

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Milken Lane, Ashover on **Tuesday 16 JULY 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, M Thomas, C Miller
NEDDC Councillor Mrs H Wetherall
S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public – 1

263/24 Public Speaking

A member of the public spoke on provision of fixed practice nets on the Milken Lane playing field by Ashover Barbarians Cricket Club.

264/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs R Early and DCC Councillor Barry Lewis.

Noted.

265/24 Variation of Order of Business

There was no change in the order of business.

266/24 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No declarations of interest or dispensation requests were made.

Noted.

267/24 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.

268/24 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.

269/24 Minutes

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 18 June 2024 are approved as a correct record.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 18 June 2024 are approved as a correct record.

270/24 Planning

Application Number: 24/00220/FLH

Proposal: Construction of single and two storey rear extension (Amended Plans)

Address: 2 Stubben Edge Lane Littlemoor Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr C Bunting

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No Comments

Application Number: 24/00507/FLH

Proposal: Replacement of existing windows with uPVC flush sash (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building/Conservation Area)

Address: 1 Yew Tree Close Ashover Chesterfield S45 0BP

Applicant: Mrs Portia Horton

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

No Comments

271/24 Consultation: The Great Grid Upgrade

A Parish Councillor had attended a consultation event on the Chesterfield to Willington grid upgrade and comments were considered which required submission no later than 17.09.2024. Councillors would complete the questionnaire as an individual.

Noted.

272/24 Parish Maintenance

Quotations had been sought for the refurbishment/maintenance of 5 bus shelters around the parish and had been received as follows:-

C Slinn – No submission

DJ Atkinson – No submission

HA Briddon – No submission

M Dickin – Withdrawn

Matlock Building Services – Milltown £2950/Spitewinter £2750/Kelstedge £2250/Littlemoor £2750/Ashover £4140

TOTAL = £14840

A Wallhead – Milltown £300/Spitewinter £400/Kelstedge £400/Littlemoor £400/Ashover £1500-2000

TOTAL = £3000 - £3500

A quotation for winter 2024 planting and maintenance of 9 containers around the parish had been received from Woolley Moor Nurseries in the sum of £800.00. This order would represent an extension to the existing contract.

Consideration was given to the provision of fixed practice nets on the Milken Lane playing field by Ashover Barbarians Cricket Club and also additional vegetation strimming along Rights of Way in the parish (Highways Act 1980 ss43 & 50)

Resolution:

- (i) **That the quotation from A Wallhead in the sum of £3000.00 - £3500.00 for the refurbishment of 5 bus shelters is accepted.**
- (ii) **That winter planting and maintenance 2024 of the 9 planters in the sum of £800.00 from Woolley Moor Nurseries is accepted.**
- (iii) **That provision of fixed practice nets on the Milken Lane playing field by Ashover Barbarians Cricket Club is agreed subject to the club gaining any planning permission required, financing any lease adjustment required and that full funds for the project are in place prior to commencement of the work.**
- (iv) **That a budget sum of up to £1,000.00 is approved for additional vegetation strimming on Rights of Way in the parish, subject to approval by and in-line with the work programme of, Derbyshire County Council.**

273/24 General Election Results

The results for the North East Derbyshire Constituency were received. A letter of thanks had been sent to Lee Rowley for his work as the MP.

Resolution: That the new MP, Louise Jones, is asked to clarify her position on cases relating to water quality in the River Amber and safety along the A632.

274/24 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and A632 safety

Further data had been collected (report 5) and the results would be published shortly. Data would be extracted and highlighted to the Police for further enforcement measures. Eight vehicles had been 'ticketed' by the Police on 21/06/2024 for exceeding the 50mph limit prior to entering Ashover and the fastest was recorded at 71mph. The requirement for Calibration of the units would be clarified. The Police & Crime Commissioner's office would provide an update on the ANPR pilot scheme once survey results had been assessed. A letter from a member of the public regarding safety measures along the A632 had been circulated to all Members; the letter had also been sent to Derbyshire County Council Highways and North East Derbyshire District Councillor.

Resolution: That the new Police & Crime Commissioner, Nicolle Ndiweni, is invited to attend a meeting.

275/24 River Amber

Earlier in the year, water companies (including Severn Trent) submitted, to Ofwat, their business plans covering the next 5 years setting out what they intend to spend on vital infrastructure and how much they want to bill customers. Last week, Ofwat announced their response and in turn, water companies have until the end of August to respond.

Following the May public meeting, the Parish Council has continued its direct dialogue with Severn Trent who have promised an update directly relevant to the Parish, once their plans have been finalised and we're expecting an initial response in September.

During a meeting with NEDDC Planning, Members discussed Legislation which apparently obliges water companies to agree to planning applications and then make the required changes to accommodate any increase in local infrastructure.

Resolution: That news items on water quality and the River Amber continue to be published on the Parish Council's website.

276/24 Health & Safety

An incident report had been completed following demolition of a section of stone wall on the car park by a vehicle and a quotation in the sum of £520.00 from Shaun Graney, Stone Waller, had been obtained. The vehicle owner had agreed to pay the quotation sum. The car park risk assessment had been revised and the Health & Safety Councillor Representative had made recommendations.

Resolution:

- (i) **That responsibility for the Gas Meter box on the car park verge is established.**
- (ii) **That a quotation is sought for installation of posts in sockets with reflectors on each parking bay along the car park verge, taking heed of the gas pipe in the area.**
- (iii) **That the Incident Report is signed by the Chairman.**
- (iv) **That the quotation is the sum of £520.00 from Shaun Graney for the repairs to the stone wall, is accepted subject to payment from the vehicle owner being received.**

277/24 Climate Change/Biodiversity

An infestation of variegated yellow archangel at Oaks Lane quarry had been noted (Minute 256/24). As there was no public right of way in this area and given previous evidence of badger setts, it was considered that no further action would be taken other than monitoring the situation in future audits of Common Land.

The NEDDC Tree Officer had agreed to a site visit to assess the trees on common land at Hill Top Quarry.

The various work-streams by the Climate Change group continue. Meanwhile, the Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Excellence Awards now included an award for Environmental Projects and the CCBWG is to prepare a submission based on its work, including the Anti-Litter campaign with the Primary School.

Noted.

278/24 News Items

Regular updates were being posted on the website on various issues and items of interest. A summary of the meeting with NEDDC Planning and Tree Officers would be posted in due course.

Noted.

279/24 Future/New Projects and Events

Proposed events by the community for VE & VJ Day in 2025 were being discussed by the Parish Hall and Brass Band.

A Christmas Event road closure would be applied for to take place on Sunday 01/12/2024.

A newsletter had been circulated from Rural Action Derbyshire outline procedures for Affordable Rural Housing provision.

Resolution:

- (i) **That a Road Closure application is submitted for the Christmas Lights' Switch-on on Sunday 01 December 2024 and a Christmas Tree ordered.**
- (ii) **That the CEO of Rural Action Derbyshire is invited to a meeting to speak on Affordable Rural Housing provision.**

280/24 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 action taken under Financial Regulation 5.15 i.e. Replacement sign for play area (£78.00).

Resolution: That action taken under Financial Regulation 5.15 is confirmed.

281/24 Section 137 and other grant applications

No applications had been received.

282/24 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 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.

Resolution: That the Financial Report for June 2024 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
03/06/2024	Shed Grounds Maint Ltd.	Flowerbed Maintenance	114.84
03/06/2024	Employees	Salaries/Mileage/Reimbursements	2011.43
03/06/2024	J Booth Tree Inspections	Cemetery Tree Survey	550.00
03/06/2024	Shed Grounds Maint Ltd.	Cemetery Maintenance	712.27
05/06/2024	GE Willmot	Cemetery gutters/potholes/strimming	1230.00
05/06/2024	Viking Direct	Public WCs toilet cleaner	46.68
06/06/2024	NEST	Pension Contributions	105.86
12/06/2024	PHS Group	Public WCs water management	857.56
18/06/2024	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	Nature Advice on Common Land	240.00
18/06/2024	GE Willmot	Weedkilling Cemetery & Ashover Hay	240.00
18/06/2024	Parish Online	Annual Subscription - mapping	96.00
20/06/2024	Currys	Electronic Tablet & Case	173.98
21/06/2024	Water Plus	Public WCs water	84.01
26/06/2024	Employees	Salaries/Mileage/Reimbursements	2036.29
28/06/2024	Water Plus	Allotments water	18.29
30/06/2024	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	18.00

The meeting closed at 08.30pm