

**ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in**  
**The Sports Pavilion, Milken Lane, Ashover at**  
**7.15 p.m. on Tuesday 20 JUNE 2017**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs E Willmot (Chairman), S Dronfield, N Early, Mrs R Early, R Fidler, Mrs L Hunter-Bott, Mrs A Tyson  
W Armitage (Parish & NEDDC District Cllr)  
S Atkinson (Parish Clerk)  
Members of the Public – 28

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**047/17 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs M Hayward and C Miller.

**048/17 Variation of Order of Business.**

There was no variation in the order of business.

**049/17 Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

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

- District/Parish Cllr W Armitage – Planning (dispensation granted to May 2019)
- Cllr E Willmot – Parish Maintenance (Knotweed spraying/fence repairs)
- Cllr Mrs L Hunter-Bott – Planning Appeal 17/00095/FL

**050/17 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 sub committees 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.

**051/17 Public Speaking**

Public – The applicant spoke in support of application 17/00613/CUPDRC Notification for prior approval for a change of use from Post Office (A1) to mixed use Post Office and Retail (A1) and Coffee Shop (A3) at Ashover Post Office Moor Road Ashover Chesterfield for Mr Duncan Stevens.

A member of the public spoke on recent garage and shed thefts in Kelstedge, overgrown vegetation at junctions and around signs in the parish and lack of access for pedestrians and disabled due to inconsiderate parking on Church Street. These matters had been referred to the Police and Derbyshire County Council Highways Department for attention.

The applicant spoke in support of application 17/00595/OL Outline application (with all matters other than access reserved) for up to 4 dwellings including associated access landscaping and infrastructure on Land South of Rattle Grange Cripton Lane Ashover for Mitchell Proctor Architects.

Seven members of the public spoke against application 17/00595/OL Outline application (with all matters other than access reserved) for up to 4 dwellings including associated access landscaping and infrastructure on Land South of Rattle Grange Cripton Lane Ashover. Issues raised included access, highways, ecology, special landscape area, settlement development limit, sewerage capacity, sustainability and overall impact of all recent applications, granted and proposed, on the parish.

County/District Liaison – NEDDC Cllr W Armitage reported on recent planning development applications, the NEDDC Draft Local Plan and parking at Kelstedge.

Police – The Police website had not been updated since the last report for March 2017.

### **52/17 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council meetings held 16 May 2017 were put forward and it was proposed and seconded that these be approved as a correct record.

**Resolution: That the Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council Meetings held 16 May 2017 are approved as a correct record.**

### **53/17 Exclusion of Public**

There were no items taken in exclusion.

### **54/17 Planning**

#### **Applications**

**Application Number:** 17/00266/FL

**Proposal:** Application for single dwelling (affecting the setting of a Listed Building/Conservation Area) (Amended Plans/Amended Title)

**Address:** The Old Rectory Church Street Ashover Chesterfield

**Applicant:** Mr A Baskill

**COMMENTS:** **Parking on the adjacent highway in the vicinity of the proposed access onto Church Street, causes concern and, if the application is approved, it is requested that some form of parking control is put in place.**

**Application Number:** 17/00526/FL

**Proposal:** Change of use of former scout hut to dwelling

**Address:** Former Scout Hut Grinders Well Lane Northedge Tupton

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs M Harrison

**COMMENTS:** **Local knowledge suggests that this building has never been used as a scout hut.**

**Application Number:** 17/00540/FLH

**Proposal:** Two storey rear extension with balcony and raising of ridge height and garage conversion to annexe accommodation and garden store

**Address:** Alice Head Cottage Alicehead Road Ashover Chesterfield

**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs Harpham

**COMMENTS:** **No local issues to raise.**

**Application Number:** 17/00539/OL

**Proposal:** Outline application (with some matters reserved) for demolition of farm building and replacement with 2 residential properties

**Address:** Woodview Fallgate Milltown Ashover

**Applicant:** Mrs Ann Wallhead

**COMMENTS:** **The Parish Council supports the application as a ‘windfall’ site and supports rebuilding as opposed to dereliction.**

**Application Number:** 17/00554/FL

**Proposal:** Variation of conditions 2,4,5,6 and 7 of previously approved 16/00386/FL

**Address:** Scotland Nurseries Stretton Road Tansley Matlock

**Applicant:** Mr And Mrs Reynolds

**COMMENTS:** **No local issues to raise.**

**Application Number:** 17/00319/FL

**Proposal:** Proposed extensions to farmhouse including new private drainage system and change of use of land to create access track (Amended Title/Amended Plans)

**Address:** Greenhouse Farm Coach Road Overton Ashover

**Applicant:** Mr A Hutchinson

**COMMENTS:** **Whilst the submitted Ashover Neighbourhood Plan would support this proposal, Ashover Parish Council holds concerns over the increase in traffic along the lane and the subsequent dangers of the access onto the A632 at this point.**

**Application Number:** 17/00563/FLH  
**Proposal:** Construction of timber garage (revised scheme of 16/00454/FLH)  
**Address:** The Old Rope House Hill Road Ashover S45 0BX  
**Applicant:** Mr T Page  
**COMMENTS:** No local issues to raise.

**Application Number:** 17/00619/FLH  
**Proposal:** Erection of attached domestic extension  
**Address:** Amber House Vernon Lane Kelstedge Ashover  
**Applicant:** Mr Steve Watson  
**COMMENTS:** No local issues to raise.

**Application Number:** 17/00613/CUPDRC  
**Proposal:** Notification for prior approval for a change of use from Post Office (A1) to mixed use Post Office and Retail (A1) and Coffee Shop (A3)  
**Address:** Ashover Post Office Moor Road Ashover Chesterfield  
**Applicant:** Mr Duncan Stevens  
**COMMENTS:** Ashover Parish Council supports the application and the proposal to maintain local employment. The submitted Neighbourhood Plan supports an extension to an existing business.

**Application Number:** 17/00595/OL  
**Proposal:** Outline application (with all matters other than access reserved) for up to 4 dwellings including associated access landscaping and infrastructure  
**Address:** Land South Of Rattle Grange Crompton Lane Ashover  
**Applicant:** Mitchell Proctor Architects  
**COMMENTS:** Request to delay comments submitted to NEDDC to allow Members time to consider application documents.

*Councillor Mrs L Hunter-Bott left the meeting room during discussions and comments on Appeal 17/00095/FL.*

**Appeal**

Ref: NED/17/00095/FL

Town and Country Planning Act, 1990 Appeal By: Mr & Mrs R Dykes  
Site at: Land To The East And North Of Marshbrook Butts Road Ashover  
Proposal: Proposed erection of 1no. three-bedroom dwelling

**COMMENTS:**

Ashover Parish Council objects to this application and considers it to be 'creeping development' and that the reasons for refusal of application no. 16/00127/FL still apply. The application is in a Special Landscape Area and outside the Settlement Development Limit and is contrary to Local Plan policies GS1, GS6, H3 and NPPF chapter 55. Given the isolated nature of the site, it is considered that the erection of a dwelling, where historic and isolated buildings are sporadically located, would be at odds with the rural character of the area, harmful to the Special Landscape Area contrary to Local Plan policies GS6 and NE2.

The visibility from the proposed access points is believed to be below requisite standards and it is not accepted that the measurements put forward are achievable and is therefore in contravention of Local Plan policy T2. A Right of Way crossing the site is made of old flagstones which should be preserved insitu.

**Planning and Capability of Local Sewage Treatment Plants** – A discussion was held on the capability of the local sewage treatment plants to deal with current and proposed housing developments.

**Resolution:**

- (i) *That a request is made to Severn Trent Water for information on water flow and capacity of the sewage treatment plants, bearing in mind additional housing approved and applied for. If required, this information would be sought under the Freedom of Information Act and further information sought from the Environment Agency.*
- (ii) *That a letter is sent to Lee Rowley MP congratulating him on his success at the recent Government Elections and inviting him to meet with Parish Councillors to discuss recent approved and proposed housing developments and the relevance of Localism and Neighbourhood Planning.*

*Cllr E Willmot left the meeting room during discussions and decisions on the knotweed spraying contract and the repairs to the Cemetery fence and Cllr R Fidler (Vice-Chairman) took the Chair for these items only.*

**55/17 Parish Maintenance** – Estimates had been sought for maintenance of the flowerbeds, repairs to the playing field boundary wall, knotweed spraying on common land and repairs to the cemetery fence.

*Flowerbeds* – 3 estimates had been sought and 2 returned:-

NEDDC Option 1 = £710 or Option 2 = £1,059.42

Woolley Moor Nurseries = £800

*Field Boundary Wall* – 3 estimates had been sought and 2 returned:-

Shaun Graney - £33.00/linear metre (max. 50 metres)

Ox Stone Craft Ltd. - £130/linear metre

**Resolution:**

- (i) That the estimate received from Woolley Moor Nurseries, being a local contractor, in the sum of £800 for maintenance of the flowerbeds is accepted.*
- (ii) That the estimate received from Shaun Graney for repairs to the stone wall boundary to the playing field is accepted in the sum of £33/linear metre to a maximum of 50 metres with no step stile.*
- (iii) That the current knotweed (Ashover Hay common land) spraying contract with GE Willmot is continued to the end of the growing season in 2020 (3 years) for up to 3 applications per year at a cost of £50 per application.*
- (iv) That the estimate for repairs to the cemetery boundary fence from GE Willmot in the sum of £390.00 is accepted.*
- (v) That WG Pollards is contacted to inspect public toilet doors and adjust if necessary.*

**56/17 Neighbourhood Planning** – The Chairman of the NP Steering Group reported on an issue that had been raised with the original neighbourhood area map submitted to NEDDC. A response was awaited from NEDDC legal section to clarify the position.

**Resolution:** *That the Chairman of the NP Steering Group is authorised to pursue NEDDC to confirm the legal status of the original neighbourhood planning area map submission.*

**57/17 Burial Board** – The Minutes of the Burial Board Meeting held 22/05/2017 were put forward for approval and recommendations received. It was noted that no further action would be taken on item 4 (fencing) as this had been resolved.

**Resolution:** *That the Minutes of the Burial Board Meeting held 22/05/2017 are approved as a correct record and recommendations resolved with the exception of item 4 (fencing).*

**58/17 Business Plan** – Consideration was given to adoption of the revised plan.

**Resolution:** *That the revised Business Plan 2017-2020 is adopted and posted on the website.*

**59/17 Hard Courts Hire** – Consideration was given to the winter charges for school netball.

**Resolution:** *That School netball is charged the standard rate for winter use i.e. 4pm onwards on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.*

**60/17 Pedestrian Safety** – A report on a meeting with DCC re Narrowleys Lane safety was received (Appendix 1).

**Resolution:** *That the report is received.*

*(Ashover Parish Council Standing Order 2(v) was suspended [9.15pm] and the meeting continued.)*

**61/17 Defibrillators** – A new defibrillator had been fitted adjacent The Miners Arms in Milltown and had been activated. Quotations were being sought for the refurbishment of the kiosk at Littlemoor and Western Power had been contacted for the continuation of the electrical provision.

**Resolution:** *That a defibrillator and cabinet is purchased for the Littlemoor kiosk and the cost reclaimed via grant from the Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd.*

**62/17 Health & Safety** – An Incident Report had been completed following notification to the Clerk from the Lengthman of a cricket ball entering the play area during a cricket match. Ashover Cricket Club had been given a copy of the report and had responded. The response would be appended to the report and placed on the Health and Safety Register.

**Resolution:** *That the Incident Report is signed by the Chairman and placed on the Health and Safety Register.*

**63/17 Tree Group** – The Minutes of the Working Group dated 18/05/2017 were put forward together with an offer from the Tree Warden, via the Working Group, to submit comments on any relevant planning applications for the parish. It was noted that the Clerk liaised with the Tree Warden on applications relating to Tree Preservation Orders.

**Resolution:** *That the Minutes of the Tree Working Group are received and the offer from the Tree Warden to submit comments on planning applications is accepted.*

**64/17 Section 137** – The Tree Working Group had been awarded £100 towards safety equipment during 2016/2017 and £61.06 had not been spent during the year.

**Resolution:** *That a S137 grant of £60.00 is made available to the Tree Working Group towards safety equipment during the financial year up to 31 March 2018.*

**65/17 Training** – Consideration was given to requests for attendance at training events.

**Resolution:** *That training events are approved as follows:-*

*Cllr Mrs L Hunter-Bott – Planning (DALC) 03/10/2017 (£40)*

*Clerk – Finance for Clerks/RFO (DALC) 11/09/2017 (£60)*

*Three members of the Tree Working Group – Tree & Woodland Management (DALC) 18/07/2017 (£40 per delegate)*

**66/17 Parish Clerk's Report** – The report including DALC circulars was put forward.

**Noted.**

**67/17 Annual Insurance** – Consideration was given to the annual insurance premiums for 2017/18 on a 3 year long term basis.

Came & Company (Brokers) – Gave 3 comparisons from Hiscox, Ecclesiastical &

Inspire/AXA: Recommended Inspire/AXA - £1,442.93

Zurich - £1,382.00

AON - £1,437.64

**Resolution:** *That, as Brokers Came & Company, had provided a good service over recent years, its recommendation for Inspire/AXA insurance at a cost of £1,442.93 on a long term basis of 3 years, would be accepted.*

**68/17 Electronic 'Tablet'** – Consideration was given to the purchase of one 'tablet' for demonstration purposes. Several 'tablets' had been compared, but further comparisons needed to be made and referred to the next meeting.

**Noted.**

**69/17 Councillor Audit** – The Councillor Auditor had undertaken an audit on 20/06/2017 with no matters arising.

**Resolution:** *That the Councillor Audit undertaken on 20/06/2017 with no matters arising is received.*

**70/17 Financial Report** – A budget appraisal, printed report on the computerised accounts detailing account balances, cheques issued and cheques received was received

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHEQUE NO.</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>GOODS/SERVICE</b>	<b>TOTAL (£)</b>
05/05/2017	4065/4066	Employees	Salaries etc.	
05/05/2017	4067	Auditing Sols	Final Audit 16/17	504.00
05/05/2017	4068	WMPW Ltd.	Annual Report	2359.00
05/05/2017	4069	Viking Direct	Sign/Stationery	193.03
15/05/2017	DD	Eon	Pavilion elec	21.00
17/05/2017	DD	Nest	Pension contribs	70.11
18/06/2017	DD	British Gas	Pavilion Gas	83.00
22/05/2017	4070	Ash Lunch Club	S137 donation	150.00
30/05/2017	4071	Crispin Inn	Chair Reception	270.00

**Resolution: That the Financial Report is confirmed and signed by the Chairman.**

**71/17 Cheques for Signature** – Details of cheques signed by authorised Councillors were received together with cheques for signature.

**Resolution: That cheques signed by authorised Councillors be confirmed and cheques put forward signed.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40PM