

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council

Held at the Powtrell Pavilion on Monday 8 May 2017

Present

Councillors Mrs C Hart (Chairman), Mrs C Barnes and Mr B Broughton.

In the absence of the Clerk, Councillor Mrs C Hart took notes of the meeting.

Also Present

One member of the public.

700 Election of Chairman 2017/18

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs C Hart be elected Chairman for the Civic Year 2017/18.

701 Declaration of acceptance of office

Councillor Mrs C Hart duly signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' form.

702 Apologies for absence

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

703 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.

704 Election of Vice Chairman 2017/18

No Councillor present wished to be nominated for the Vice Chairman position, therefore the position would be left vacant until the next Parish Council meeting in June.

705 Appointment to Parish Council Committees and external organisations

RESOLVED that subject to amendment or confirmation at the next meeting the following appointments to Committees and to external organisations be made for 2017/18 –

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllr Mrs C Hart,
Cllr Mrs H Chapman
Cllr Broughton

Cllr D Adams-Shaw
Cllr Mrs Barnes

Planning

As had previously been carried out, all planning consultations will be forwarded to all Members by the Clerk, requesting any observations within five days and, following consultation with the Vice-Chairman, a reply will be sent to the Planning Department. Should a member feel that the application ought to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting, then an extension of time will be requested should this be necessary.

Christmas Lights Liaison Group

Cllr Mrs C Hart,
Cllr Mrs H Chapman
Cllr Mrs Harrison
Cllr Mrs Stephenson

Powtrell Community Pavilion

Cllr Mrs C Hart,
Cllr B Broughton
Cllr Mrs C Barnes

Ann Powtrell Foundation

Cllr Mrs C Hart,
Cllr B Broughton
Cllr Mrs H Chapman

Scargill Foundation

Cllr Mrs C Hart

West Hallam Community Centre

Cllr Mrs C Stephenson
Cllr Mrs C Barnes

West Hallam Village Hall Charity Committee

Cllr B Broughton

West Hallam Trust

Cllr Mrs H Chapman
Mrs L Webster
Mr S Webster
Mrs G Cope
Mr A Draycott

Borough Parish Liaison Forum (EBC)

Nominations to be presented as and when such meetings are convened.

Parish and Town Councils Liaison Forum (DCC)

Nominations to be presented as and when meetings are convened.

West Hallam Junior Football Club and White Rose Cricket Club
No representation. Clubs will be contacted if dialogue is needed.

Governing Body – Scargill CofE VA Primary School
No representation

706 Variation of Order of Business

None.

707 Public Speaking

(a) Police

No report to this meeting.

(b) County Councillor Report

No report to this meeting.

708 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED that approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 April 2017 be deferred to the next meeting on 12 June 2017.

709 Exempt Items

None.

710 Chairman's Announcements

a) Chairman's report

The Chairman reported on various issues that have been picked up on CCTV by HGA. Police had been called out to an incident involving drug dealing at the Community Centre Car Park, and they apprehended two people. HGA are were helping the Police by providing footage concerning a burglary at the Community Centre and a personal attack.

Tom Richards, the tree surgeon, had enquired on behalf of a resident on High Lane West on whether they could cut a tree back that was overhanging their garden from the Council's 6 acre land. The Council **AGREED** that permission be given to cut back the tree.

The Chairman reported on the problem of parking on land/pavement in front of Millhouse Garage, obstructing the visibility at a busy crossroads. The Clerk was requested to contact the planning department at Erewash Borough Council to ask whether original plans made a provision for 'no parking outside perimeter of garage forecourt'. Councillor Hart would also check who owns the strip of land.

The two new hanging baskets to be sponsored by the Parish Council would be situated in the Dales shopping area.

Following concerns about some trees encroaching on the play equipment at High Lane East Recreation Ground, a quote had been received to crown lift these trees and the Council **AGREED** for this work to be carried out.

The Clerk was requested to arrange for the stump to be removed that was left behind when a piece of play equipment was taken away at the High Lane East Recreation Ground.

The Council had received a request for a Bouncy Castle to be sited on Beech Lane Recreation Ground for a party at the Pavilion. Permission for this was granted by the Council, however the Clerk was asked to check that the Parish Council is covered by their insurance for this.

RESOLVED that the report and actions be noted and approved.

b) Consideration given to items raised during Public Participation

The Chairman responded to a resident's concerns about the brook running through Cascades. Although the footpath was in good condition and the grass is cut, the area close to the brook and the watercourse was in a poor state. Councillor Hart would ask Erewash Borough Council to inspect the area and report back to her as they have responsibility for this land.

711 Reports of Sub Committees and Working Parties

Friends of Beech Lane meeting - 18 April 2017

The Chairman reported on the update received from the Friends group following the meeting on 18 April. The Council **AGREED** to support the Phase 1 works (new equipment and repairs to ground works in existing play area), but the Parish Council would need to make the order. Information relating to Phase 2 (application to 'Awards for All' for new equipment for older children) and Phase 3 (ongoing maintenance) was also reported to the Council

712 Matters for Information

a) Skate Park at Station Road

It was reported that an accident had occurred on the Skate Park at Station Road, and remedial action was taken immediately to repair the area.

b) Easter play scheme evaluation

The evaluation for the Easter play scheme was **NOTED**. It showed that the scheme had been a success for both children and parents, and therefore the Council would support a similar scheme for two weeks in the Summer.

- c) Zurich Insurance Renewal - Year 2 of 5 Year commitment
Following receipt of the Council's renewal notice for insurance the Clerk would query the increase to premium.

RESOLVED that the report and actions be noted.

713 Matters for Determination

- a) Powtrell Pavilion – new boiler
A local plumber had quoted for an alternative hot water arrangement for the changing rooms and showers. Because of the cost involved the members requested a second quote be obtained in time for the next meeting.
- b) Summer activities for older children – Peak Cycling
Following receipt of cost information and details from Peak Cycling on possible holiday activities for teenagers, the Councillors present at meeting were unsure whether the scheme would offer value for money as it was limited to 25 children over the five days in the Summer holidays. The Clerk was requested to circulate the information to all Councillors not present at meeting, to gain their view. The Clerk was also requested to enquire about the availability and cost of hiring the climbing wall and mobile skate park from Erewash Borough Council. This could be offered as an alternative.
- c) Request for Donation from Well Dressing Committee
Donation towards the event was **AGREED** by Council - £250
- d) Request for Donation from the Community Centre
Donation towards Council Tax at Community Centre was **AGREED** by Council - £585
- e) Play Equipment inspections & maintenance – EBC quote
Options were discussed by Council for the inspection and maintenance of the play equipment across the four play areas. It was **AGREED** by Council to accept the quote from Dirty Wellies Ltd. to carry out a fortnightly inspection of all play areas and carry out any subsequent maintenance required. Parish litter pickers would also be asked to visually check the play areas weekly during their rounds for any problems and obvious signs of damage or vandalism.
- f) Mapperley Parish Council's request for co-working on traffic issues
The Council was happy to meet and work with Mapperley Parish Council on this issue. Councillor Mrs C Hart would write to Clerk to allow her to pass on actions that have already been done over a number of years.

714 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

DALC Circular Nos. 05/2017 & 06/2017 were **NOTED**

715 Consultations

None.

716 Finance - Payments/Balances and Financial reports

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 30 April 2017 be noted:-
 - Co-Op - Community Direct Plus - £49,953.38
 - Business Select - £14,307.02
 - Unity Trust Bank - £52,004.57

Payments

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

Cheque no / BACS	Payee/Description	Nett	VAT	Gross
BACS UTB	Erewash Borough Council - Payroll	£1215.15	£6.56	£1221.71
BACS UTB	AM Sports Coaching Easter Play Scheme	£900.00	£0.00	£900.00
BACS UTB	Kate Sharpe – Clerk’s Expenses	£55.40	£0.00	£55.40
BACS UTB	Attenborough Doors – Shutter motors	£1601.00	£320.00	£1921.00
BACS UTB	Steelcraft Fabrications – Repair to Skate Ramp	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
BACS UTB	UK Hire Limited – Hire of fencing	£55.40	£11.08	£66.48
BACS UTB	Shelter Maintenance Ltd.	£24.20	£4.84	£29.04
BACS UTB	Zurich Insurance Annual	£1412.73	£0.00	£1412.73
BACS UTB	Fox Landscaping	£571.66	£114.33	£685.99

BACS UTB	Powtrell – Recharge waste	£69.00	£0.00	£69.00
BACS UTB	Tudor Landscapes – work at HLC & HLE	£182.97	£0.00	£182.97
Cheque 300006	S137 Donation to W.H. Community Centre	£585.00	£0.00	£585.00
Cheque 300007	S137 DONATION to W.H. Well Dressing	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00

Income

Debit from	Amount
Erewash Borough Council – Precept and Concurrent function (Unity)	£56,661.00
Interest on Business Select Account (Co-op)	£2.58

717 Planning

Dealt with previously.

a) ERE/0317/0003 - 6 Harlow Court, West Hallam

Single storey side extension and conversion of existing garage

Responses from Councillors Mrs C Hart and Mrs C Barnes

b) ERE/0417/0034 – 18 Beech Lane, West Hallam

Two storey extension to front, side and rear. Canopy to front of existing dwelling. Outbuilding to rear.

Responses from Councillors Mrs C Hart and Mrs C Barnes

This planning application was discussed further in the meeting and the agreed response highlighted the concerns that were felt about the size and height of the outbuilding, and the wish to safeguard against the building being used in the future for accommodation (although that would already be included in change of use).

718 Items for Information only

None

719 Correspondence

Letter from West Hallam Junior Football Club re. Fun Day on 25 June

The Council requested the Clerk contact the football club to enquire whether they will be using Scargill School for parking on the day.

720 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Monday 12 June 2017 at 7pm.