

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover
Tuesday 21 NOVEMBER 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

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PRESENT

Councillors R Fidler (Vice-Chairman), J Cook, J Daykin, S Dronfield, E Hayward,
Mrs L Hunter-Bott, M Thomas
S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public – 4

In the absence of Councillor E Willmot (Chairman) Councillor R Fidler (Deputy Chairman) took the Chair.

138/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Mrs R Early, C Miller and E Willmot, Derbyshire County Councillor B Lewis and District Councillor Mrs H Wetherall.

139/23 Variation of Order of Business

There was no change in the order of business.

140/23 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No declarations of interest were received.

141/23 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.

142/23 Public Speaking

Members of the public spoke on issues relating to proposals for Fall Hill Quarry and data collected from the proposed speed indicator devices at Kelstedge to be made public. District Councillor Mrs H Wetherall had submitted a written report on local issues being investigated and addressed and attendance at meetings for the District Council and Local Government Association. The report had been circulated to all Members. Crime figures for September were noted.

143/23 Exclusion of Public

No items were taken in exclusion.

144/23 Minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 17 October 2023 are approved as a correct record.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 17 October 2023 are approved as a correct record.

145/23 Planning

Application Number: [23/00864/FL](#)

Proposal: Proposed PV Solar panels

Address: 1 South View Whitefield Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr C Lowe

Case Officer: Kerry Hallam

No comments

Application Number: [23/00902/FLH](#)

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage into habitable space. External walls to be built up in stone to match and new entrance door and windows to be formed in rear and side elevations (Conservation Area)(Affecting setting of a Listed Building)

Address: Rowan Cottage Hockley Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Ms Walker & Ms Sigee

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

Comments:

Ashover Parish Council questions the requirement for additional living space to the detriment of garage parking.

Application Number: [23/00900/FLH](#)

Proposal: Proposed carport to front elevation, single storey rear extension, roof extension between garages, and retention of patio and pergola

Address: Blakelow Cottage Holestone Gate Road Holestone Moor Ashover

Applicant: Mr John Lomas

Case Officer: Stephen Kimberley

No comments

Application Number: 23/00917/FLH

Proposal: Two storey side extension and detached garage (revised scheme of 18/00476/FLH)

Address: Mount Pleasant Alton Hill Alton Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Andrew Fielder

Case Officer: Kenneth Huckle

No comments

Application Number: 23/00925/FL

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 5 (Pupil numbers) of planning permission 17/00713/FL (Affecting a public right of way)

Address: Eastwood Grange Milken Lane Far Hill Ashover

Applicant: Aspris Children's Services Limited

Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth

No comments

Application Number: 23/00924/FL

Proposal: Proposed toilet block comprising of 5no Unisex toilets, 2 Disabled toilets and 2 baby change units with service shaft and cleaners store (Revised scheme of 22/01195/FL)

Address: Matlock Farm Park Jaggars Lane Darley Moor Matlock

Applicant: Matlock Farm Park

Case Officer: Graeme Cooper

No comments

Application Number: 23/00733/FLH

Proposal: Two storey side extension (Affecting Setting of a Listed Building)(Amended Title)(Amended plans-27.10.23)

Address: Dale Cottage Dalebank Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr Bill King

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No comments

Application Number: 23/00922/FL

Proposal: Retrospective application for livestock handling area cover and rough yards concreting

Address: Hill Top Farm Hilltop Road Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr Paul Willmot

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

No comments

Application Number: 23/00923/FL

Proposal: Replacement agricultural building to house livestock, store fodder and implements and provision of workshop space

Address: Wine Tavern Farm Coldharbour Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Dr Tim Parkin

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

No comments

Application Number: 23/00944/TPO

Proposal: Application to fell 1x Elm tree, prune 1x Ash tree, 1x Sycamore tree and fell self set Damson trees within NEDDC TPO 287 also to fell a mix of Cherry/Elm and Willow trees within NEDDC TPO 286.

Address: The Old Coach House Marsh Green Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Miss Jemima Letts

Case Officer: Stephen Kimberley

No comments

Application Number: 23/00973/TPO

Proposal: Application to prune 1no Lime tree (T17) within NEDDC Tree Preservation Order 200

Address: 112 Malthouse Lane Ashover Chesterfield S45 0BU

Applicant: Mrs Lisa Johnson

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No comments

Application Number: 23/00948/LDC

Proposal: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed Minor alterations including bay window and door, circular gable window, dormer windows, full deep retrofit insulation.

Address: Rockfield House The Hay Ashover Hay Ashover

Applicant: Swan

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

For Information only

146/23 Parish Maintenance

Consideration was given to an offer from the Leader of NEDDC to attend a Parish Council Meeting and an NEDDC conference to be held on 23/02/2024. A common land audit had taken place and this would be reported in detail to the December meeting.

Resolution:

- (i) **That the Leader of NEDDC is invited to attend an Ashover Parish Council Meeting.**
- (ii) **That Councillors Mrs L Hunter-Bott and R Fidler attends the NEDDC Conference on 23/02/2024 to represent Ashover Parish Council.**

147/23 Health & Safety

A request had been received for a defibrillator to be sited at Stonedge. It had been established that a defibrillator, available to the public, was sited at The Red Lion, Stonedge.

Resolution:

- (i) **That confirmation is sought that the defibrillator at The Red Lion, Stonedge is registered with 'The Circuit'.**
- (ii) **That owners of defibrillators are encouraged to register with 'The Circuit' via newsletters and the website, in order to identify the location to the East Midlands Ambulance Service.**

148/23 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

The installation of a second post at Kelstedge by Derbyshire County Council was awaited. The SIDs had been manufactured and would be installed once both posts were in place. The invoice from Coeval had been received.

Resolution:

- (i) **That Derbyshire County Council is requested to install the second post at Kelstedge as a matter of urgency.**
- (ii) **That the invoice from Coeval for 2no. SIDs in the sum of £5,632.00 plus VAT is authorised for payment. It was noted that a grant of £3,000.00 towards this cost had been obtained from the Police & Crime Commissioner.**

149/23 River Amber

Further correspondence had been received from Lee Rowley MP informing of visits to agricultural premises in the parish by the Environment Agency.

Noted.

150/23 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 approved. Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. Trustees had granted £400.00 towards the event for the purchase of the Christmas Tree.

Noted.

151/23 News Items

The recent Autumn Newsletter had been received well and future news would include updates on Parish Council projects, 'Jim's' field at Alton, Climate Change Working Group initiatives and updates on the River Amber pollution.

Noted.

152/23 Future Projects

There were no updates on the provision of a chess table under a Government initiative. The anti-litter poster campaign had been progressed with the Primary School. Ideas had been invited from the Primary School for use of land formerly used as an allotment.

Noted.

153/23 Car Park Access

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

Noted.

154/23 Tree Surveys

Surveys had been undertaken on the playing field, car park and allotments. A quotation had been sought from Trueman Specialist Tree Surveys for the recommended work in the sum of £750.00 plus VAT. The contractor had previously undertaken work in the cemetery to a high and safe standard; this was considered essential as some of the work specified was adjacent a right of way.

Resolution: That the quotation from Trueman Specialist Tree Surveys in the sum of £750.00 plus VAT is accepted. The contract would include work identified under the Tree Survey recently undertaken on the playing field, car park and allotments.

155/23 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report, including Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) newsletters and correspondence received had been circulated to Members. It was noted that the call by local councils for remote/hybrid meetings to be included in legislation, had been rejected by Central Government.

Resolution: That a further request for remote/hybrid meetings is raised with Lee Rowley MP and at the NEDDC Conference on 23/02/2024.

156/23 Precept 2024/2025

Further to Minute 134/23, a public consultation on the proposed Precept for 2024/2025 in the sum of £94,387.00 had been undertaken via the Parish Council website and on the main notice board. No comments had been received from the public.

Resolution: That a Precept figure of £94,387.00 for 2024/2025 is submitted to North East Derbyshire District Council.

157/23 Section 137 Grants

Consideration was given to an application from the Ashover Footpaths and Bridleways Group.

Resolution: That a Section 137 Grant in the sum of £213.00 is awarded to Ashover Footpaths and Bridleways Working Group for the cost of Public Liability Insurance cover for the volunteers.

158/23 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 October 2023 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
02/10/2023	ASI Security Systems	CCTV maintenance	162.00
02/10/2023	M Tomlinson	Play Area gate repairs	72.00
02/10/2023	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery maintenance	681.60
03/10/2023	NEST	Pension Contributions	99.67
04/10/2023	2Commune Ltd.	Website Host & Licence	522.00
09/10/2023	HMRC	Tax and NI	1443.23
09/10/2023	Water Plus	Public Toilets water	42.96
11/10/2023	Wallgate	Public Toilets handwash units	1197.00
11/10/2023	SLCC	Magazine subscription	36.00
11/10/2023	Water Plus	Allotments water	23.85
20/10/2023	Ashover Brass Band	S137 grant	50.00
20/10/2023	GE Willmot	Parish Maintenance	1447.20
20/10/2023	Ashover Seniors	S137 grant	50.00
24/10/2023	G Smith	Tree Survey-field, car park,allotments	450.00
24/10/2023	Employees	Salary/Allowance/Mileage	1900.92
31/10/2023	Ashover PCC	S137 grant	100.00

The meeting closed at 08.01pm