

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in Ashover Parish Hall
Tuesday 20 FEBRUARY 2024 commencing at 7.00pm

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PRESENT

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

200/24 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr E Hayward. Late apologies were received from County Councillor B Lewis and District Councillor Mrs H Wetherall.

201/24 Variation of Order of Business

There was no change in the order of business.

202/24 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No dispensation requests were made and a declaration of interest was made by Cllr E Willmot on Agenda item 9k – Car Park Access.

203/24 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.

204/24 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.

205/24 Exclusion of Public

No items were taken in exclusion.

206/24 Minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 16 January 2024 are approved as a correct record.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 16 January 2024 are approved as a correct record.

207/24 Planning

Application Number: 24/00029/FLH

Proposal: Proposed new garage outbuilding and proposed extension of an existing outbuilding on site (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building)(Affecting a public right of way)

Address: Jetting Cottage Fallgate Milltown Ashover

Applicant: Mr Matthew Guest

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No Comments

Application Number: 23/00296/FLH

Proposal: Alterations and Extensions to existing cottage including, reconstruction of existing lean-to and erection of a two story stone extension to rear, renovation of the external fabric of the building comprising removal of the render to the side and rear and restoration/repointing of stonework, repointing one chimney stack to the north, removal of roof vents from the front roof slope, removal of redundant service pipes, cabling and brackets, replacement of existing timber framed windows and improved flooring, internal renovation of the cottage and relocation of the existing bathroom. (Listed Building) (Amended Title)

Address: Common Bank Cottage Fallgate Milltown Ashover

Applicant: Mr Richard Bartrop

No Comments

Application Number: 23/00297/LB

Proposal: Alterations and Extensions to existing cottage including, reconstruction of existing lean-to and erection of a two story stone extension to rear, renovation of the external fabric of the building comprising removal of the render to the side and rear and restoration/repointing of stonework, repointing one chimney stack to the north, removal of roof vents from the front roof slope, removal of redundant service pipes, cabling and brackets, replacement of existing timber framed windows and improved flooring, internal renovation of the cottage and relocation of the existing bathroom. (Listed Building) (Amended Title)

Address: Common Bank Cottage Fallgate Milltown Ashover

Applicant: Mr Richard Barltrop
Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth

No Comments

Application Number: 23/00923/FL

Proposal: Replacement agricultural building to house livestock, store fodder and implements and provision of workshop space (Amended Plans)

Address: Wine Tavern Farm Coldharbour Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Dr Tim Parkin

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

No Comments

Application Number: 24/00105/FLH

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory with increased balcony. Proposed new gable dormers and single storey porch to the front elevation.

Address: Three Pieces Vernon Lane Kelstedge Ashover

Applicant: Mr Sam Toplis

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No Comments

208/24 North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC) Housing Needs Survey

Members considered the survey and would complete individually following the meeting.

Resolution: That a general response is submitted to NEDDC highlighting the requirement for social housing and affordable starter homes in Ashover Parish.

209/24 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.

Resolution: That the lack of attendance at the public meeting by Severn Trent is highlighted to Lee Rowley MP.

210/24 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.

Noted.

211/24 River Amber

An updated response had been received from the Environment Agency via the MP's office (14/02/2024) and a general update would be included in the next Newsletter (4).

Noted.

212/24 Parish Maintenance

Consideration was given to:-

- May Day parking
- Rights of Way maintenance
- For information Ashover Footpaths & Bridleways Group now had a constitution, management committee, bank account and insurance in place
- Volunteer maintenance of cricket ground
- Litter bin emptying at The Fabric
- Flooding at Uppertown and water on Milken Lane

Resolution:

- (i) **That disabled and brass band parking on the Milken Lane Car Park is authorised for the May Day celebrations.**

- (ii) That, further to Minute 136/23ii, a further sum of £220.00 is authorised, in addition to the £1000.00 previously resolved, for vegetation strimming on rights of way in the parish and an order placed with Bolsover Woodland Enterprise.
- (iii) That £220.00 is debited from code 1163 Contingencies and credited to code 2337 General Maintenance to support additional vegetation clearance on rights of way (Highways Act 1980 ss43,50).
- (iv) That a 'thank you' is sent to the volunteers rebuilding the stone wall adjacent the playing field.
- (v) That Ashover Barbarians Cricket Club are authorised to undertake additional maintenance on the cricket pitch, subject to adherence to the club's Insurance liabilities, including volunteer cover, and liaison with the maintenance contractor (NEDDC).
- (vi) That NEDDC is requested to empty the litter bin at The Fabric more frequently or provide a larger bin.
- (vii) That flooding at Uppertown and running water along Milken Lane, are again reported to DCC for immediate action.

213/24 Health & Safety

A First Aid Certificate would be required by at least one Member for parish events.

Resolution: That Cllrs E Willmot and Mrs L Hunter-Bott attend First Aid Training on 29/04/2024 at a total cost of £200.00.

214/24 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." Specific work included the 'wildlife corridor' and 'living roofs'.

Noted.

215/24 Parish Events

Consideration was given to commemoration of the D-Day Landings (06/06/1944).

Resolution: That no events are planned by the Parish Council.

216/24 News Items

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

Noted.

217/24 Derbyshire County Council

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

Noted.

218/24 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 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 receive a book token in the sum of £25.00. The response had been very good and Members considered judging of the posters.

Resolution:

- (i) That the Leader of Derbyshire County Council, Cllr B Lewis, is requested to judge the competition posters.
- (ii) That all the posters are displayed locally, possibly on May Day.

219/24 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.

Resolution: That a legal document is drawn-up with the Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. Trustees, at no cost to the Parish Council, to confirm that access onto the Milken Lane Car Park would continue in perpetuity and free of charge.

220/24 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 had been received. Questions had been submitted in writing to the Leader of NEDDC as attendance at the December 2023 meeting had been cancelled due to parish issues.

Resolution:

- (i) **That Cllr R Fidler is authorised to attend online NALC training on Local Government Finance (24/04/2024) and Neighbourhood Plans (25/09/2024) at a cost of £40.00 each.**
- (ii) **That, when received, answers to questions raised to the Leader of NEDDC are circulated to Members.**

221/24 DALC Subscription

Consideration was given to the annual subscription to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils for 2024/2025.

Resolution: That the DALC Annual Basic Subscription for 2024/2025 in the sum of £568.87 approved for payment.

222/24 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 January 2024 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
03/01/2024	NEST	Pension Contributions	99.67
08/01/2024	Hellison Trophies	Town Crier Retirement Gift	25.00
08/01/2024	HMRC	Tax and NI	1455.63
08/01/2024	Water Plus	Allotments water	17.22
23/01/2024	Water Plus	Public Toilets water	65.63

The meeting closed at 08.15pm