**ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL** held an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover on Tuesday **16 JANUARY 2024** commencing at 7.00pm and Cllr E Willmot chaired the meeting.

## Public Speaking

District Cllr Mrs H Wetherall reported on planning matters, potholes and flooding referred to Derbyshire County Council (DCC), a blocked right of way, traffic issues including Police reporting of road traffic collisions and subsequent fatalities; Cllr Wetherall was endeavouring to co-ordinate a joint approach to the safety issues along the A632. Ashover Parish Council would be arranging a further Public Meeting in the Spring to include Lee Rowley MP, Leader of DCC, DCC Cabinet Member for Transport, DCC Highways Officer, Chief Constable for Derbyshire and Police & Crime Commissioner regarding safety along the A632 and would also invite Severn Trent regarding alleged pollution of the River Amber.

Ashover Parish Council would continue to issue regular news updates relating to the safety campaign for the A632.

District Cllr Mrs H Wetherall reported that DCC Cllr B Lewis had attended a site meeting to discuss safety issues and options on Hillside leading to Hill Road, Ashover.

Crime figures for November were noted.

## Parish Maintenance

A faulty streetlight adjacent Dovecotes would be reported to DCC and a request to DCC for the prompt reinstatement of the streetlight at the Hillside/Hill Road junction was noted (FS-Case-570858516). New Christmas Tree lights would be purchased.

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## Health & Safety

An overflowing drain on Hill Road/Malthouse Lane had been reported to DCC (FS-Case-577627416).

## Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) A632 at Kelstedge

The traffic management required would cost £791.00 and installation was anticipated to take place within the next three weeks. A further Object in the Highway Licence would be submitted for the post sited at the bottom of Slack Hill.

## River Amber

No further updates had been received from the MP’s office.

## Climate Change/Biodiversity

The Climate Change Working Group had progressed work-streams, complying with the Environment Act 2021 and Improvement Plan 2023 to “restore nature and improve the environmental quality of the air, our waters and our land.”

## Parish Events

Consideration was given to commemoration of the D-Day Landings (06/06/1944) and an inventory of equipment/items for storage for community events would be provided.

## News Items

Newsletter No. 3 for Winter 2023/2024 had been circulated and posted on the Parish Council website. The community diary on the Parish Council website had been populated.

## 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 and a poster competition would be launched by the school as an ‘out of school’ activity for 2 age groups. The winning posters would be printed and displayed at various locations, on the Parish Council website, in Newsletters and local magazines to promote the ‘anti-litter’ message.

## Clerk’s Report

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

## 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.

The meeting closed at 08.10 pm