

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover
Tuesday 21 FEBRUARY 2023 at 7.00 pm

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PRESENT

Councillors E Willmot (Chairman), J Cook, J Daykin, S Dronfield, N Early, Mrs R Early, C Miller

S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public – 2

192/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Fidler, Mrs L Hunter-Bott, Parish/District Councillor W Armitage and from DCC Councillor B Lewis.

193/23 Variation of Order of Business

Agenda Item 9(h) A632 & River Amber would be considered first under Agenda Item 9 Items for Information and Decision.

194/23 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Interests were declared and relevant forms completed and dispensations confirmed as follows:

- District/Parish Councillor W Armitage – Planning (dispensation granted to May 2023)
- Cllr C Miller – Parish Hall Representation (dispensation granted to May 2023)

195/23 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.

196/23 Public Speaking

Members of the public spoke on parish maintenance and a letter had been submitted to Derbyshire County Council on highway issues.

Six crimes were reported for December 2022. Police presence would be requested during school drop-off and pick-up times to address parking issues.

197/23 Exclusion of Public

There were no items taken in exclusion.

198/23 Minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 17 January 2023 are approved as a correct record.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meetings held 17 January 2023 are approved as a correct record.

199/23 Planning

Application Number: 23/00047/FLH

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear and side extension with timber cladding and crittall style glazing

Address: Langford House Narrowleys Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr Brian Moriarty

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No Comments

Application Number: 22/00946/FL

Proposal: Siting of a static caravan for use as a temporary agricultural worker dwelling for a period of 3 years (Affecting Setting of a Listed Building) (Affecting Public Right of Way) (Private Drainage System)(Amended Plan)

Address: Manor House Bolehill Lane Press Tupton

Applicant: Mr D Byard

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

No Comments

Application Number: 22/01033/TPO

Proposal: Application to allow crown lifting of trees within field boundaries to a height of 3.7m above existing ground level, and crown lifting of trees which border and are adjacent to the Public highways. Trees covered by NEDDC Tree Preservation Orders 1, 197, 198, 201, 209, 287 and 289.

Address: Marsh Green Hall Marsh Green Lane Ashover S45 0DR

Applicant: Marsh Green Estates Ltd

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

Comments: Ashover Parish Council supports the proposal to carry out crown lifting on trees on the field boundaries and supports comments submitted by the Ashover Tree Warden.

The following applications were out of time for comment at the meeting

Application Number: 22/00795/FLH

Proposal: Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling. Resubmission of 21/01363/FLH (Amended Plans)

Address: Blackberry Cottage Hay Lane Milltown Ashover

Applicant: Mr P Rogers

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

Application Number: 22/00795/FLH

Proposal: Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling. Resubmission of 21/01363/FLH (Amended Plans) (Further Amended Plan)

Address: Blackberry Cottage Hay Lane Milltown Ashover

Applicant: Mr P Rogers

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

Application Number: 22/00391/FL

Proposal: Cladding of public house, timber lean-to shelter extension, alterations to porch, two timber pergola seating structures, structure for forecourt sign, trellis fencing on top of stone wall to west boundary, extensions to the rear of the public house and rear of Smithy Barn and detached hobby workshop and rear 1.8m high close boarded fencing to the northern boundary. (Amended Drawings)

Address: Kelstedge Inn Matlock Road Kelstedge Ashover

Applicant: Mr Simon Oxspring

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – North East Derbyshire District Council had published a draft SCI for consultation and information had been circulated to all Members.

200/23 A632 and River Amber – Safety Concerns

A comprehensive response to the concerns raised on both issues had been received from Lee Rowley MP.

The 'Object in the Highway Licence' for the 'Speed Indicator Devices' had been submitted to Derbyshire County Council.

Resolution:

- (i) That Lee Rowley MP is thanked for his comprehensive response following concerns raised with the Police on safety on the A632 and with Severn Trent on pollution of the River Amber. Ashover Parish Council would continue to support further work on these issues.**
- (ii) That a precis of the response from Lee Rowley MP is published, subject to the 'Purdah' period being observed.**

201/23 Health & Safety

Defibrillator cabinets had been replaced (Minute 185/23) and Members considered disposal of the old cabinets. No request had been received for a donation towards energy charges for cabinets sited at 4 locations (Minute 185/23).

Resolution: That surplus defibrillator cabinets are recycled where possible.

202/23 Parish Maintenance

A request had been received for the donation of a memorial seat on the playing field.

Resolution: That the request for a memorial seat near the cricket pavilion on the playing field is approved subject to the procedure for donation being followed.

203/23 Tennis Coaching Camps

Consideration was given to use of the hard courts for 3 tennis coaching camps in April, July/August and August 2023.

Resolution: That Tennis Coaching Camps for 2023 take place on the hard courts, free of charge, to support health and wellbeing.

204/23 Parish Events

Coronation Event 06/05/2023 – Organisation of the Fireworks and Parish Hall party were ongoing. The Town Crier had offered a letter of resignation to the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council

Resolution:

- (i) That a letter is sent to the Town Crier, thanking him for his service to the community.**

- (ii) That the Parochial Church Council appoints a new Town Crier.
- (iii) That the Town Crier's outfit, purchased by the Parish Council, is offered for use by the new Town Crier.

205/23 Transfer of Car Park Trust Land

The transfer of trust land back to Ashover Parish Council was progressing.

Noted.

206/23 Neighbourhood Plan Review

The Modified Plan had progressed through examination stage.

Resolution: That the Modified Plan, following Examiner recommendations, is approved.

207/23 Burial Board Working Group

The Minutes of the working group meeting held 06/02/2023 were put forward together with recommendations.

Resolution:

- (i) That the Minutes of the Burial Board Working Group meeting held 06/02/2023 are approved as a correct record.
- (ii) That the following recommendations are approved:-
 - (a) That the number of grass cuts in the Cemetery Specification is increased from 12 per year to 15 cuts per year.
 - (b) That an order is placed for the provision of steel rods and fixing of 15 memorials where possible and those not stabilised to be laid flat.
 - (c) That an order is placed for the removal of unwanted memorial bases adjacent the Chapel, to the stone skip.
 - (d) That a letter is sent to Memorial Masons stating that all unused stone is to be removed from the cemetery following installation/repair of memorials.
 - (e) That the Cemetery Risk Assessment dated 31/1/2023 is accepted and that Burial Board Members would undertake an inspection in spring 2023.
 - (f) That the cemetery Fees and Charges remain unchanged for 2023/2024.

208/23 Clerk's Report

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

Noted.

209/23 Review of Fees, Charges & DALC subscription 2023/2024

Consideration was given to fees and charges for the cemetery, hard courts, allotments and DALC subscription.

Resolution:

- (i) That fees and charges for the cemetery, hard courts and allotments remain unchanged for 2023/2024.
- (ii) That the DALC subscription of £711.60 including enhanced membership to include basic training is approved.

210/23 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 2023 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
03/01/2023	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery Maintenance	525.00
03/01/2023	Viking Direct	Stationery	197.53
03/01/2023	Muktubs/SR Troth	Cemetery skip – green	150.00
03/01/2023	NEST	Pension Contributions	88.41
09/01/2023	HMRC	Tax and NI	1213.12
09/01/2023	Water Plus	Public WCs Water	56.95
09/01/2023	Water Plus	Allotments Water	13.61
12/01/2023	R Fidler	Defibrillator fixings	27.15
17/01/2023	D Sturt	Christmas Tree 2022	400.00
17/01/2023	S J Graney	Cemetery stone wall rebuild/repairs	3725.00
23/01/2023	DALC	Councillor Training – J Daykin	50.00
30/01/2023	Employees	Salary/Allowance/Reimbursements	1787.35
30/01/2023	NEDDC	Basket Swing chains	680.56
30/01/2023	NEDDC	Dog Bin servicing July-Sep 2022	718.85

The meeting closed at 08.10pm