

**ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL** held an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting in Ashover Parish Hall on Tuesday 20 FEBRUARY 2024 commencing at 7.00pm and Cllr E Willmot Chaired the meeting.

### **Public Speaking**

A representative from Ashover Barbarians Cricket Club addressed Members on a proposal for additional pitch maintenance undertaken by volunteers.  
Crime figures for December 2023 were noted.

### **North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC) Housing Needs Survey**

Members considered the survey and would complete individually following the meeting.  
A general response would be submitted to NEDDC highlighting the requirement for social housing and affordable starter homes in Ashover Parish.

### **Public Meeting**

Ashover Parish Council had organised a Public Meeting to be held in Ashover Parish Hall on Thursday 09 May 2024 1830hrs to 2030hrs to give members of the public the opportunity to address various authorities on the safety of the A632 and the River Amber. This included Lee Rowley MP, Derbyshire County Council (DCC), Police, Environment Agency and North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC). Severn Trent had been invited, but had declined to attend and would issue a statement. The lack of attendance at the public meeting by Severn Trent would be highlighted to Lee Rowley MP.

### **Speed Indicator Devices and A632 safety**

The two units were now installed and working. Data would be downloaded and submitted to Derbyshire County Council Highways for analysis.

### **River Amber**

An updated response had been received from the Environment Agency via the MP's office and a general update would be included in the next Newsletter (4).

### **Parish Maintenance**

- Disabled and brass band parking on the Milken Lane Car Park was authorised for the May Day celebrations.
- A further sum of £220.00 was authorised for vegetation strimming on rights of way in the parish and an order placed with Bolsover Woodland Enterprise.
- Ashover Barbarians Cricket Club were authorised to undertake additional maintenance on the cricket pitch, subject to liaison with the maintenance contractor (NEDDC).
- NEDDC would be requested to empty the litter bin at The Fabric more frequently or provide a larger bin.
- That flooding at Uppertown and running water along Milken Lane would again be reported to Derbyshire County Council for immediate action.

### **Health & Safety**

Two Councillors would attend First Aid Training on 29/04/2024 at a total cost of £200.00.

### **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." Specific work included the 'wildlife corridor' and 'living roofs'.

### **Parish Events**

Consideration was given to commemoration of the D-Day Landings (06/06/1944). No events were planned by the parish council.

**News Items**

Newsletter No.4 for Spring 2023/2024 would be circulated shortly.

**Derbyshire County Council**

Information relating to the boundary review had been circulated to all Members and no comments were put forward.

**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 competition posters received. The 'out of school' activity was for 2 age groups (KS1 and KS2) and 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. The two winners would each receive a book token in the sum of £25.00. The response had been very good and Members considered judging of the posters; the Leader of Derbyshire County Council would be invited to judge the competition posters.

**Car Park Access**

The Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. Trustees had requested a letter, to accompany the lease, confirming that access would continue in perpetuity and free of charge.

**Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report, including Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) newsletters and correspondence received had been circulated to Members. A request for NALC training was approved at a total cost of £80.00.

**Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) Subscription**

The annual subscription to DALC for 2024/2025 was approved at a cost of £568.87.

**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 08.15pm