

## **ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Sports Pavilion, Ashover  
**Tuesday 20 DECEMBER 2022 at 7.00 pm**

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### **PRESENT**

Councillors E Willmot (Chairman), Mrs R Early, R Fidler (Vice-Chairman), J Cook,  
Mrs L Hunter-Bott, C Miller

Police & Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster

S. Atkinson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public – 5

### **156/22 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors S Dronfield, N Early,  
Parish/NEDDC Cllr W Armitage and DCC Councillor B Lewis.

### **157/22 Variation of Order of Business**

There was no variation in the order of business.

### **158/22 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

Interests were declared and relevant forms completed and dispensations confirmed as follows:

- District/Parish Councillor W Armitage – Planning (dispensation granted to May 2023)
- Cllr C Miller – Parish Hall Representation (dispensation granted to May 2023)
- Cllr C Miller – Co-option of a Parish Councillor
- Cllr Mrs R Early – Co-option of a Parish Councillor

### **159/22 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.

### **160/22 Public Speaking**

A member of the public raised safety concerns for the public in Uppertown and informed Members that three Countryside sites i.e. Eddlestow Lot, The Fabrick and Highoredish would be retained as Derbyshire County Council wildlife sites.

The Chairman thanked the member of the public for the volunteer work undertaken on footpaths, bridleways and wildlife sites in the parish.

On behalf of a member of the public, an issue was raised regarding the reporting of garage refurbishment etc. in the 'Ashover Matters' publication.

The Chairman welcomed the Police & Crime Commissioner to the meeting and the Commissioner circulated copies of the 'Police & Crime Plan 2021-2025' and outlined her role as Commissioner. The Commissioner answered questions posed by Members, including safety along the A632, and discussed crime figures and the proposed 'Engagement Charter'. The Chairman thanked the Commissioner for attending.

Five crimes were reported for October 2022.

Three candidates present for the co-option of a Parish Councillor, spoke in support of their applications. Members had no questions to put to candidates.

### **161/22 Exclusion of Public**

Agenda Item 9 co-option of a Parish Councillor would be taken in partial exclusion.

### **162/22 Minutes**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 15 November 2022 are approved as a correct record.

**Resolution: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meetings held 15 November 2022 are approved as a correct record.**

### **163/22 Exclusion of the Public**

**Resolution:** That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted i.e. during consideration of candidates' applications for the Parish Councillor vacancy, the public and press were excluded from the meeting.

Members discussed the applications received for the Parish Councillor vacancy.

Members of the public and press were invited back into the meeting before voting took place.

*Cllrs Mrs R Early and C Miller declared an interest in the co-option of a Parish Councillor and abstained from voting.*

### **163/22 Co-option of a Parish Councillor**

The Chairman invited the remaining four Members to nominate a candidate for the position of Parish Councillor by written ballot and these were handed back to the Chairman for counting. The result was as follows:-

Ballot One

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
W Andrassy-Armitage	0
J Daykin	4
H Liggett	0
A Wallhead	0

J Daykin was duly elected and signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.

**Resolution: That the signed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' by J Daykin is accepted and Councillor J Daykin joins the meeting.**

**164/22 Planning**

Application Number: 22/01003/CUPDMB

Proposal: Application for prior approval for the proposed change of use of an Agricultural barn to dwelling house (C3).

Address: Greenfield House Greenfield Lane Milltown Ashover

Applicant: Messrs A and M Rudkin

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

**No Comment**

Application Number: 22/01150/FLH

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey side extension (Affecting the setting of a Listed Building)

Address: The Hollies Hill Road Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr Mark Hitchener

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

**No Comment**

Application Number: 22/01164/FL

Proposal: Conversion and extension of existing barn to form a single residential dwelling and erection of new storage barn (Revised scheme of 21/00713/FL) (Private Drainage System)

Address: Alice Head Farm Alicehead Road Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: J & A Mason

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

**No Comment**

Application Number: 22/01143/LB

Proposal: Listed Building consent to reinstate a window on ground floor east elevation

Address: Fallgate Mill Hockley Lane Ashover Chesterfield

Applicant: Mr Micheal Philbin

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

**No Comment**

Application Number: 22/01190/FL

Proposal: Conversion of barn to dwelling (Revised scheme of 22/00504/FL)

Address: Moor Grange Doehole Lane Brackenfield Alfreton

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Eales

Case Officer: Alice Lockett

**No Comment**

Application Number: 22/01175/TPO

Proposal: Tree works on T36 Walnut tree

Address: 114 Malthouse Lane Ashover Chesterfield S45 0BU

Applicant: Mrs Carolyn Libby

Case Officer: Curtis Rouse

**Comment: Ashover Parish Council supports comments and recommendations made by the Ashover Tree Warden and the Tree Surgeon.**

Application Number: 22/01197/FL

Proposal: S73 application to vary condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning application 19/00966/FL to re-site the 2nd Cabin due to overhead wires and erect larger 'Horizon' cabin

Address: Overton Park Camp Coach Road Overton Ashover

Applicant: Mr Karl Hayes

Case Officer: Colin Wilson

#### **No Comment**

Application Number: 21/01468/FL

Proposal: Change of use of amenity land for the provision of 10 Parking Spaces (Amended Plan)

Address: Land at Junction Of Alton Lane And Stubben Edge Lane Alton

Lane Littlemoor Ashover

Applicant: Ms Victoria Vernon – NEDDC

Case Officer: Asbury Planning

**Comment: That, as an incorrect plan, which related to Grassmoor was linked to this application, the planning authority would be asked to link the correct plan for Littlemoor to application 21/01468/FL and that this application may then be considered at the Parish Council Meeting in January 2023.**

#### **165/22 Health & Safety**

The Chairman of the Burial Board reported on an incident that had taken place adjacent the cemetery boundary. Having regard to Financial Regulation 11.1(d), a quote for the rebuilding of the dry stone wall boundary had been received in the sum of £2,950.00. Due to the urgent nature of the contract under Health & Safety, the specialist nature of the work and the known high standard of the dry stone waller, the quotation was put forward for approval.

**Resolution: That the quotation from S Graney for re-building of the dry stone wall on the cemetery boundary adjacent Extension D, in the sum of £2,950.00 is accepted and the work put in hand as soon as possible.**

#### **166/22 Parish Maintenance**

Repairs to further dry stone walling and stone gate post in the cemetery were put forward for consideration.

**Resolution:**

- (i) **That the quotation from S Graney for repairs to dry stone walling in the cemetery in the sum of £775.00 is approved.**
- (ii) **That the quotation from G Shaw for the rebuilding of the stone gate post at the cemetery entrance in the sum of £280.00 is accepted.**

#### **167/22 Parish Events**

Christmas Event 04/12/2022 – The event had been successful and positive feedback had been received and the Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs L Hunter-Bott for her work on this event.

Coronation Event 06/05/2023 – It was proposed and seconded that, due to the logistics of holding a street party on the car park between 4pm and 6pm, this should be revised to be provision of refreshments, if feasible, on the field during the firework display:-

Voting

For 2

Against 3

Abstain 1

The proposal was not carried.

**Resolution: That the Coronation Event celebrations are considered further at the January 2023 Meeting.**

**(It was proposed and seconded that Ashover Parish Council Standing Order 3(x) be suspended [9.00pm] and the meeting continued.)**

*Cllrs Mrs R Early and C Miller declared an interest in the following agenda item.*

#### **168/22 Sports Pavilion and Car Park**

The transfer of trust land back to Ashover Parish Council was ongoing and the solicitor requested clarification on two issues regarding parking and access to remaining trust land following transfer.

Estimated replacement costs associated with contents in the Sports Pavilion had been itemised.

#### **Resolution:**

- (i) **That no access over the retained land would be necessary and there would be no stipulation on the number of cars parked on the transferred land.**
- (ii) **That the Pavilion contents to the value of £2,363 are transferred to the Parish Hall CIO and written-off the Assets Register.**

#### **169/22 Neighbourhood Plan Review**

An Examiner would be appointed by North East Derbyshire District Council to inspect the modifications.

**Noted.**

#### **170/22 A632 and River Amber – Safety Concerns**

Lee Rowley MP had organised a site meeting on 25/11/2022 at the sewage works to include Severn Trent, Environment Agency, Parish Council Members and a member of the public. A precis of the meeting was awaited from the MP's office.

The 'Object in the Highway' Licence was being progressed and if approval granted, then quotations for the provision of two Speed Indicator Devices at Kelstedge would be considered.

**Noted.**

#### **171/22 Training**

Training opportunities were circulated.

**Resolution: That Parish Councillor J Daykin attends a Councillor Induction course.**

#### **172/22 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report including Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) newsletter had been circulated to Members. Tree inspections on council property would be confirmed.

**Noted.**

#### **173/22 Councillor Audit**

The Councillor audit had taken place on 14/12/2022 in accordance with Financial Regulation 2.2 and GDPR, with no matters arising.

**Noted.**

#### **174/22 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.

**Resolution: That the Financial Report for November 2022 is confirmed and signed by the Chairman and that any cheques/BACS authorised by designated signatories, are confirmed.**

DATE	PAYEE	GOODS/SERVICE	TOTAL (£)
01/11/22	NEST	Pension Contributions	88.41
02/11/22	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery Maintenance	525.00
02/11/22	Lexis Nexis	Local Council Publication	131.99
02/11/22	Ashover PCC	Grant – May Day Road Closure	100.00
02/11/22	Parish Hall CIO	Pavilion Hire	15.57
03/11/22	Chandlec	Installation of floodlight meter	433.16
03/11/22	Shed Grounds Maintenance	Cemetery hedge cutting	1936.37
07/11/22	DALC	Cemetery training	50.00
08/11/22	Water Plus	Public WCs Water	56.95
08/11/22	Water Plus	Allotments Water	13.61
15/11/22	London Hearts	6 Defibrillator cabinets	3633.60
16/11/22	S Atkinson	Reimbursement Xmas event items	41.96
17/11/22	Ashover Brass Band	Section 137 grant	50.00
23/11/22	Ashover OP Association	Section 137 grant	50.00
23/11/22	SLCC	Annual Subscription	36.00
29/11/22	Ashover PCC	Section 137 grant	50.00
30/11/22	Employees	Salaries/Allowance/Reimbursements	1785.76
30/11/22	A Towleron Associates	NP review consultancy	440.00

#### **175/22 Chairman's Allowance**

The Chairman wished all Council Members and staff a Merry Christmas and, as there would be no Chairman's Annual Reception, everyone received a small token gift in appreciation of the volunteer work undertaken throughout the year. (LGA 1972 ss15(5) and 34(5)).

The meeting closed at 9.20pm