

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover
Tuesday 16 JANUARY 2024 commencing at 7.00pm

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PRESENT

Councillors E Willmot (Chairman), R Fidler (Vice-Chairman), J Cook, J Daykin, S Dronfield,
E Hayward, Mrs L Hunter-Bott, C Miller, M Thomas
District Councillor Mrs H Wetherall
S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public – one

181/24 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs R Early.

182/24 Variation of Order of Business

There was no change in the order of business.

183/24 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No interests or dispensation requests were made.

184/24 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.

185/24 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 Mrs 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 and Environment Agency 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.

186/24 Exclusion of Public

No items were taken in exclusion.

187/24 Minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 19 December 2023 are approved as a correct record.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 19 December 2023 are approved as a correct record.

188/24 Planning

Application Number: 23/01093/FL

Proposal: Proposed change of use of agricultural land to a dog exercise field and the erection of a field shelter and new fencing

Address: Land West Of Grinders Well Farm Grinders Well Lane Northedge Tupton

Applicant: John Simpson

Case Officer: Colin Wilson

COMMENTS:

Ashover Parish Council objects to the application for the following reasons:-

- 1. It is believed that the proposal will impact 7 residents in the locality, not the one stated.**
- 2. Wildlife local to the site may be affected and therefore an Environmental Impact Assessment is required.**
- 3. The purpose of the proposed shelter is not clear.**
- 4. There is no plan in place for management of the site during use.**
- 5. There is no limit to the number or breed of dogs allowed on site at any one time.**
- 6. Detrimental impact on surrounding properties due to noise etc. thereby causing detrimental effect to mental health and wellbeing.**
- 7. Insufficient parking provision on site, no roadside parking availability.**
- 8. Detrimental traffic impact on adjacent minor roads/lanes leading to the site.**
- 9. Possible pollution to the adjacent Press Brook, which passes through residential properties.**
- 10. Whilst the Design & Access Statement states use of a dog waste bin and emptying provision, the application itself does not state any means of waste storage and collection from site.**
- 11. Fouling of the field may be detrimental to the soil and future use for grazing animals; it is considered that agricultural use should be maintained.**
- 12. The proposal makes no provision for employment in the parish.**

It is considered that the application is **NOT** supported under the Ashover Parish Neighbourhood Plan (revised April 2023) Policies:-

AP2 - a) support the rural economy and need to be in the countryside

AP7 - Small scale employment-related development for new, or the expansion of existing, employment uses will be supported where they comply with the provisions of Policy AP1 and AP2, will not generate unacceptable noise, fumes or smells; will respect and is compatible with local character and uses; and would not be harmful to the living conditions of neighbouring residents, or cause serious harm in terms of road safety or the free flow of traffic.

AP20 - Development proposals must demonstrate that the traffic generation and parking impact created by the proposal do not result in a severe direct or cumulative impact on congestion or road and pedestrian safety.

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THIS APPLICATION IS CONSIDERED BY FULL PLANNING COMMITTEE AND NOT UNDER DELEGATED POWERS, TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS. THIS REQUEST IS SUPPORTED BY THE WARD MEMBER.

Application No: NED 24/00006/TPO
Parish: Ashover Parish
Ward: Ashover Ward
Officer: Curtis Rouse

Application to crown lift x1 Yew tree covered by NEDDC Tree Preservation Order 287 at Butts Chapel Studio Butts Road Ashover for Mr William Atkinson

No Comments

Application No: NED 24/00025/AGD
Parish: Ashover Parish
Ward: Ashover Ward
Officer: Mr Steven Wigglesworth

Application for prior notification for proposed timber agricultural store building at Prestedge Barn Whitefield Lane Ashover for Mr Kevin Hopkinson

No Comments

189/24 Parish Maintenance

Consideration was given to:-

- A request for street lighting on Malthouse Lane – Members were conscious of the Neighbourhood Plan Policy AP19 on Dark Skies, outside lighting provided by Malthouse Lane flats, a missing street light on Hill Road/Hillside junction and a faulty street light adjacent Dovecotes.
- Purchase of new Christmas Tree lights
- 2 Commune would be withdrawing website hosting from 31/03/2024. Options for continuation of website provision had been explored and the current website software provider, Cuttlefish, would continue the current website at no additional charge.

Resolution:

- (i) That a faulty streetlight adjacent Dovecotes is reported to DCC.**
- (ii) That the request to DCC for the prompt reinstatement of the streetlight at the Hillside/Hill Road junction is noted (FS-Case-570858516).**
- (iii) That new Christmas Tree lights are purchased at a cost of up to £300.00.**
- (iv) That Cuttlefish is contracted to continue the current website at no additional costs.**

190/24 Health & Safety

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

Noted.

191/24 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.

Resolution: That the cost of £791.00 for traffic management during installation of the 2no. SIDs is approved.

192/24 River Amber

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

Noted.

193/24 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."

Noted.

194/24 Parish Events

Consideration was given to commemoration of the D-Day Landings (06/06/1944) and equipment storage for community events.

Resolution:

- (i) **That the Parochial Church Council is consulted with regard to commemoration of the D-Day Landings.**
- (ii) **That an inventory of equipment/items for storage for community events is provided.**

195/24 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.

Noted.

196/24 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.

Resolution:

- (i) **That 2no. £25.00 book tokens are purchased as prizes for the Poster Competition. (Chairman's Allowance (Local Government Act 1972 ss15 (5) and 34 (5)).**
- (ii) **That £8.00 is transferred from 'Contingencies' code 1163 to 'Chairman's Allowance' code 1161.**

197/24 Car Park Access

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

Noted.

198/24 Clerk's Report

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

Noted.

199/24 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 December 2023 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
04/12/2023	NEST	Pension Contributions	99.67
06/12/2023	Ashover Parish Hall	Room Hire	36.00
07/12/2023	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery Maintenance	681.60
07/12/2023	Derbyshire County Council	Overpayment refund	675.00
07/12/2023	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Flowerbed Maint. November 23	109.90
07/12/2023	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Flowerbed Maint. December 23	109.90
08/12/2023	Water Plus	Allotment water	8.46
11/12/2023	Water Plus	Public Toilets water	161.13
19/12/2023	DM Sturt	Christmas Tree 2023	420.00
20/12/2023	Employees	Salaries, Allowance, Mileage	1896.72
29/12/2023	Water Plus	Public Toilets water	25.35
31/12/2023	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	18.00

The meeting closed at 08.10 pm