

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL held an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in Ashover Sports Pavilion on Tuesday 19 OCTOBER 2021 at 7.15 pm and Cllr E Willmot Chaired the meeting.

A minute's silence was held for former District Councillor Peter Ramshaw, who had recently passed away.

Public Speaking

Members of the public addressed the Parish Council on issues relating to the Community Workshop/Men's Shed initiative and Footpaths and Bridleways maintenance. The Parish Council would request more financial support for Rights of Way maintenance under the Minor Maintenance Agreement with Derbyshire County Council.

District Councillor W Armitage reported on maintenance issues, Derbyshire Association of Local Councils and Planning.

The Clerk had attended the District/Parish Liaison Group and reported on the new North East Derbyshire District Council 'Code of Conduct for Councillors' adopted in July 2021. The District Council proposed training on the new 'Code' for Parish Councils. Seven crimes were reported for August 2021.

Parish Council Meeting Commencement Time

Members resolved to comment ordinary parish council meetings at 7.00pm and Parish Council surgeries would be held prior to this at 6.45pm.

Health and Safety

Safety of dead trees along Narrowleys Lane would be referred to Derbyshire County Council.

Parish Maintenance/Events

Ashover Parish Artefacts/History/Memorabilia Exhibition would take place in The Fabric, Ashover Parish Hall on Saturday 23 October 2021 from 10am to 4pm.

The Christmas Event 2021 would take place on 05/12/2021, organisation was ongoing. A 3 year contract would be entered into with Wallgate Ltd. for service of the 3 handwash units in the Public Toilets at a cost of £997.50 per year.

Sports Pavilion Lease

The draft lease had been submitted to the Parish Council's solicitor and a report had been received and circulated to all Members of the Parish Council. The co-operation agreement between the Hall and Parish Council would be extended until such time as a lease had been signed.

Car Park Service Level Agreement

Ashover Parish Hall had requested an explanation of the agreement in simple terms and the Parish Council's Solicitor would provide this in due course and this would be presented to the next Liaison Group Meeting.

Ashover Community Medical Centre Lease

Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. (ACMCL) had requested an extension to the Head Lease and Access Lease to 12.07.2211, a variation of the rent review mechanism and an alteration of the break dates within the lease. Members agreed to the requests.

Climate Change

The working group had appointed another resident to fill a vacancy. Sufficient parking bays (74 in total) had been identified with no constraints on use and therefore the bike rack would be sited on the wider parking bay to the left of the entrance onto the car park; a grant for the bike rack was in progress.

News Items

Newsletter no. 2 (Autumn) had been circulated via the Parish Council website and social media.

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A grant of £50 was awarded to Ashover Seniors Group towards Christmas Activities. Further grants of £25 each were awarded to Ashover Acorns and Ashover Lunch Club to support Christmas activities and £25 to Ashover Parochial Church Council.

Training

The Derbyshire Association of Local Council's Training Schedule had been circulated.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report included the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils' (DALC) Newsletter, consultation from Derbyshire County Council on a claim to upgrade Public Footpath nos. 77 and 78 (part) to a bridleway, consultation from North East Derbyshire District Council on Taxi licencing and Parish Maintenance undertaken under delegated powers (Minute 018/21). Street lamp poppies were circulated along with guidelines from DCC. It was noted that the Remembrance Service would be held on 14/11/2021 at 10.45am in All Saints Church Ashover.

Finance Committee

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held 05 October 2021 were approved and recommendations resolved including a proposed Precept for 2022/2023, which would be put out to public consultation.

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.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40PM