

Minutes of a Meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council

Held at the Powtrell Pavilion on Monday 12 February 2018

Present

Councillors Mrs C Hart (Chairman), Mr D Adams-Shaw (Vice-Chairman), Mrs B Adams-Shaw, Mr B Broughton and Mrs C Stephenson.

Also Present

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

853 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mrs Barnes, Mrs H Chapman, Mrs B Harrison and Mr T Maclean.

854 Declarations of Interest

None made.

855 Variation of Order of Business

None.

856 Public Speaking

a) Police

No report.

b) County Councillor Report

The Councillor's report was included within the Chairman's report.

857 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 January 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

858 Exempt Items

None.

859 Chairman's Announcements

a) Chairman's report

The Council had received the usual reports from HGA who monitor the CCTV equipment.

The Chairman advised that a new fridge had been purchased for the Pavilion kitchen and the £149 bill for this would go to the Pavilion Treasurer. The old freezer was no longer needed as it had never been used since installation. therefore would be donated to a local charity as it was still in good working order.

The local Royal British Legion Poppy Co-ordinator had contacted the Chairman to ask whether a wreath and/or crosses would be required for the Commemoration event at the Well Dressing Festival. The Council agreed that a wreath would be required and the Clerk would order this along with crosses for children if needed. The Clerk would contact the Well Dressing organiser Roger Wood, who was helping organise the wreath laying on Well Dressing week to ask whether there would be children taking part in the commemoration event. A £50 donation would be made to the RBL for the wreath and £30 for the crosses if these were needed.

The Chairman reported that she had been contacted by a resident concerned about the deep ruts in verges caused by vehicles. The Council discussed the problem but it was felt there was little that could be done until the ground dried out.

Two of the Borough Councillors on the Parish Council had agreed to award some of their EBC Community grant funding to the Friends of Beech Lane to be used towards the new play equipment, the County Councillor was also giving a grant from her DCC Capital Grant funding pot. The Chairman had awarded £500 and Councillors Broughton and Harrison £200 each.

b) Consideration given to items raised during Public Participation

A resident had raised the subject of the planning application that had been made for the development of three houses to the rear of The White Hart. The Chairman outlined the Parish Council's response that had been returned to EBC. The Chairman was aware of other objections and if there were three or more the planning application would automatically go before the Planning Committee rather than being an officer decision, anyone who had sent in a written objection would be allowed to speak to the Planning Committee on the application.

The Chairman gave an update on the steps that had been taken to raise residents' concerns about cancelled buses and the poor condition of some of the buses on the routes through the village.

RESOLVED that the report and actions be noted and approved.

860 Reports of Sub Committees and Working Parties

Friends of Beech Lane

The Chairman had attended a meeting of the Friends of Beech Lane on 23 January 2018. The Friends' plan to hold a 'Picnic on the Park' event with an opening ceremony for the refurbished play area. This would also be an opportunity to invite the press for more publicity for the work of the Friends.

The Clerk advised the Council that the new zip wire had been installed and the replacement items for the multi-play equipment were on order from Wicksteed. The Clerk also confirmed that a cheque had been received from the Friends group for £2751.69, as their contribution towards the costs of the new play equipment

861 Clerk's Report

a) Bus services through West Hallam

The Clerk had written on behalf of the Parish Council to the Managing Director of the trentbarton bus company; Pauline Latham MP and Simon Evans, the Transport Commissioner for North West England. The letters raised the Council's concerns about cancelled buses and the poor condition of some of the buses on the routes through the village.

The Council had received a letter in reply from trentbarton expressing regret for the poor service delivered and assurances that the situation would improve. The Council also received letters for Pauline Latham MP and the Traffic Commissioners Office advising that they would be seeking more information and would look into the concerns.

b) Play scheme at Easter update

The Clerk and AM Sports had made enquiries about availability of the Powtrell Pavilion and Scargill School for the Easter holidays to host the Parish Council's play scheme. There was limited availability at the Pavilion, however the school was able to offer 26 – 28 March. Council agreed these dates and this venue and the Clerk would contact A M Sports to ask them to start putting arrangements in place to run the play scheme at Easter.

c) General Data Protection Regulation – DALC workshop

The Clerk advised that DALC were delivering a workshop to update Councils on the requirements of GDPR. She was able to attend this and would report to Council at the next meeting. There was a £10 fee from DALC to attend the workshop and this cost was approved by Council.

d) Powtrell Pavilion - toilet repairs

The Clerk advised the toilet repairs at the Pavilion were now complete and the invoice would be sent to the Pavilion Treasurer for payment. The Plumber had advised that the spare parts were purchased for the remaining four toilets as they were now discontinued and hard to come by. The two members of the Pavilion Committee present agreed in principle to this and the Clerk was asked to contact the Treasurer to seek his agreement. If given the Clerk would purchase the spare parts and store them until such time as they were needed.

e) Powtrell Pavilion - storage in end store room

The Plumber had advised that there was a risk that sports kit stored near the boiler would damage boiler or block ventilation pipes. The Football Club had been reminded to store their kit away from that area and the Cricket Club would be contacted to ask them to remove their remaining pieces of equipment to free up room.

Update on actions from previous meetings:

f) HGA Maintenance Agreement

The Clerk had requested a copy of the Maintenance Agreement from HGA. She was advised that there was no written maintenance agreement, however, the Chairman assured the Council that there is such a document and would look through her papers and if it could not be located she would follow follow this up directly with HGA.

g) Licence at High Lane Central

The Clerk reported that there had been no response from the owners of the property on High Lane Central regarding payment of the annual licence fee owed to the Parish Council. The Clerk would write once more to seek payment before taking further action.

h) Litter picking at The Dales Shopping Centre

The Clerk reported that there had been no response from the property management company regarding reinstating the litter picking service in The Dales Shopping Centre. The Clerk will continue to seek an update from Blue Property Ltd.

i) Community Clean-up Project

The Clerk had been contacted by the co-ordinator from the Community Clean-Up Project to confirm that the team were willing to come to do the painting work. The Clerk would meet with the co-coordinator to confirm dates and what can be done and the materials that need to be provided by the Parish Council

RESOLVED that the report and actions be noted.

862 Matters for Determination

a) Flail at Millhouse Field

The Contractor had quoted £50 to carry out a flail of the boundary at Millhouse Field Lane to remove large shrubs and undergrowth.

RESOLVED that the quote be accepted. The Clerk would contact Contractor to request the work go ahead.

b) Highways – priorities at Station Road/Beech Lane

The Council discussed a potential change of road priorities at Beech Lane and Station Road. The issue had arisen because of the planning application made to build three houses to the rear of The White Hart on Station Road.

RESOLVED that the Council would wait for Highways response on the planning application at The White Hart on Station Road.

c) Sports for All grant – summer cycling courses

The company that delivered the summer cycling scheme for the Parish Council in 2017 had approached the Parish Council seeking its support to apply for funding to run 3 blocks of after school cycling sessions in term time over the summer to encourage teenagers to get involved in the sport and reduce anti-social behaviour in the village. The Clerk would ask the company to look at the grant criteria in more detail and confirm that what is proposed would be covered by the rules. There would need to be more discussion about how the scheme would work, and be promoted but in terms of moving forward towards a grant application this proposal had the Parish Council's support.

RESOLVED that the Council would support an application to be made to the 'Sports for All' fund.

d) Powtrell Pavilion – Quote for lighting repairs

A quote had been received from Shaw Electrical for repair of the emergency lighting inside the Pavilion, also repair of the outside lighting also at the Pavilion.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would check with the Treasurer of the Powtrell Pavilion whether there were sufficient funds for the work and if yes, then the Council would accept the quotation on behalf of the Powtrell Pavilion Committee; if not then this might have to come out of the Powtrell Pavilion contingency fund.

e) Defibrillator service and course

A local company had been approached to carry out the annual service of the defibrillator. The company had offered to deliver a training course at a reduced rate for local groups to attend to learn how to use the defibrillator.

RESOLVED that the company would be asked to carry out the annual service. However at this time, as there was no budget available, the Council would not proceed with a training course, though this may be something it would look at in the future.

863 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

DALC Circulars 01/2018 & 02/2018 were **NOTED**

864 Consultations

None

865 Finance

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

RESOLVED that–

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

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

Co-Op - Community Direct Plus - £46,728.38

Business Select - £14,309.26

Unity Trust Bank - £8,428.86

Payments

BACS payments were authorised by Councillors Mrs C Hart and Mr D Adams-Shaw. (These payments will be made from the Unity Trust Bank account)

| Cheque no/BACS | Payee/Description | Nett | VAT | Gross |
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| BACS UTB | Erewash Borough Council - Payroll December | £1215.15 | £6.56 | £1221.71 |

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| BACS UTB | Kate Sharpe – Clerk’s Expenses | £43.92 | £0.00 | £43.92 |
| BACS UTB | Leisure Lites – removal of Christmas Lights | £530.00 | £106.00 | £636.00 |
| BACS UTB | Powtrell Pavilion – waste management Recharge | £69.00 | £0.00 | £69.00 |
| BACS UTB | Fox Landscaping – monthly contract December | £571.66 | £114.33 | £685.99 |
| BACS UTB | Comparity Ltd. Replacement bulb on Beech Lane | £70.00 | £0.00 | £70.00 |
| BACS UTB | Viking Direct Ltd. Stationery order. | £39.45 | £7.89 | £47.34 |
| BACS UTB | DALC – Fee for Clerk to attend GDPR workshop on 13/2/18 | £10.00 | £0.00 | £10.00 |

Income

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| HMRC – VAT reclaim | £1595.11 |
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866 Planning

Dealt with previously.

a) ERE/0118/0010 - The White Hart, Station Road, West Hallam

Erection of 3 detached dwellings with landscaping and driveway. Response from Councillors Mrs C Hart, Mrs C Barnes and Mrs B Harrison.

b) ERE/0118/0017 - 3 High Lane West, West Hallam

Roof extensions to form two dormers, one to each side of the roof to accommodate first floor bathroom and dressing room.

Response from Councillors Mrs C Hart, Mrs C Barnes and Mrs B Harrison.

c) ERE/0118/0018 - 2, Eton Court, West Hallam

Single storey front extension and two storey rear extension, and demolition of existing conservatory to the rear of the property. Response from Councillors Mrs C Hart and Mrs C Barnes.

d) ERE/0118/0041 - 59 Peveril Crescent, West Hallam

Two storey side extension and front porch.

Response from Councillor Mrs C Hart.

867 Items for Information only

It was **NOTED** that the next Borough and Parish Forum meeting was scheduled to take place on 5 March 2018 at Long Eaton Town Hall. The Chairman advised however, that because of the low level of interest this may not now go ahead.

868 Correspondence

Council **NOTED** that a letter had been received from the Committee of the West Hallam Community Centre thanking the Parish Council for their support with the Rural Community Grant application.

Council also **NOTED** that an invitation had been received for Councillors to attend a Civic Service for Erewash Borough Council. This would take place on 18 March 2018 in St. Mary's Church, Ilkeston. The Chairman advised she would be attending.

869 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Council **NOTED** that the next meeting would be held on Monday 12 March 2018 at 7pm.

870 Exempt Items

None