

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held remotely via the 'Zoom' Platform
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Tuesday 19 JANUARY 2021 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
Derbyshire County Council Councillor B Lewis
S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)
Members of the Public – 2

204/21 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

205/21 Variation of Order of Business

There was no variation in the order of business.

206/21 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, 'Interest' forms may not be signed).

- District/Parish Councillor W Armitage – Planning (dispensation granted to May 2023)
- Cllr E Willmot – Parish Maintenance (Contracts Renewal)

207/21 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.

208/21 Public Speaking

Members of the public spoke on volunteer work under the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and planning application number 20/01269/FL.

Derbyshire County Councillor B Lewis reported on community testing for covid-19, vaccination locations and services remaining open including libraries and waste disposal sites. Councillor Lewis reported that the cost of covid-19 to the county had been considerable and he anticipated a 2.5% increase in the budget for 2021/2022.

District/Parish Councillor W Armitage reported that the District Council continued to assist the vulnerable and businesses with the support of Government Grants.

Nineteen crimes had been reported for November 2020.

209/21 Exclusion of Public

There were no items on the agenda taken in exclusion.

210/21 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 15 December 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 15 December 2020 are approved as a correct record.

211/21 Planning

(i) Applications

Application Number: [20/01243/FL](#)

Proposal: Application to demolish existing and replace with larger agricultural building to house and lamb sheep and to store fodder and implements

Address: Wine Tavern Farm Coldharbour Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr T Parkin

Case Officer: Emily Cartwright

No Comments

Application Number: [20/01269/FL](#)

Proposal: Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of planning application 17/00279/FL

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

Applicant: Mr Paul Kelly

Case Officer: Emily Cartwright

Comments:

Whilst Ashover Parish Council supports applications that enhance wildlife, this application is not supported for the following reasons:-

- **This is a retrospective application seeking to regularise significant changes to the original approval and Members consider application should have been made prior to these changes being made.**
- **The stocking of the pond with, what is possibly up to 1,000 fish, invalidates use of the pond for wildlife.**
- **It is further understood that the lining of the pond is 'Butyl', this again is not wildlife friendly.**
- **A condition imposed in 2017 prevents the keeping of fish for commercial purposes and as such, Members considered that any fishing should only be open to members of the household in the applicant's property.**
- **There is a loss of amenity and privacy to a neighbouring property.**

Ashover Parish Council considers that a formal assessment of the wildlife provision should be undertaken by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

For the above reasons, Ashover Parish Council has requested District Councillor W Armitage to present this application at a full Planning Committee.

Application Number: [20/01311/FLH](#)

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension over existing ground floor lounge

Address: Myrtle Grove Darley Road Stonedge Ashover

Applicant: Mr Matthew Latter

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

No Comments

Application Number: [20/01229/OL](#)

Proposal: Outline application for change of use of barn buildings into 1 dwelling house and 1 garage with office, and associated landscaping

Address: Beechfield House Milken Lane Far Hill Ashover

Applicant: John Dicks

Case Officer: Emily Cartwright

No Comments

(ii) Correspondence – A copy letter had been received regarding a planning application.
Resolution: That the letter is acknowledged and support for the District Councillor confirmed.

212/21 Health & Safety

Consideration was given to items including first aid training. The Chairman already held a First Aid Certificate which was due to expire in April 2021.

Resolution:

- (i) **That Cllr E Willmot is designated Ashover Parish Council's First Aider for events etc. and a copy of the First Aid Certificate is deposited with the Clerk.**
- (ii) **That Cllr E Willmot is booked onto a one day First Aid Course.**

213/21 Residents' Requests

Consideration was given to a suggestion for the Chapel of Rest to be used as a museum to display local historic finds and artefacts. Members did not consider this to be feasible due to practicalities and cost and a suggestion was put forward for the Parish Council to arrange a one day exhibition event in autumn 2021. A request to undertake litter picking as part of a Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme had been received.

Resolution:

- (i) **That a one-day exhibition of local historic finds and artefacts is organised for autumn 2021.**
- (ii) **That, subject to Insurance advice, litter picking as part of a Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is approved.**

Cllr E Willmot declared an interest and left the meeting during the discussion and resolution on contracts for Winter Maintenance, Weed killing and strimming.

214/21 Parish Council Maintenance/Events

Consideration was given to renewal of Parish Council Contracts for maintenance, grit bin signs, volunteer litter pick, dog mess problems, Quality Re-accreditation.

Resolution:

- (i) **That Maintenance Contracts are approved as follows:**

- **Grounds Maintenance Contract** (NEDDC) - 5 year contract commencing April 2021/22 at £14168 (estimated) with an estimated 2% increase per annum.
- **Flowerbeds/borders Maintenance** (Woolley Moor Nurseries) - 3 year contract commencing April 2021 at £800 per annum, subject to confirmation.
- **Flower planters and maintenance October and June** (Woolley Moor Nurseries) – 3 year contract commencing winter 2021 at £800 per season, subject to confirmation.
- **Winter Maintenance** (GE Willmot) - 3 year contract commencing winter 2021
 - Grit Bin filling - £18 per bin
 - Car park snow clearance - Mechanical Snow Clearance - £25 per hour
 - Ice treatment - Immediate & Precautionary car park gritting - £40/£50 per hour
- **Knotweed Spraying** (GE Willmot) – 3 year contract commencing summer 2021 Up to 3 applications per season at £50 per application.
- **Parish Seats strimming** - (GE Willmot) – 3 year contract commencing spring 2021 Twice per season at £200 each.
- **Cemetery weed killing on paths** - (GE Willmot) – 3 year contract commencing spring 2021 Twice per season at £105 per application.

- (ii) That 40 dibond grit bin signs are purchased at a cost of £288 and installed on all Parish Council owned grit bins.
- (iii) That the volunteer group litter pick is supported and equipment purchased up to the value of £150 to assist the event.
- (iv) That a new 'clean up after your dog' campaign is launched at a suitable time with the assistance of the District Council's Dog Wardens.
- (v) That a draft submission for re-accreditation under the Local Council Award Scheme is put before the February 2021 Parish Council Meeting for discussion.

215/21 Ashover School – Traffic Scheme

Further to Minute 060/20, the proposed traffic scheme had been considered by Derbyshire County Council Highways. A copy of the response had been sent to the Primary School Governors and Head Teacher.

Noted.

216/21 A632 Safety Measures

Further to a request to the Police & Crime Commissioner for speed monitoring at Kelstedge and Police presence outside the Primary School and drop-off and pick-up times, a response had been received and circulated to Members.

Resolution: That an email response is sent to the Police urging action for speed monitoring at Kelstedge and a presence outside the Primary School at busy times.

217/21 Litter Signage in Lay-bys

Further to Minute 190/20 authorising the Lengthman to monitor litter in nine parish lay-bys, recent comments on social media and approaches to Members regarding an increase in litter around the parish had been noted. Quotations for signage had been sought from three National Highway Sector Scheme accredited firms as follows:-

- 1) Viewtech, Nottingham - £1,604.28
- 2) Signway, Basingstoke - £2,635.00
- 3) Nuneaton Signs, Nuneaton – no longer hold necessary accreditations

NB: several other accredited firms had been invited with no response.

A vote was held on whether to progress the provision of signage in lay-bys by submitting six licence applications to Derbyshire County Council based on a quotation received from Viewtech, whilst continuing to monitor litter in the remaining three lay-bys.

Voting:-

FOR	-	SIX
AGAINST	-	THREE
ABSTENTION	-	ONE

Resolution:

- (i) That licences in respect of six lay-bys are applied for to Derbyshire County Council.
- (ii) That the Lengthman continues to monitor litter in the remaining three lay-bys.
- (iii) That Grants received from North East Derbyshire District Council in respect of covid-19 closures, are used towards the cost of anti-litter signage provision in lay-bys.
- (iv) That the Police and District Council are requested to assist in deterring litter via patrols and monitoring.

- (v) That 'Litter' is placed on the Agenda for the April Parish Council Meeting.

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

218/21 Neighbourhood Plan Review

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

Noted.

219/21 Sports Pavilion Lease

The Parish Hall was awaiting a visit and report from a surveyor. The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) (Minute 167/20 refers) had responded to a request for assistance with both the lease and car park service level agreement. However, the VOA was unable to resource this work at the right level presently, due to existing work commitments over the next few months. The new security locking system on the Pavilion door was discussed.

Noted.

220/21 Car Park Service Level Agreement

No further progress had been made.

Noted.

221/21 Climate Change

A meeting of the Holymoorside and Walton Parish Council 'Climate and Nature Action Strategy' Working Group would take place on 26/01/2021 and the Ashover Parish Council representative would attend along with a representative from Wingerworth Parish Council and the District Council.

Noted.

222/21 News Items

Newsletter no. 3 (winter) had been circulated digitally. When Coronavirus restrictions allow, hard copies would be placed in the Post Office and Information Point. Items for 'Wings' magazine had been submitted and a 'meet the team' initiative was proposed to inform the community on the various roles Parish Councillors undertake. The Census 2021 would be publicised following consultation with Census Engagement Manager for North Derbyshire.

Noted.

223/21 Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting must be held between 1st March and 1st June.

Resolution: That the Annual Parish Meeting is held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021 via the 'zoom' remote meeting platform.

224/21 Section 137

No applications had been received.

225/21 Training

Noted.

226/21 Parish Clerk's Report

Items included Derbyshire Association of Local Council's circulars and the Police 'Spotlight' newsletter.

Noted.

227/21 Assets Register

The Assets Register had been updated to include the new play equipment and the old play equipment had been marked as dilapidated.

Resolution: That the Assets Register is confirmed at £294,680, an increase of £12,403.

228/21 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 December 2020 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman**
- (ii) That cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.**
- (iii) That VAT is reclaimed after 31/03/2021 unless cash flow demands otherwise.**

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
01/12/2020	Water Plus	Pavilion Water	190.36
02/12/2020	R Fidler	Xmas Tree Timer	37.63
02/12/2020	Tesco	Chairman (Minute 204/20)	63.20
02/12/2020	Employees	Salary/Allow/Mileage etc.	1945.31
02/12/2020	DM Sturt	Christmas Tree 2020	350.00
02/12/2020	NEDDC	Grounds Maintenance 20/21	14149.34
02/12/2020	Kompan Ltd.	Play equipment part (Spica)	295.93
03/12/2020	SLCC	Membership	35.00
04/12/2020	Garden Nature	Bat/HH boxes for cemetery	61.98
15/12/2020	Eon	Pavilion electricity	43.00
16/12/2020	Kompan Ltd.	Play Area Project 2020	48599.99
21/12/2020	Employees	Salary/Allow/Mileage etc.	1935.91
22/12/2020	Eon	Pavilion gas	37.49
29/12/2020	NEST	Pension Contribs Nov/Dec	163.16
31/12/2020	Unity Trust Bank	Quarterly service charge	18.00

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.07PM