

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Milken Lane, Ashover on **Tuesday 18 JUNE 2024** commencing at 7.00pm.

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PRESENT

Councillors E Willmot (Chairman), R Fidler (Vice-Chairman), J Cook, S Dronfield, Mrs R Early, E Hayward, Mrs L Hunter-Bott, C Miller
S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public – 2

243/24 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.

244/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Daykin and M Thomas and DCC Councillor Barry Lewis and NEDDC Councillor Mrs H Wetherall.

Noted.

245/24 Variation of Order of Business

There was no change in the order of business.

246/24 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No declarations of interest or dispensation requests were made.

Noted.

247/24 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.

Noted.

248/24 Exclusion of Public

To determine which items, if any, on the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: - "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies(Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item."

No items were taken in exclusion.

249/24 Minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council Meetings held 21 May 2024 are approved as a correct record.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council Meetings held 21 May 2024 are approved as a correct record.

250/24 Planning

Application Number: 24/00353/AFULD

Proposal: Approval of details of an Agricultural Determination for proposed agricultural building for storage

Address: St Martins Farm Coach Road Overton Ashover

Applicant: Mr D Wardman

Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth

No Comments

Application Number: 24/00396/TPO

Proposal: Application to prune 1no Lime Tree (T1) covered by NEDDC Tree Preservation Order 8

Address: Chapelstones Chapel Hill Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr Derek Brown

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No Comments

Application Number: 24/00414/FL

Proposal: Section 73 application to change condition 3 (Approved plans) of planning permission 21/00745/FL for longer term occupancy.

Address: Clover House Farm Screetham Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr J Pembury

Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth

No Comments

Application Number: 24/00400/AFULD

Proposal: Application for prior notification for the proposed new track will link Berridge Lane to an existing track at the end of the farmyard.

Address: Berridge Lane Farm Berridge Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Dr Peter Mallott
Case Officer: Steven Wigglesworth

No Comments

Application Number: 24/00383/FLH

Proposal: Extension to the rear of the property comprising a first floor bedroom created over the top of existing orangery.(Amended Plans)

Address: 5 The Paddocks Jetting Street Milltown Ashover

Applicant: Mr Mark Barltrop

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No Comments

APPEAL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED) - PLANNING APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF A HOUSEHOLDER APPLICATION

Site at: Blakelow Cottage Holestone Gate Road Holestone Moor Ashover

Proposal: Single storey rear extension, roof extension between garages, and retention of patio and pergola (Amended Title/Amended Plans) Start Date: 10.06.2024

No Comments

251/24 NEDDC consultation

A consultation on the NEDDC Local Validation Lists for planning applications had been circulated to all Members for consideration. This required a response by 11/07/2024.

Noted.

252/24 Parish Maintenance

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

Resolution:

- (i) **That the application to DCC for maintenance of rights of way under the Minor Maintenance Agreement (MMA) in the sum of £675.00 is confirmed and the money reclaimed under the grant agreement.**
- (ii) **That T Orwin is contracted to undertake the Minor Maintenance Agreement work along the Rights of Way as submitted to DCC.**
- (iii) **That T Orwin is contracted to undertake additional strimming along BR 152 over and above the MMA at a cost of £225.00 and that DCC is informed accordingly. (Highways Act 1980 ss 43,50.)**

253/24 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.

Resolution:

- (i) **That an update is sought on the application to the Police and Crime Commissioner's pilot scheme initiative for Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) (Minute 323/24).**
- (ii) **That the Police are requested to follow up on regular speeders recorded in the SIDs data and to undertake speed checks at those times.**

254/24 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.

Noted.

255/24 Health & Safety

There were no items to report.

Noted.

256/24 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.” 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 considered the use of a parking bay on the Milken Lane car park; it was confirmed that no bay marking would be required.

Resolution: That a ‘Reserved’ bay is made available for car charging on the Milken Lane car park.

257/24 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.

Noted.

258/24 Future/New Projects and Events

There were no updates on the provision of a chess table under a Government initiative. The Parish Hall and Brass Band would be discussing events for VE & VJ Day in 2025 and further details would be available for the July meeting.

Resolution:

- (i) That no further action is taken on the provision of a chess table under a Government initiative.**
- (ii) That financial support is given for VE & VJ Day celebrations subject to the Grant Awarding Policy.**

259/24 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.

Resolution:

- (i) That Councillors attend consultation events to be held by National Grid on the proposed upgrade route from Chesterfield to Willington and that Ashover is included any DALC meeting arranged in connection with this.**
- (ii) That support is offered to the Lithium Batteries safety campaign including advertising the dangers on Parish Council media and that locations for battery recycling facilities are posted on the website.**
- (iii) That action taken under Financial Regulation 5.15 is confirmed: Ivy clearance on playing field wall £425.00, Removal of dead tree (Elm) and dead branches (Ash) in Cemetery £995.00.**

260/24 Section 137 and other grant applications

No applications had been received.

261/24 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.
Noted.

262/24 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.

It was reported that one of the electronic tablets was faulty and required replacement.

Resolution:

- (i) **That the Financial Report for May 2024 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.**
- (ii) **That a sum of up to £200 is made available for replacement of an electronic tablet.**

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
01/05/2024	Viking Direct	Public WC supplies	185.41
02/05/2024	Shed Grounds Maint Ltd.	Flowerbed Maintenance	114.84
02/05/2024	Shed Grounds Maint Ltd.	Cemetery Maintenance	712.27
03/05/2024	Muktubs	Cemetery skips	312.00
10/05/2024	Clear Councils Insurance	Annual Insurance Premium	1219.23
15/05/2024	I Trueman Tree Services	Field & Allotment tree work	900.00
16/05/2024	Cisterniser	WC flush valve – public wc's	90.00
21/05/2024	Whittington Moor Printers	Post Box Signs	42.00
22/05/2024	Water Plus	Public WCs water	83.49
29/05/2024	Morning Flowers Ltd.	Chairman's Allowance gift	20.49
29/05/2024	Water Plus	Allotments water	17.82
29/05/2024	E.ON	Public WCs electricity	100.11

The meeting closed at 08.10pm