

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL held its Annual and Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 21 MAY 2024

The Annual Council Meeting commenced at 6.15pm with Cllr E Willmot being re-elected as Chairman and Cllr R Fidler as Vice-Chairman. Finance, Burial and Personnel Working Groups were appointed along with Council representation on outside bodies and both Councillor and Internal Auditors were confirmed. Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Policies were reviewed and confirmed including other Parish Council documentation.

The Annual Council Meeting was immediately followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

Public Speaking

A member of the public clarified the use of litter bins for dog waste.

NEDDC Cllr Mrs H Wetherall thanked the Parish Council for holding the Public Meeting on 09/05/2024 and reported on progress that had been achieved. Cllr Mrs Wetherall continued to monitor planning issues.

Crime figures for February and March 2024 were reported.

Public Meeting held 09 May 2024

Members had received the 'overview' report on the meeting and this had also been published on the website and social media and circulated to all invited representatives.

Members considered the meeting had achieved some goals, but that more enforcement was required on the A632. Members questioned whether the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) data was being utilised by Highways to support a traffic calming scheme along the A632 and that clarification would be sought from Derbyshire County Council.

Parish Maintenance

A proposed Tree Preservation Order at Overton Camp was supported and the use of the playing field for an event by the cricket club was approved. Members had offered responses to a North East Derbyshire District Council review on outside services and these would be submitted to the District Council.

River Amber

A Statement from Severn Trent Water (STW) had been read out at the Public Meeting on 09/05/2024 and a response to the 'overview' of the meeting had been received from STW. A response to STW would be made in due course and the correspondence would be published on the Parish Council website and Facebook.

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." A Derbyshire Wildlife Trust inspection had been undertaken on three parcels of common land and a report was awaited. Any recommendations would be considered along with the NEDDC Tree Officer and quotes sought for the work. The 'Living Roofs' idea had been fully investigated but will not proceed – it was felt the costs of installation and maintenance were prohibitive and that the initiative would have less significance in a rural setting like ours.

Future/New Projects and Events

The Anti-Litter Posters had been displayed around the parish.

The Community May Day Group had organised a successful event on 06/05/2024 and the Councillors and volunteers involved were commended.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report, including Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) newsletters and any correspondence received had been circulated to Members. A training request put forward by the Clerk was approved.

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 08.25pm