

**ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL** held an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting in The Sports Pavilion, Milken Lane, Ashover on Tuesday **18 MARCH 2025** commencing at 7.00pm and Councillor E Willmot Chaired the Meeting.

### **Public Speaking**

Members of the public spoke on lack of action by Highways to make the A632 a safer road for users and requested the Parish Council to express its concern to Derbyshire County Council and for an A632 road safety scheme to be prioritised.

NEDDC Cllr Mrs H Wetherall reported on results from the first community speed watch on the A632 and on the Local Plan review being undertaken by the District Council. Crime figures were reported.

**Planning Liaison with NEDDC** – Potential bio net gain off-set sites to include some common land with wildlife potential had been put forward to the District Council and ‘without prejudice’ discussions would continue. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had attended a forum meeting with the Assistant Director of Planning for NEDDC on the review of the Local Plan.

### **Derbyshire County Council**

The Parish and Town Council Forum was held on 05/03/2025 and the Parish Council was represented. It had proved a useful forum for networking and presentations on DCC Finance and Unitary Authorities were made.

### **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and A632 safety**

Recent data had been circulated to Members, Highways and other authorities; the data would be issued on the website. The template for the data report would be simplified and a letter sent to Derbyshire County Council requesting information on how the data is being used and what schemes are prepared for making the A632 a safer route.

### **River Amber**

Severn Trent had been asked to confirm that the recently installed holding tanks and pumps were now fully operational, some technical problems were being experienced and it was anticipated these would be resolved during April 2025.

### **Health & Safety**

A revised Events Policy & Procedures was approved together with supporting documentation for event organisers.

### **Climate Change/Biodiversity**

The group’s dialogue with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) continued and both DWT and the Footpaths and Bridleways Group would hold stalls at the May Day Event 2025.

### **News Items**

Newsletter no. 4 spring 2025 had been circulated. Production of the Annual Report 2024/2025 would be delayed due to the ‘Pre-election Period’ commencing 25/03/2025 and ending after the County Council Elections on 01/05/2025.

### **Projects and Events**

Preparations for VE Day 80 celebrations, as part of the May Day event, were ongoing and the Anti-Litter Poster Competition 2025 was progressing.

### **Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk’s report, including Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) newsletters, training and any general correspondence received had been circulated to Members including action taken under Financial Regulation 5.15.

**Section 137 and other grant applications**

The Home Produce Club was awarded a S137 grant of £50.00.

**Councillor Audit**

The quarterly Councillor Audit had been undertaken on 17/03/2025 with no matters arising.

**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 were 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 8.50pm