

Application Number: 23/00584/TPO
Proposal: Application to prune x1 Sycamore tree covered by Tree Preservation Order 255
Address: Cook Cottage 2 Overton Hall Coach Road Overton
Applicant: Tracy Warwick
Case Officer: Curtis Rouse
No Comments

Application Number: 23/00576/FLH
Proposal: Construction of a single storey rear extension together with boots room/wc within courtyard and replacement of front door (Conservation Area/Listed Building)
Address: West Bank Church Street Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr Paul Eastwood
Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth
No Comments

Application Number: 23/00577/LB
Proposal: Application for Listed Building consent for the construction of a single storey rear extension together with boots room/wc within courtyard and replacement of front door (Conservation Area)
Address: West Bank Church Street Ashover Chesterfield
Applicant: Mr Paul Eastwood
Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth
No Comments

Application Number: 23/00377/FLH
Proposal: Proposal for a single storey side extension, incorporating a gable end with 4 velux roof windows (Affecting a public right of way)(Amended plans)(Further Amended Plans)
Address: Walnut Farm Ashover Hay Ashover Chesterfield
Applicant: Sarah and Scott Goring
Case Officer: Curtis Rouse
Comments: Ashover Parish Council supports the proposal.

073/23 Resolution: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted i.e. during consideration of candidates' applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy, the public and press were excluded from the meeting.
Members discussed the applications received for the Parish Councillor vacancy.
Members of the public and press were invited back into the meeting before voting took place.

074/23 Parish Councillor Co-option

Initially, five candidates had put forward applications for co-option as a Parish Councillor and two candidates had subsequently withdrawn their application.
The Chairman invited Members to nominate a candidate for the position of Parish Councillor by written ballot and these were handed back to the Chairman for counting. The result was as follows:-

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
B Garland	3
E Hayward	4
E Stone	2

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
B Garland	4
E Hayward	5

Edward Hayward was duly elected and signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.
Resolution: That the signed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' by Edward Hayward is accepted and Councillor Edward Hayward joins the meeting.

075/23 Parish Maintenance

Consideration was given to:-

- possible provision of 'hard verges' by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) at Span Carr and Hut Lane exiting onto the A632
- dry stone wall repairs adjacent right of way 37 (playing field)
- a request for DCC to supply stone to volunteers undertaking repairs to a stone wall on the Fabric
- rights of way issues:
140 - DCC had now stated that these long overdue repairs (dating back to March 2021) will now be subject to a capital bid for its 2024/2025 budget. The Parish

Council expressed concern about the extreme delay and would seek a commitment that the bid is supported and approved

144 – This presented a safety issue for horse-riders emerging from Kelstedge Lane onto the A632. A proposed ‘Public Path Creation Order’ would be presented to a future Parish Council meeting to convert the footpath to a bridleway; the concrete posts would be removed by DCC.

145 – The surface was in poor condition

- a ‘Notice of an application for registration of a person in adverse possession’ had been received relating to land at Ashover Hay
- disused quarries registered as common land

Resolution:

- (i) **That the provision of ‘hard verges’ by Derbyshire County Council along the A632 at Span Carr and Hut Lane are supported, but that it is noted that this does not solve the ongoing highway issues.**
- (ii) **That a Freedom of Information Act request is made to the Police for statistics on accidents and prosecutions along the A632.**
- (iii) **That the local volunteer group rebuilds the stone wall along the playing field boundary, allowing a ‘walkthrough’ at various points.**
- (iv) **That Derbyshire County Council is requested to provide additional stone for completion of walling work being undertaken by the local volunteer group, as the land is in DCC ownership.**
- (v) **That Derbyshire County Council is requested to prioritise capital work on Right of Way 140 (Vernon Lane) in its budget for 2024/2025.**
- (vi) **That progress in re-designating Right of Way 144 to a Bridleway is monitored.**
- (vii) **That Derbyshire County Council is requested to address surface repairs to Right of Way 145 (Salters Lane).**
- (viii) **That no response is made to the ‘Adverse Possession Notice’ received relating to land at Ashover Hay.**
- (ix) **That further investigation is made on rights relating to disused quarries registered as common land.**

076/23 Health & Safety

Consideration was given to application for a road closure for the Christmas Lights switch-on in December 2023.

Resolution: That a road closure is applied for from North East Derbyshire District Council for Sunday 03/12/2023 from 4pm to 7pm.

077/23 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 by DCC prior to installation of poles and NEDDC had confirmed that planning permission was not required.

Noted.

078/23 River Amber

No further correspondence had been received.

Noted.

079/23 Climate Change Working Group (CCWG)

An informal meeting had taken place between the CCWG and the Tree Group on 22/06/2023 and no formal minutes were available. The group discussed Biodiversity issues and had identified sites forming a wildlife corridor through the parish in liaison with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Parish Council representatives would liaise with the Primary School on projects for students, highlighting climate change and biodiversity.

Noted.

080/23 Burial Board Working Group

The Minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 10/07/2023 were put forward for approval together with recommendations.

Resolution:

- (i) **That the Minutes of the Burial Board Working Group meeting held 10/07/2023 are approved as a correct record and that recommendations are resolved as follows:-**
- (ii) **That the siting of a memorial seat in Extension D is approved.**
- (iii) **That a 'Grant of Exclusive Rights' is issued on Extension A plot 79 subject to production of suitable evidence of plot ownership and a maximum of 3 interments of cremated remains being allowed due to space availability in the plot.**
- (iv) **That the next Detailed Tree Survey is undertaken during 2024 and that the Tree Warden is requested to undertake interim inspections annually.**
- (v) **That Memorial Testing is undertaken in November 2024 and public notification issued in July 2024 in accordance with Policy procedures.**
- (vi) **That a contractor is appointed to make safe, where possible, remaining memorials identified in the inspection undertaken in November 2021.**
- (vii) **That clarification is sought at the training event in Draycott as to the rights of a Parish Council to repair memorials under 75 years old and still in the ownership of next of kin. The question would be raised in particular regarding memorials where dowels have disintegrated causing the upright section to become unstable and whether these memorials should be laid flat.**
- (viii) **That a contractor is appointed to repair the potholes and to leave any residual limestone by the skips.**
- (ix) **That a contractor undertakes moss killing where necessary and puts appropriate public warning signage in place.**
- (x) **That, when budget allows, memorials over 75 years are repaired to maintain the amenity of the cemetery.**
- (xi) **That volunteers are requested to clean down the war graves with appropriate and safe cleaning products and methods.**
- (xii) **That a bat survey was not necessary at this time.**

081/23 News Items

Items had been published relating to War Graves in Ashover Cemetery and further items would be published in the future. 'Digital Switch-over' planned for 2025 would be highlighted in news posts.

Noted.

082/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report, including Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) newsletters, had been circulated to Members. Possible future projects would be included as a regular agenda item.

Noted.

083/23 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 June 2023 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
02/06/2023	NEST	Pension Contributions	99.67
05/06/2023	Shed Grounds Maint Ltd.	Cemetery Maintenance	681.60
06/06/2023	Imperative Training Ltd.	2no. Defib pads – Kelstedge	174.00
07/06/2023	Water Plus	Allotments Water	17.22
08/06/2023	Water Plus	Public Toilets Water	65.10
12/06/2023	Water Plus	Cemetery Water	9.41
13/06/2023	PHS Group	Public Toilets water management sys	779.74
14/06/2023	DCC County Fund	OITH Licence for SIDs	105.00
28/06/2023	Employees	Salaries/Allow/Reimbursements	1967.75
30/06/2023	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	18.00

The meeting closed at 08.50pm