

**ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL** held an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover on Tuesday 18 JUNE 2024 commencing at 7.00pm.

### **Public Speaking**

Members of the public spoke on the proposed National Grid upgrade from Chesterfield to Willington and its effect on local countryside. More information may be found at:-

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/chesterfield-to-willington>

Crime figures for April 2024 were reported.

### **NEDDC consultation**

A consultation on the NEDDC Local Validation Lists for planning applications had been circulated to all Members and was noted.

### **Parish Maintenance**

An application to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) for maintenance of rights of way in the parish in the sum of £675.00 was approved and this sum would be reclaimed under the Minor Maintenance Agreement. Further work on Bridleway 152 at Milltown was also approved. The grassed area on the car park was under maintenance contract and would be cut as soon as possible.

### **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and A632 safety**

Recent data had been posted on the website along with report number 4 and this information had been circulated to Members and submitted to Derbyshire County Council (DCC). A meeting would be arranged with DCC Highways to discuss the siting of the SIDs, use of the data they provided and other surveys along the A632 in Ashover Parish. The Police would be requested to undertake speed checks at times when high speeds were being recorded on the SIDs. Ashover Parish Council had submitted the A632 in Ashover parish to the Police & Crime Commissioner for inclusion in a pilot scheme for Automatic Number Plate Recognition and this would be followed up for a response.

### **River Amber**

Correspondence with Severn Trent Water (STW) had been circulated to Members and the Environment Agency (EA) has been asked when STW will be supplied with necessary data for investment decisions. The EA continued to offer grants to farmers to address water run-off.

### **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 had highlighted an infestation of variegated yellow archangel at Oaks Lane quarry; methods of control were being investigated. A meeting would take place with the NEDDC Arboreologist for guidance on thinning out self-set trees at Hill Top quarry.

A car charging point had been offered to the Parish Hall and Members approved the use of a parking bay on the Milken Lane car park.

### **News Items**

The Parish Council’s Anti-Litter Poster Campaign had been highlighted in ‘Wings’ magazine. The Annual Report 2023-2024 would be circulated after the General Election on 04 July.

### **Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk’s report, including Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) newsletters and any correspondence received had been circulated to Members including The Great Grid Upgrade from Chesterfield to Willington, Safety Campaign on Lithium Batteries, potential

locations for solar energy following research at Exeter University in conjunction with 'Friends of the Earth' and action taken under Financial Regulation 5.15.

### **Councillor Audit**

The Councillor Audit had taken place on 17/06/2024 in accordance with Financial Regulation 2.6 and also on General Data Protection Regulation procedures with no matters arising.

### **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.

A faulty electronic tablet would be replaced.

The meeting closed at 08.10pm