

**ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN
THE SPORTS PAVILION, MILKEN LANE, ASHOVER
TUESDAY 27 MAY 2014**

PRESENT

Councillors E Willmot (Chairman), N Early (Chairman of Finance), W Armitage,
Mrs C Brocksopp, S Dronfield, Mrs R Early and R Fidler
PCSO 4412 Mike Coates
Mrs S Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Members of the public – 4

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 28 May 2013

To receive Minutes and, subject to any changes necessary, to propose and second same for approval as a correct record.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 May 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

2. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman of the Parish Council presented the Annual Report for 2013/2014 which had been circulated to all households in the parish. The Chairman highlighted the achievements during the year, including the refurbishment of the Public Conveniences and the provision of the new basket swing adjacent the play area. Both of these projects had been made possible by grants from Viridor Credits Environmental Company for the toilets, and the Primary Care Trust for both the toilets and the swing.

The Chairman made reference to a court claim and appeal that had been successfully defended by the Parish Council. Reference was also made to recent flyers that had been posted around the village, making serious accusations against the Parish Council and individuals. A statement, refuting the claims, had been produced by the Parish Council which would be posted on the main noticeboard on Moor Road and on the Parish Council website.

The Chairman thanked all Council Members and staff for the work undertaken over the past year and reminded the meeting that Parish Council Elections would be held in May 2015.

Resolved: That the Chairman's Annual Report for 2013/14 be received.

3. Statement of Accounts year ended 31 March 2014

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Cllr N Early, presented the Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014. The Chairman of Finance gave an overview of the receipts and payments over the past year and highlighted the slight reduction in the precept for 2014/2015. Wherever possible, grant aid had been sought for projects undertaken by the Parish Council, so as to relieve financial burden on the precept, and thereby the council tax payer.

Resolved: That the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 be received.

4. Open Forum

Members of the public congratulated the Parish Council on the refurbishment of the Public Conveniences thereby encouraging visitors to the parish, and thanked the Parish Council for the new grit bin at Westedge Close, Kelstedge.

Traffic congestion along Narrowleys Lane, Ashover, during school drop-off and pick-up times continued to be a problem to residents, as did speeding motorbikes and vehicles along the A632 through Kelstedge. PCSO Mike Coates spoke on the recent initiative by local Parish Councils to purchase and maintain a speed camera for use in those parishes. All but one Parish Council had shown support, making the provision financially viable. Ashover Parish Council had shown support for the initiative.

Access signs and parking problems at Westedge Close were also referred to the Police and DCC Highways for attention.

A member of the public drew attention to the height and poor condition of trees overhanging the highway on Cripton Lane, and this would be reported to DCC Highways for inspection.

The effectiveness of the new safety signed installed at Span Carr crossroads was questioned by the public. At a meeting, Ashover Parish Council had suggested various options to Derbyshire County Council Highways to improve safety at Span Carr. Having considered finance and practicalities, Highways had opted for the current scheme, which Parish Council Members felt had provided an improvement to safety on the highway.

A member of the public suggested that anyone donating a seat to the parish, should be requested to provide a picnic table on the playing field.

Councillors present thanked the Chairman, Cllr E Willmot, for continuing to lead the Council in an efficient and effective way, and for the voluntary time spent in dealing with parish issues.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55 P.M.