

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover
Tuesday 17 OCTOBER 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

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PRESENT

Councillors E Willmot (Chairman), R Fidler (Vice-Chairman), J Cook, Mrs R Early,
E Hayward, Mrs L Hunter-Bott, C Miller, M Thomas
District Councillor Mrs H Wetherall
S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public – 8

107/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors J Daykin and S Dronfield and Derbyshire County Councillor B Lewis.

108/23 Variation of Order of Business

There was no change in the order of business.

109/23 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

A declaration of interest was received from Cllr E Willmot on Agenda Item 9a Parish Maintenance (minor contracts).

110/23 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.

111/23 Public Speaking

Members of the public spoke on issues relating to outside events, noise and light pollution and wildlife concerns.

District Cllr Mrs Helen Wetherall gave updates relating to Bolehill Quarry, consultation on Polling Districts and Places, a dog bin request for Milltown and a proposed District Council Local Plan Working Group.

Crime figures for August were noted.

112/23 Exclusion of Public

No items were taken in exclusion.

113/23 Minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 19 September 2023 are approved as a correct record subject to the addition of Cllr E Hayward on the attendance record.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 19 September 2023 are approved as a correct record subject to the addition of Cllr E Hayward on the attendance record.

114/23 Planning

Application Number: 23/00802/FL

Proposal: Change of use of land and single storey rear extension to holiday let (resubmission of 23/00330/FLHPD)

Address: Clover View Clover House Farm Screetham Lane Ashover

Applicant: Mr J Pembery

Case officer: Steven Wigglesworth

No Comments.

Cllr E Willmot left the room during discussion and resolution on minor contracts with GE Willmot & Son. Cllr E Willmot returned to the room for the remaining items under Parish Maintenance.

115/23 Parish Maintenance

Consideration was given to minor maintenance contracts, cemetery maintenance, provision of a dog bin, dog control in the cemetery and advertising on hard courts' fencing. An update on the 'Public Space Protection Order' from the District Council would be requested.

Quotations to extend minor maintenance contracts with GE Willmot & Son were considered.

Quotations had been sought for the flower bed maintenance (adjacent Public Toilets and The Black Swan) contract and these had been received as follows:-

Shed Grounds Maintenance Ltd.:-

Initial Tidy-Up of both areas = £264.18 plus vat

Annual Grounds Maintenance of both areas = £91.58 per month/£1,098.96 per year plus vat

Jet wash = £205.80 plus vat per spray by arrangement

J. Bown – Declined to quote

Pear Tree Farm Landscapes Ltd. – Declined to quote

Drive Out Services Ltd. - read receipt received.

Woolley Moor Nurseries Ltd. – Promotion of services received.

A quotation for additional work to the ongoing cemetery maintenance contract had been received from Shed Grounds Maintenance Ltd. in the sum of £1,230.94.

Resolution:

- (i) **That minor maintenance contracts with GE Willmot & Son are extended to 31/03/2025 at the following rates:-**
Cemetery – Weed killing on paths £125 per spray
Parish Seats – Vegetation Strimming around parish seats £200 per visit
Knotweed Spraying on Common Land – £75 per spray
Car Park – Annual Inspection of surface water drains £30 per year
Grit Bin filling - £20 per bin
Car park snow clearance - £45 per hour
Ice treatment - Immediate & Precautionary car park gritting - £45/£55 per hour
- (ii) **That Shed Grounds Maintenance Ltd. is awarded a contracts for flowerbed initial tidy-up (£264.18 plus vat) and ongoing maintenance (£91.58 per month plus vat to 31/03/2025).**
- (iii) **That additional work to the ongoing cemetery maintenance contract is awarded to Shed Ground Maintenance Ltd. in the sum of £1,230.94 plus vat.**
- (iv) **That all contracts are aligned for renewal at 31/03/2025.**
- (v) **That a dog bin is provided at Milltown.**
- (vi) **That further signs are provided at entrances to the cemetery stating that ‘Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times whilst in the Cemetery’.**
- (vii) **That no advertising is allowed on hard courts’ fencing to prevent further business advertising and damage to the fence.**

116/23 Health & Safety

No matters were raised

117/23 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

Derbyshire County Council was in the process of installing poles at Kelstedge and two SIDs would be installed once this work was completed.

Noted.

118/23 River Amber

The Parish Council had continued to correspond with Lee Rowley MP on the issue of pollution in the River Amber and would issue updates on progress. Recent correspondence indicated that further water quality monitoring would take place upstream from Kelstedge and data from the Environment Agency would be shared and Severn Trent had provided a contact point.

Noted.

118/23 Public Meeting

A request for a further public meeting on safety along the A632 and pollution in the River Amber was considered.

Resolution: That a Public Meeting is held in Spring 2024 when, hopefully, data from Severn Trent and the Environment Agency in relation to the River Amber would be available. Also data from the Speed Indicator Devices on the A632 would be available and proposed work by Derbyshire County Council i.e. hard verges, rumble strips, road markings, Police parking areas, may have been completed.

119/23 Climate Change Working Group

The Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group held 28/09/2023 were put forward for approval. The group continued to progress the ‘wildlife corridor’ initiative with landowners and to engage with the Primary School on environmental issues. The group continued to work with the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and would collaborate with Derbyshire County Council under its ‘Derbyshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy’.

The Ashover Footpaths and Bridleways Group had been seeking ongoing volunteer insurance from Derbyshire County Council.

Resolution:

- (i) **That the Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group Meeting held 28 September 2023 are approved as a correct record and noted.**
- (ii) **That Derbyshire County Council is requested to clarify the insurance position for volunteers working on County Council owned property.**

120/23 Parish Events

The Christmas Lights Switch-on would take place on Sunday 03/12/2023 and a road closure application for Church Street had been submitted to the District Council. Consideration was given to anticipated expenditure for the event and a grant application would be submitted to the Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. Trustees.

Remembering D-Day 80 years on: 6 June 2024 marks 80 years since the D-Day landings, the largest amphibious operation in history, which marked the beginning of the liberation of France and Western Europe.

Resolution:

- (i) **That £900.00 is made available to the Christmas Event 2023 from code 2338 'Special Celebrations'.**
- (ii) **That any initiatives for 'Remembering D-Day 80 years on' i.e. 06 June 2024, are considered.**

121/23 News Items

Articles continued to be posted in 'Wings' magazine and Members were invited to put forward items for the Autumn Newsletter.

Noted.

122/23 NEDDC Consultation

The District Council was undertaking a review of Polling Districts and Places. The Polling Districts and Places for Ashover Parish had not changed.

Noted.

132/23 Future Projects

There were no updates on the provision of a chess table under a Government initiative or an anti-litter poster campaign.

Noted.

133/23 Car Park Access

The Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. Trustees had taken legal advice and would provide further information in due course.

Noted.

134/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report, including Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) newsletters and correspondence received had been circulated to Members. In relation to correspondence, Members did not wish to initiate parking charges for the Milken Lane car park, voluntary or otherwise. Other correspondence received via email dated 26/09/2023 was received and noted with no action to be taken.

Noted.

135/23 Section 137 Grants

Consideration was given to community grants towards Christmas activities.

Resolution: That Section 137 Grants are awarded to the following groups towards Christmas activities:-

- £25.00 - Ashover Parochial Church Council (Church Lights for Christmas event)**
- £25.00 - Ashover Acorns Play Group**
- £50.00 - Ashover All Saints Church Choir (singing at Christmas event)**

£50.00 - Ashover Brass Band (playing at the Christmas event)

£50.00 - Ashover Seniors

136/23 Finance Working Group Meeting and Precept 2024/2025

The Minutes of the Finance Working Group Meeting held 03 October 2023 were put forward and it was proposed and seconded that the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

Recommendations were resolved.

Resolution:

- (i) That the Minutes of the Finance Working Group held 03 October 2023 are approved as a correct record.**
- (ii) That the matched funding (£3,462.00) for the two speed indicator devices at Kelstedge is set against capital code 1961 Street Furniture.**
- (iii) That £1,000.00 is debited from code 1163 Contingencies and credited to code 2337 General Maintenance to support additional vegetation clearance on rights of way (Highways Act 1980 ss43,50).**
- (iv) That, having deliberated the budget for the Financial Year 2024/2025, an anticipated realistic income figure of £11,090.00 set against an anticipated expenditure figure of £93,170.00 plus earmarked reserves of £12,307.00, produced an annual Precept figure for 2024/2025 of £94,387.00. This represented an increase of £4,632.00 (5.2%) on 2023/2024.**
- (v) That the proposed Precept figure for 2024/2025 of £94,387.00 is put out to Public Consultation and any responses brought to the Parish Council Meeting to be held on 21/11/2023.**

137/23 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 September 2023 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
01/09/2023	Driveout Services	Refurb Moor Rd Notice Board	300.00
04/09/2023	Whittington Moor Printers	Annual Report print and postage	2792.94
04/09/2023	Muktubs	Cemetery skip – rubble	140.00
04/09/2023	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery maintenance	681.60
04/09/2023	NEST	Pension Contributions	99.67
05/09/2023	Ashover Parish Hall	Pavilion room hire	36.00
05/09/2023	NEDDC	Xmas Road Closure 2023	200.00
05/09/2023	P Storer	Playing field tree work	360.00
05/09/2023	T Orwin	MMA work on R of W 2023	675.00
07/09/2023	Water Plus	Allotments water	42.33
13/09/2023	Imperative Training Ltd.	4xdefib pads – Milltown/Alton	348.00
22/09/2023	L Hammond	Play area Jubilee Mural	1120.40
22/09/2023	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration	35.00
25/09/2023	Employees	Salary/Allowance/mileage	1898.52
25/09/2023	Auditing Solutions	Interim Audit 2023/24	600.00
30/09/2023	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges x 3months	18.00

The meeting closed at 08.42pm