

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held remotely

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Meeting at 6.30pm

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PRESENT

Councillors E Willmot (Chairman), R Fidler (Vice-Chairman), Mrs H Boffy,
S Dronfield, N Early, Mrs R Early, Mrs L Hunter-Bott, C Miller, M Thomas.

Parish/North East Derbyshire District Council Councillor W Armitage

S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public – 13

155/20 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence from Derbyshire County Council Councillor B Lewis was noted.

156/20 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation in the order of business.

157/20 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Interests were declared and relevant forms completed and dispensations confirmed as follows (NB: during the coronavirus pandemic, no 'Interest' forms will be signed).

- District/Parish Councillor W Armitage – Planning (dispensation granted to May 2023)
- Cllr S Dronfield – Confidential Honours and Awards Nomination
- Cllr Mrs R Early – Pavilion Lease

158/20 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.

159/20 Public Speaking

Members of the public spoke on objections to planning applications 20/00484/FL and 20/01034/FL and in support of 20/00795/FL.

District/Parish Councillor W Armitage reported on garages at Dovecotes, Hockley Lane hedge maintenance, free school meals during holidays and grant assistance for businesses during the coronavirus pandemic.

Eight crimes had been reported for September 2020.

160/20 Exclusion of Public

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under item 11 'Confidential' on the agenda, a resolution would be passed to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1.

161/20 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 20 October 2020 were put forward and it was proposed and seconded that the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

Resolution: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 20 October 2020 are approved as a correct record.

162/20 Planning

- (a) North East Derbyshire Local Plan 2014 – 2034 Publication Draft: Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications

No comments were put forward.

- (b) Applications

Previous comments on application 20/00795/FL were reviewed:-

Application Number: [20/00795/FL](#)

Proposal: Application to Vary Condition 2 of planning application 18/00177/FL to alter height of roof, verge detailing, amended doorway positions, proposed fenestration and changes to the internal layout

Address: Land to the South East of Siberia Cottages Sydnope Hill Darley Moor

Applicant: Mr P Kelly

Case Officer: Emily Cartwright

PREVIOUS COMMENTS: *Ashover Parish Council requests that investigations are undertaken by the case officer into representations made against the application and that previous planning approval conditions are enforced.*

Members considered that the inclusion of French doors and shower appears to domesticate the property and the proposal impacts on the privacy of an adjacent property.

Ashover Parish Council considers that the proposal is against Policies AP2, AP13 and AP19 of the Ashover Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

A request by the District Councillor to bring this application before the Planning Committee is supported by Ashover Parish Council.

FURTHER COMMENTS: Having received representations from the applicant, Ashover Parish Council requests to withdraw the following comments on application 20/00795/FL:-

“Members considered that the inclusion of French doors and shower appears to domesticate the property and the proposal impacts on the privacy of an adjacent property.”

Members were given to understand that the double doors were for disabled access and that no shower facility is proposed for the building.

Application Number: [20/00959/FLH](#)

Proposal: Porch extension to rear (Conservation Area/Affecting the setting of a Listed Building)

Address: Oaklands Moor Road Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Williams

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

NO COMMENT

Application Number: [20/00524/FL](#)

Proposal: Application for proposed gatekeepers lodge

Address: Matlock Farm Park Jaggers Lane Darley Moor Matlock

Applicant: Mr Allan Finley

Case Officer: Asbury Planning

NO COMMENT

Application Number: [20/00921/FLH](#)

Proposal: Application pursuant of 19/00255/FLH to allow for garage repositioning

Address: Clover Lea Chapel Hill Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mike Weightman

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

COMMENTS: Ashover Parish Council objects to the proposal, as by bringing the structure forward, the size of the development and relocation drastically increases the patio area and brings it in line with the first floor of the neighbouring property, therefore causing visual impact, loss of privacy, light and amenity. Groundworks appear to have diverted watercourses and causing water to fall across Chapel Hill which, in winter, may cause hazardous driving conditions.

Ashover Parish Council considers that this application does not conform to Ashover Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policy AP1 sections a), b), d) and e).

Ashover Parish Council requests that District Councillor William Armitage brings this application to a full planning committee for reasons of visual impact, loss of privacy, loss of amenity, design and appearance, potential noise impact.

Application Number: [20/00484/FL](#)

Proposal: Proposed mixed use building for tractor store, Implement Store and Stable/Tack Room

Address: Barn Adjacent Walnut Barn Ashover Hay Ashover

Applicant: Mr and Mrs J Bedford

Case Officer: Emily Cartwright

COMMENTS: Ashover Parish Council requests that a Wildlife Survey is undertaken and has concerns that the ground levels would be substantially altered. Members found it unusual for an agricultural building to be constructed of double-skinned walls and considers a breeze block construction to be the norm. Members request that justification for the proposal is fully determined and that previous conditions imposed on application 16/01227/FL are confirmed.

Ashover Parish Council considers the proposal does not conform to Ashover Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policy AP1 sections a), b) and d).

Application Number: [20/00979/FL](#)

Proposal: Change of use of stable block/tractor store and construction of glazed link with associated alterations to form one dwelling and double garage

Address: The Barn Matlock Road Spitewinter Ashover

Applicant: Mr D Dugdale

Case Officer: Asbury Planning

COMMENTS: Ashover Parish Council would comment that, whilst the proposal appears to be supported under Ashover Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policy AP2 c), it questions design compliance under Policy AP11 b).

Application Number: [20/00989/LDC](#)

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed implementation of planning approval 06/0042/FL for the change of use of building plus single-storey extension to form a dwelling.

Address: The Old Coach House Marsh Green Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr Simon Carr

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

COMMENTS: Ashover Parish Council requests that, due to the lapse of time from the previous application which commenced in 2006, a new full application should be submitted. Since 2006 the character of the lane has changed (which is a single track and a dead end with an adjoining footpath) as there are now additional dwellings.

Application Number: [20/00916/FL](#)

Proposal: Creation of a wetland area comprising of six ponds

Address: High Ashes Farm Highashes Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mrs Kath Stapley - Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Case Officer: Emily Cartwright

COMMENTS: Ashover Parish Council supports this initiative as the location and terrain are ideal for the proposal.

Application Number: [20/01034/FLH](#)

Proposal: Application for single storey side extension (resubmission of 20/00371/FLH)

Address: Carbery Wood Kelstedge Lane Brockhurst Ashover

Applicant: Mr Simon Oxspring

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

COMMENTS: Ashover Parish Council requests that all previous conditions are imposed. Members continue to express concern regarding the highway access onto the A632.

163/20 Health & Safety

Consideration was given to closure of courts due to lockdown, removal of hanging tree branches, replacement defibrillator batteries.

Resolution:

- (i) That during the current lockdown and in any future Government guidance, any charges for the use of the hard courts are waived as the courts are out of use.
- (ii) That removal of hanging tree branches on a tree in the car park is approved at a cost of £115.00 plus vat.
- (iii) That defibrillator batteries are purchased for replacement as required.

164/20 Parish Council Maintenance/Events

Further information was awaited from Derbyshire County Council on litter signage for parish lay-bys. Consideration was given to replacement of a damaged part on the 'Spica' play equipment.

Resolution: That the damaged part on the 'Spica' play equipment is replaced at a cost of £246.61 from Kompan Ltd.

165/2020 Ashover School

Further to Minute 060/20, the traffic scheme was being considered by Derbyshire County Council.

Resolution: That information is sought on the anticipated delay timescale from Derbyshire County Council.

166/20 Neighbourhood Plan Review

No further action would be taken until the District Council's Local Plan had reached 'made' status.

Noted.

Councillor Mrs R Early declared an interest and left the meeting.

167/20 Sports Pavilion Lease

The co-operation Agreement had been signed by all parties (minute 143/20). The Parish Hall was in the process of appointing a solicitor and surveyor to act on its behalf.

Resolution: That the clerk investigates appointment of the District Valuer to assist the Parish Council in the lease process.

168/20 Car Park Service Level Agreement

Further advice would be sought on an agreement between the Parish Council and Parish Hall. An ice warning sign was requested for the car park.

Resolution: That a temperature sensitive ice warning sign is purchased at a cost of £44.54 plus vat.

Councillor Mrs R Early returned to the meeting.

169/20 Play Area Project

The contract had been awarded to Kompan Ltd. (Minute 145/20). The contract start date would be 25/11/2020 and, subject to weather conditions, a completion date of 11/12/2020. It had been established that planning permission was not required. £12,000 had been awarded following a successful grant bid to Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. An official opening would be considered dependent upon the current coronavirus pandemic status.

Resolution: That a letter is sent out informing Dovecotes' residents of the work.

It was proposed and seconded that Ashover Parish Council Standing Order 3(x) be suspended [8.30pm] and the meeting continued.

170/20 Burial Board Working Group

The Minutes of the Burial Board Working Group Meeting held 09/11/2020 were put forward and it was proposed and seconded that the Minutes be approved as a correct record and recommendations resolved as follows:

Resolution:

- (i) **That a contractor is appointed to repair kerb sets for ExtA144 and ExtA239 subject to satisfactory quotations.**
- (ii) **That a contractor is appointed to repair the cross for ExtB173 subject to a satisfactory quotation.**
- (iii) **That future memorial repairs are approved subject to satisfactory quotations and budget allowance.**
- (iv) **That the next Memorial Safety Inspection is undertaken in summer 2021.**
- (v) **That Memorial sizes are revised as follows:- 'Above Ground no more than one metre high and 76cms wide', and that the new measurements are implemented with immediate effect and for the whole of the cemetery.**
- (vi) **That a quotation in the sum of £200 - £250 plus vat (dependent on ground conditions), is accepted for a timber post and rail fence around a Beech tree.**
- (vii) **That the current Burial Regulations are confirmed.**
- (viii) **That clarification is sought on any planning permissions that may be required for the laying out of Extension E.**

- (ix) That 2 bat boxes (£17.49 each) and 2 hedgehog houses (£19.75 each) are purchased for placement in the wildlife habitat area of the cemetery to rear of the skip area in woodland.
- (x) That a contractor is engaged to remove brash etc. from the cemetery at a cost of £200 plus vat.

171/20 Climate Change

Holymoorside and Walton Parish Council had invited neighbouring local councils to join its 'Climate and Nature Action Strategy' Working Group.

Resolution: That Ashover Parish Council joins the Holymoorside and Walton Parish Council 'Climate and Nature Action Strategy' working group.

172/20 Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan

A sand and gravel consultation document was put forward.

Noted.

173/20 News Items

A summary of Parish Council meetings had been posted on Facebook as well as in 'The Derbyshire Times', together with regular postings on the new play area etc.

Noted.

174/20 Section 137

No applications had been received.

175/20 Training

DALC training opportunities were noted.

176/20 Local Council Administration 12th Edition Publication

Consideration was given to purchase.

Resolution: That Local Council Administration 12th Edition is purchased at a cost of £119.99.

177/20 Parish Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the report including DALC circulars.

Noted.

178/20 Precept 2021/2022

Public consultation had been undertaken via the website and notice board on a proposed precept for 2021/2022 of £83,369.00. No objections had been received.

Resolution: That a proposed Precept Figure of £83,369.00 for the Financial Year 2021/2022 is submitted to North East Derbyshire District Council.

179/20 Finance

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.

Resolution:

- (i) That the Financial Report for October 2020 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman
- (ii) That cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
02/10/2020	Fosse Contracts Ltd.	Courts cleaning	1836.00
02/10/2020	GE Willmot	Weed killing/strimming	426.00
02/10/2020	Employees	Salaries/Allowance/Mileage	1940.71
02/10/2020	Blachere UK Ltd.	Christmas Tree Star	114.00
02/10/2020	ASI Security Systems	Annual maintenance cctv	141.60
02/10/2020	G Shaw	Monument Repairs	880.00
02/10/2020	Auditing Solutions	Interim Audit 2020/2021	534.00
06/10/2020	HMRC	Tax and NI	1254.99
06/10/2020	NEST	Pension Contributions	81.58
07/10/2020	Wallgate	Annual Maintenance WC's	1108.80
09/10/2020	Defib4Life Ltd.	4 sets Defib pads	168.00
12/10/2020	Water Plus	Pavilion Water rates	267.95
13/10/2020	Viking Direct	Cleaning products/stationery	154.67
15/10/2020	Viking Direct	Cleaning products	122.05
15/10/2020	Chandlec	Floodlight testing	62.40
15/10/2020	Eon	Pavilion electricity	43.00
22/10/2020	2Commune Ltd.	2yr Domain Name licence	180.00
22/10/2020	2Commune Ltd.	Website Hosting	522.00
22/10/2020	S Atkinson	RBL poppy donation reimburse	20.00
26/10/2020	Ashover Parish Hall CIO	S137 grant	500.00
27/10/2020	Salisbury and Wood	5 tons road salt	540.00

Cllr S Dronfield left the meeting and did not return.

180/20 Confidential Item

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.

Resolution: That In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is resolved 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.

180/21 Honours and Awards Nomination

A request had been received to nominate someone in the parish for coronavirus related work.

Resolution: That a letter of support is submitted if requested.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.03PM