

**Minutes of a Meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council**

**Held at the Powtrell Pavilion on Monday 10 April 2017**

**Present**

Councillors Mrs C Hart (Chairman), Mr D Adams-Shaw and Mr T Maclean.

**Also Present**

Mrs K Sharpe (Clerk & RFO) and two members of the public.

**683 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mrs H Chapman, Mrs B Harrison, Mrs C Barnes, Mr B Broughton, Mrs C Stephenson and Mrs B Adams-Shaw.

**684 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs C Hart declared personal interests in respect of the West Hallam White Rose Cricket Club and the West Hallam Junior Football Club.

**685 Variation of Order of Business**

None.

**686 Public Speaking**

(a) Police  
No report

(b) County Councillor Report

The County Councillor had reported to Highways the three accidents that had taken place in one week recently, two at Mapperley cross roads and one at Millhouse cross roads, she had requested some actions be taken, one option a temporary Vehicle Activated Sign and also a request for the CREST team to visit, they have speed cameras on board their vehicles and monitor speeds, DCC say that until they have the report from the Police regarding the cause of the accidents they cannot act although they have instructed the CREST team to visit, they have already made one visit since the request. Further reports to follow.

**687 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 March 2017 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to one amendment:-

In Minute 671a Chairman's Announcements – (the request for two more floral baskets for the summer season) - the agreement that for every basket sponsored by an individual, the Council would sponsor **one** basket (not two as previously stated).

**688 Exempt Items**

None

**689 Chairman's Announcements**

a) Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that she had been invited by the Well Dressing Committee to open the event.

A light at the MUGA had been reported as not working. The Clerk was asked to contact Comparity to get this repaired.

West Hallam Junior Football Club had a new Chairman. He had raised concerns about the quality of the cuts on Beech Lane and queried how many cuts are programmed in per season. The Chairman had advised him that that there are 16 cuts but if there were any problems that the Club should contact the Parish Council with their concerns.

As there had been ongoing complaints about inconsiderate parking at Beech Lane, not only with school parking but parking associated with the football matches the Chairman had written to the Football Club asking them to encourage safer and more considerate parking by members of the club and their visitors.

The Chairman reported that the Christmas Committee had spoken briefly and decided that as the Disney characters were very popular that they should be booked again and also as usual, that Ilkeston Brass be invited to play. No decision yet on who will be asked to switch on the lights.

The Chairman requested that the Clerk contact local organisations to invite them to submit or present a short report on their activities at the Annual Parish meeting on 8 May 2017.

**RESOLVED** that the report and actions be noted.

b) Consideration given to items raised during Public Participation

The Chairman responded to a resident's question about holding a public meeting at the school, about parking & safety in the village and to address the recent incidents in the village involving children being hurt by cars. The

Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would fully support the public meeting.

In response to a resident's concerns about parking on the dropped pavements down Beech Lane during Football matches and at school drop off & pick up times, the Chairman advised that whilst this was not illegal, she acknowledged that this causes problems, particularly to disability scooters and prams. In addition to the Football Club being asked to pass on a message to its own players and visiting clubs asking them to park considerately, a request would go to school to encourage staggered arrival and polite parking.

#### **690 Reports of Sub Committees and Working Parties**

The Clerk, who had attended the 'Friends' meeting on 21 March, gave a brief overview of the items discussed and the decisions that had been made. The Parish Council were concerned about some of the requests being made, therefore the Chairman and Councillor Broughton would attend the next meeting to give the Council's views. It was noted that the next Friends of Beech Lane meeting was to be held on Tuesday 18 April at 7pm in The Punch Bowl.

#### **691 Clerks Report - Matters dealt with**

##### **a) Powtrell Pavilion - Roller Shutter conversion update**

The Clerk confirmed that the motors had now been fitted to the two doors at the Powtrell Pavilion and they were in full working order. The Caretaker had circulated instructions on the operation of the shutters to all users of the building.

##### **b) Powtrell Pavilion heating**

The Clerk reported that a local plumber had visited the Pavilion to offer advice on controlling the heating for users and to make the temperature more comfortable; also to quote for an alternative hot water arrangement for the changing rooms and showers. A quote had been received, however the members chose to defer the decision until the next meeting when more members would be present to discuss.

##### **c) Update on Easter play scheme**

The Clerk informed the Council that Adam Metcalfe from AM Sports Coaching had advised that there were 25-30 children booked for each day of the Easter play scheme, with a few extra places on the last day, which he hoped would be filled with last minute requests during the holiday. Adam had submitted all necessary paperwork to the Clerk and all arrangements had been made with the Caretaker for the opening and closing of building. The Clerk had

requested an evaluation be sent after the scheme finished, This would be reported to Council at a future date.

d) Summer activities for older children

Regarding possible holiday activities for teenagers, the Clerk had received cost information from Peak Cycling but had been unable to contact the 'Gaming Bus' that was mentioned at the previous meeting. Councillor D Adams-Shaw said he would try to make contact. The members decided to defer any discussion about this item until the next meeting.

e) Play Equipment inspections & maintenance

The Clerk reported that the Contractor who had been offered the contract for the inspection and maintenance of the play equipment across the four play areas, had declined to take this up. Therefore the Clerk would explore other options including the Council sending an employee on a ROSPA Inspection course so that the monthly inspections of play areas could be done 'in house'. Erewash Borough Council would also be approached for their advice and a quotation for them to do the work. The Chairman would ask her contacts at other Parish Councils about how they cover their inspections of play areas. This item would be included on agenda at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the report and actions be noted.

## 692 Matters for Determination

a) Tree Survey and works arising

The tree survey, previously circulated by email, was discussed by Members along with the quote for the recommended Priority 1 works.

It was **RESOLVED** that as the tree survey had been discussed previously by full Council, that the priority work be approved to go ahead.

b) Repair work to gate at High Lane Central

Quotes had been received for the repair of the low gate at the entrance to High Lane Central recreation ground; also for the fencing at the boundary.

It was **RESOLVED** that the work to the gate be approved to go ahead. The Clerk was asked to go back to Contractor to ask for a requote for a repair rather than a replacement of the fence.

c) Additional Grounds Maintenance work at Mapperley Crossroads and Beech Lane & Millhouse fields

The new Grounds Maintenance Contractor had indicated that these two areas required some additional work and had submitted quotes for this.

It was **RESOLVED** that the work to the Mapperley Crossroads shrubs be approved. The Clerk was requested to go back to Contractor to ask whether

the flail at the boundary on the Beech Lane and Millhouse fields was still necessary now that the first cuts had been carried out.

d) Maintenance at High Lane East Recreation Ground

The Council had received a complaint about the condition of some of the areas surrounding the play equipment at the park. The Clerk had a quote from a Contractor to replace the bark chippings around these areas.

It was **RESOLVED** that the work be approved to go ahead.

**693 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

None circulated in this month.

**694 Consultations**

None.

**695 Finance - Payments/Balances and Financial reports**

Council was asked to approve a schedule of payments and note the bank account balances, income statement and bank reconciliation report.

**RESOLVED** that–

(1) The Schedule of payments below be approved, and the income and bank reconciliation reports be noted.

(2) The Bank Account Balances at 31 March 2017 be noted:-

Community Direct Plus - £50,157.82

Business Select - £14,304.44

Unity Trust Bank - £500.00

**Payments**

(N.B. These payments will be made from the Unity Trust Bank account)

<b>Cheque no / BACS</b>	<b>Payee/Description</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
BACS UTB	Erewash Borough Council	£1164.53	£6.56	£1171.09
BACS UTB	DALC – Annual Subscription	£740.13	£0.00	£740.13
BACS UTB	Kate Sharpe – Clerk’s Expenses	£44.78	£0.00	£44.78
BACS UTB	Tom Richards Tree Services (Tree Survey)	£650.00	£130.00	£780.00

BACS UTB	Heanor Gate Association CCTV Maintenance Contract 01.04.17 – 31.03.18	£1400.00	£280.00	£1680.00
BACS UTB	Viking (Cleaning Equipment)	£32.54	£6.51	£39.05
BACS UTB	Powtrell Pavilion, Room Hire – Annual for all 11 meetings 04/17 – 03/18	£275.00	£0.00	£275.00
BACS UTB	Powtrell Pavilion – Room Hire – 6 April meeting	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00
BACS UTB	Viking (Cleaning Equipment)	£5.37	£1.07	£6.44
Cheque 300001	Community Centre – CCTV Recharge	£109.94	£0.00	£109.94
Cheque 300002	Grasstrack Grounds Maintenance - March	£633.54	£126.71	£760.25
Cheque 300003	C S Jackson Annual Flail	£350.00	£70.00	£420.00
Cheque 300004	Councillor Mrs Carol hart – Purchase of two locks	£40.40	£0.00	£40.40

**Income**

<b>Debit from</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Blue Property – Invoice for Dales litter picking 02/17	£72.00

**696 Planning**

Dealt with previously.

**ERE/0317/0058 – West Hallam Community Centre**

1 x externally illuminated wall mounted sign & 1 x non-illuminated post mounted double sided sign

Responses from Councillors Mrs C Hart, Mrs C Barnes and Mr T Maclean

**697 Items for Information only**

None

**698 Correspondence**

The Council acknowledged a letter from the West Hallam Well Dressing Committee requesting a donation towards costs for the event – the Council

**RESOLVED** the request be included on agenda for the next meeting.

**699 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be the Annual meeting on Monday 8 May 2017 at 7pm. This meeting would be preceded by the Annual Parish meeting at 6.30pm.