

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover
Tuesday 19 SEPTEMBER 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 L Hunter-Bott, M Thomas
District Councillor Mrs H Wetherall
S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public – 9

084/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Mrs R Early and C Miller and Derbyshire County Councillor B Lewis.

085/23 Variation of Order of Business

There was no change in the order of business.

086/23 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

A declaration of interest was received from Cllr E Willmot on pre-application notice of Proposed Base Station Installation Upgrade at Cornerstone 23462022, Hill Top Farm (Wilmot), Hill Top Farm, Ashover, Derbyshire, S45 0BZ. Ngr: E: 434553, N: 364087.

087/23 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.

088/23 Public Speaking

District Cllr Mrs Helen Wetherall spoke on work she had undertaken relating to planning, primary school, noise, licensing, A632, parking, dog bin request, residents' requests and appointment to the Local Government Association's Children and Young People Board. Members of the public spoke on application 23/00609/FL and speeding vehicles along the A632 Matlock to Chesterfield road. Following the public meeting held in September 2022, it was requested that a further public meeting is held to discuss the A632 safety issues. Crime figures for June and July were noted.

089/23 Exclusion of Public

No items were taken in exclusion.

090/23 Minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 18 July 2023 are approved as a correct record.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 18 July 2023 are approved as a correct record.

091/23 Planning

Application Number: 23/00649/FLH

Proposal: S73 application to vary Condition 3 from stone to render pursuant to approved 22/00379/FLH

Address: Hallmoor Farm Matlock Road Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mrs Lesley Whittington

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No Comments

Application Number: 23/00609/FL

Proposal: Proposed reconstruction of two storey dwelling house, rebuilding of external WC and construction of new domestic outbuilding to form a tractor store and workshop (private drainage system)

Address: Site of Former Hay Lane Cottage Hay Lane Milltown Ashover

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Robert Sharpe

Case Officer: Susan Wraith

No Comments

Application Number: 23/00733/FLH
Proposal: Two storey side extension (Affecting Setting of a Listed Building)
Address: Dale Cottage Dalebank Lane Ashover Chesterfield
Applicant: Mr Bill King
Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No Comments

Application Number: 23/00674/FL
Proposal: Erection of detached double garage and store with generator and honey processing room ancillary to approved planning permission 19/00955/FL
Address: Land to The South East Of Siberia Cottages Sydnope Hill Darley Moor
Applicant: Mr Paul Kelly
Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth

Comments: Ashover Parish Council questions the classification of the proposal against the planning permission granted under application 19/00955/FL for a house and the impact of the proposal on the surrounding countryside, APNP policies AP2 and AP13 refer. Additionally, Members question the noise impact of the proposal on any surrounding properties under APNP policy AP17.

Application Number: 23/00731/FL
Proposal: Proposed PV Solar panels within adjacent field
Address: Blakelow Barn Allen Lane Tansley Matlock
Applicant: Mr J Lomas
Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth

No Comments

Application Number: 22/00630/FL
Proposal: Application for proposed barn conversion to two storey 3 bed dwelling with rear extension and temporary siting of mobile home (Amended Plans/Amended Title/Affecting a Public Right Of Way)
Address: Sandhills Farm Darley Road Stonedge Ashover
Applicant: Mr Harris
Case Officer: Alice Lockett

No Comments

Application Number: 23/00756/FL
Proposal: Proposed new Agricultural Building and retention of existing timber shed
Address: Hurst House Highashes Lane Ashover Chesterfield
Applicant: Mr John Hollingworth
Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth

No Comments

Application Number: 23/00752/LDC
Proposal: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for conversion of the existing garage into a 3 bed roomed accommodation annexe with two new roof lights (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building)
Address: The Old Windmill Matlock Road Span Carr Ashover
Applicant: Mr Sean Keavey
Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No Comments

Application Number: 23/00765/CUPDMB

Proposal: Application for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house with 3 roof lights

Address: Amber Hill Farm Amber Lane Slack Ashover

Applicant: Mr John Surguy

Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth

No Comments

22/01143/LB Appeal against refusal of planning permission in respect of :-
Listed Building consent to reinstate a window on ground floor east elevation
Fallgate Mill Hockley Lane Ashover Chesterfield
Appellant - Mr Michael Philbin

No Comments

Pre-application notice for:-

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION UPGRADE AT CORNERSTONE 23462022, HILL TOP FARM (WILMOT), HILL TOP FARM, ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE, S45 0BZ. NGR: E: 434553, N: 364087

No Comments

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION UPGRADE AT CORNERSTONE 11204802, LAND TO THE EAST OF HOLESTONE ROAD, ASHOVER, CHESTERFIELD, S45 0EG. NGR: E: 433701, N: 362393

No Comments

092/23 Parish Maintenance

Consideration was given to a new notice board on the car park, a memorial seat, resignation of the Tree Warden, DCC Snow Warden Scheme, flower bed maintenance contract.

Resolution:

- (i) **That refurbishment costs of the present notice board on the sports pavilion are sought.**
- (ii) **That Ashover Parish Council supports any shortfall in cost for the provision of a memorial seat on the hard courts by a local family and Ashover Tennis Club.**
- (iii) **That the resignation of the Ashover Tree Warden is noted.**
- (iv) **That Ashover Parish Council does not join the Derbyshire County Council snow warden scheme for winter 2023/2024.**
- (v) **That the list of five contractors invited to quote for the flower bed maintenance contract is approved.**

093/23 Health & Safety

An Incident Report had been completed in relation to the volunteer work undertaken on stone walling on the playing field.

Resolution: That the Incident Report is noted and signed by the Chairman.

094/23 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

The application for the 'Object in the Highway' licence from Derbyshire County Council had been received and it was anticipated that the support poles would be in placed by the end of September 2023. The appointed contractor, Coeval, would then install the two SIDs.

Noted.

095/23 River Amber

The Parish Council had continued to correspond with Lee Rowley MP on the issue of pollution in the River Amber and would continue to issue updates on progress. In the latest correspondence, Severn Trent had responded to Lee Rowley MP with the following:-
'Thank you for sharing the two questions from Ashover Parish Council. On the future permit limits, our WINEP investment plans are still subject to final agreement and sign off by Defra / Environment Agency, once we do receive sign off we will be investing to meet a new phosphorus limit for the Ashover site. As this programme and new permit limits are still to be confirmed, we have not made a final decision on the technology that will be used to meet the new permit level, it may be an additional reed bed or it will be an alternative option. All options are being evaluated to ensure the most appropriate solution is found.'

Lee Rowley MP would update the Parish Council once a response from the Environment Agency had been received. Members expressed disappointment with Severn Trent's response. Given the level of local concerns Severn Trent would be requested to introduce a point of contact for updates in the coming months.

Noted.

096/23 Proposed Bus Stop Clearway, Ashover Primary School

Derbyshire County Council had put forward a proposed scheme for comment. Members voted on the scheme:-

5 For

2 Against

1 Abstention

Resolution: That the proposed bus stop clearway at Ashover Primary School by Derbyshire County Council, is supported.

097/23 Working & Voluntary Groups

The Ashover Footpaths and Bridleways Voluntary Group had submitted an interest in a grant under the Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health & Wellbeing Scheme for an all access route on the Rights of Way. The group was currently seeking to make safe a route for horses along FP144 and possible use of a safer link route.

The Climate Change Working Group would be arranging a meeting.

Noted.

098/23 News Items

Members were invited to put forward items for the Autumn Newsletter.

Noted.

099/23 Neighbourhood Plans

Recent correspondence relating to a court case and Neighbourhood Plans had been passed to Lee Rowley MP for comment and this had been circulated to Members.

Noted.

100/23 Minor Maintenance Agreement (MMA) and Rights of Way Maintenance

An MMA statement was put forward for signature by the Chairman i.e.

"I hereby certify that the works detailed overleaf are in accordance with the Agreement. The costs were fair and reasonable and that the works to which the expenditure relates have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Council."

A report had been circulated to Members regarding further maintenance of rights of way in the parish to improve access.

Resolution:

- (i) That the MMA Statement is signed by the Chairman and returned to DCC.**
- (ii) That the Finance Working Group considers further financial support for maintenance on rights of way in the parish.**

101/23 Future Projects

Proposals included submission of an expression of interest form for provision of a chess table under a Government initiative and an anti-litter poster campaign.

Resolution:

- (i) **That an expression of interest is submitted for chess table provision under the Government initiative for Levelling Up.**
- (ii) **That Cllrs Mrs L Hunter-Bott and J Daykin liaise with the Primary School on an anti-litter poster campaign.**

102/23 Car Park Access

The access road lease was considered and advice was awaited from the Parish Council's Solicitor.

Noted.

103/23 Clerk's Report

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

Noted.

104/23 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022/2023

The External Audit 2022/2023 had been completed by PKF Littlejohn with no matters arising and a 'Notice of Conclusion of Audit' posted on the Parish Council website and in the Information Point and circulated to all Members.

Noted.

105/23 Interim Internal Audit 2023/2024

The Interim Internal Audit report 2023/2024 from Auditing Solutions Ltd., with no matters arising, had been circulated to all Members.

Noted.

106/23 Councillor Audit

The Councillor Audit had taken place on 18/09/2023 in accordance with Financial Regulation 2.2 and GDPR, with no matters arising.

Noted.

106/23 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 Reports for July and August 2023 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
03.07.23	NEST	Pension Contributions	99.67
05.07.23	HMRC	Tax and NI	1458.63
10.07.23	Water Plus	Public Toilets water	68.72
10.07.23	Water Plus	Allotments water	17.69
11.07.23	Muktubs	Cemetery skip x 2	312.00
11.07.23	NEDDC	Grounds Maintenance 2023/24	22029.00
11.07.23	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery Maintenance	681.60
11.07.23	Water Plus	Cemetery water	9.66
13.07.23	Geosphere Ltd.	Parish Online Mapping subs.	96.00
18.07.23	ICCM	Memorial Training x 2	360.00
19.07.23	Imperative Training Ltd.	Battery for Littlemoor Defib	286.20
20.07.23	K Atkinson	Annual Report Design	350.00
28.07.23	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit 2022/2023	504.00
28.07.23	Employees	Salary/Allowance/Reimbursements	1901.12
02.08.23	Glasdon UK Ltd	Car Park Litter Bin	268.94
02.08.23	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery Maintenance	681.60
02.08.23	NEST	Pension Contributions	99.67
03.08.23	S Atkinson	Poppy Wreath 2023	23/99
07.08.23	GE Willmot	Parish Maintenance	1066.08
07.08.23	Viking Direct	Toilet & Stationery supplies	356/27
08.08.23	Water Plus	Public Toilets water	65/10
08.08.23	Water Plus	Allotments water	17.22
22.08.23	EON	Public Toilets electricity	89.21
24.08.23	Glasdon UK Ltd.	Additional keys to litter bin on car pk	10.73
25.08.23	S Atkinson	Laptop Internet Security subscription	95.99
29.08.23	Employees	Salary/Allowance/Reimbursements	1898.72

The meeting closed at 08.55pm