

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL held an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting in The Sports Pavilion, Milken Lane, Ashover on Tuesday 17 DECEMBER 2024 commencing at 7.00pm and Cllr E Willmot Chaired the meeting.

Public Speaking

A member of the public spoke on a Derbyshire Dales District Council planning application no. 24/00665/FUL | Proposed creation of 75 no. timber cabins with associated reception, shop and cafe, maintenance building, natural play area, ranger station, storage pods, recycling points and ancillary roads, paths and parking. | Land at Farley Moor Farley Lane Farley Derbyshire
A Parish Council employee spoke on surface water issues along Milken Lane and on the Parish Council Car Park.

District Councillor Helen Wetherall reported on planning and liaison with the Police on safety along the A632. The Parish Council continued to seek support from the local MP.

Information on a requirement by Derbyshire County Council for the public to register vehicles attending waste disposal sites had been posted on the website and social media. Residents had expressed concern that this would encourage fly tipping.

Crime figures were reported.

Parish Maintenance

A review of municipal use of the courts during the winter period would take place at the Annual Council Meeting in May 2025. Investigations currently being undertaken by Derbyshire County Council on surface water along Milken Lane was noted and any drainage issues on the Parish Council car park would be monitored.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and A632 safety

Data continued to be collected from the SIDs with the display being turned off intermittently. A new data summary format was approved and it was noted that recent highway roadworks had resulted in a drop in average speeds. Data was now being collected via the SIDs, Police and the Volunteer 'Speedwatch' initiative would commence soon.

River Amber

Following the confirmation from Severn Trent that it would increase tank capacity from 58m³ to 208m³ and further work would reduce spills by 80% on 2023 figures, the Environment Agency had been contacted to ascertain if sondes would be put in place to measure effectiveness of the improvements; no response had been received. Following an anticipated report by OFWAT on price increases, follow-up emails would be sent to both the Environment Agency and to Severn Trent requesting explanations on processing of phosphates identified in the river.

Health & Safety

There were no items to report.

Climate Change/Biodiversity

The group continued to progress work-streams and had liaised with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to explore potential re-wilding projects. Trees had been planted at Alton in 'Jim's Field' following a S137 grant awarded by the Parish Council. A group meeting would be called for the end of January 2025.

News Items

Newsletter 3 (Winter) had been posted out to the newsgroup and posted on the website. Articles on safety along the A632 and awards received by the Parish Council had been included in the 'Wings' magazine (December 2024 issue).

Projects and Events

The Christmas Lights Switch-On had taken place on 01/12/2024 and was a successful event. Ideas for VE Day celebrations, as part of the May Day event, were being explored. A proposed Photo Competition would be open to all to enter.

Clerk's Report

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

Section 137 and other grant applications

No applications had been received.

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 were 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.

The meeting closed at 08.20pm.