

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

**Held at the Powtrell Pavilion on Monday 8 April 2019**

### **Present**

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

### **Also Present**

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

### **54/19 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mr D Adams-Shaw, Mrs B Adams-Shaw and Mrs B Harrison.

### **55/19 Declarations of Interest**

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

### **56/19 Variation of Order of Business**

None.

### **57/19 Public Speaking**

#### a) Police

None.

#### b) Borough Councillor Report

This was included in the Chairman's report.

#### c) County Councillor Report

This was included in the Chairman's report.

### **58/19 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 March 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **59/19 Exempt Items**

None.

## **60/19 Chairman's Announcements**

### **a) Chairman's report**

As this was the last meeting of the present Council, the Chairman thanked all the retiring Councillors for their dedication to the work of the Parish Council over the past four years.

The Chairman also thanked Councillor Broughton for putting together the most recent newsletter, and all those that had gone before. The Chairman expressed the hope that the new Council would wish to continue with the newsletter as it had proved to be a valuable way of communicating with residents.

The Chairman reported that HGA had viewed via CCTV two youths doing wheelies on motorbikes on the MUGA. HGA had been able to take registrations and had reported these to the police. PC Gregory had visited the youths' homes and issued Section 59 warnings. The parents had been supportive of this action.

There had been a report of a broken highway sign on Beech Lane. The chairman had reported this to DCC, asking for the sign to be removed and a new sign erected.

The White Rose Cricket Club had made a request to the Parish Council to consider putting cameras down near their club as there had been equipment stolen from their containers.

There had been comments made on the Spotted West Hallam Facebook page regarding the litter picker in West Hallam who runs as she works. Many thanks to Corinna Walters for her speedy work!

The Chairman had met with DCC Highways Officers regarding the numerous hedges that had become overgrown and causing issues around West Hallam. There had been long delays in dealing with these, due to DCC waiting for land owners to respond to requests for work to be done.

The Chairman advised that if the European Elections went ahead, the annual full Council at EBC would take place on 16 May 2019 and not 23 May 2019 as previously advised.

Councillor Hart sits on the Police and Crime Panel at DCC. The panel had expressed its concern about the large increase on the police precept of 12.5%. In response, the Police and Crime Commissioner had promised more visible policing including more support for the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and two more traffic support officers.

### **b) Consideration given to items raised during Public Participation**

The Chairman advised residents that she, along with a representative of Stanley and Stanley Common Parish Council would be meeting with a representative of Trent Barton on 12 April 2019 to discuss the route of the bus service through the villages.

In response to a resident's concerns about the branches left on Millhouse Field after tree work had been carried out, the Clerk was asked to check with the contractor that these would be removed.

In response to comments about the play areas at High Lane East and Central, the Clerk was asked to arrange for bark chippings to be laid under the play equipment.

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

#### **61/19 Reports of Sub Committees and Working Parties**

None.

#### **62/19 Clerk's Report**

a) Update on new CCTV installation

HGA Ltd had reported that there had been a delay by BT in fitting the phone line necessary for the broadband. Once this was installed and broadband activated, HGA would install all cameras within 2-3 weeks.

b) War Memorial Cleaning/Conservation

As requested at the last meeting, the Clerk had approached the War Memorial Trust to ask whether a grant would be available for the cleaning work required. A pre-application stage had been completed, with details and photos submitted to the WMT. It would take up to two months for the Trust to respond as to whether the West Hallam Memorial was eligible for a grant. A grant would not be available for any work already started.

c) Cultivation at Millhouse

The cultivation work at Millhouse crossroads did not go ahead on the planned date as the adjacent property were challenging the status of the land with the legal department at DCC.

d) Station Road Play Area

The Clerk had arranged to meet with four play equipment suppliers to discuss plans / quotes for improvements to the play area. These plans and quotes would be brought to a future meeting of the Council.

e) Brass Band Concert 14 July 2019

The Council had received confirmation from EBC that the Matlock Band would play in West Hallam as part of the Brass Band Summer programme. The concert would take place from 2pm on Sunday 14 July, which was on the West Hallam Well Dressing Festival weekend.

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

### **63/19 Matters for Determination**

a) Summer activities for older children

The Clerk had brought to the meeting of Council some information on the activities that could be provided by EBC for older children in the summer holidays.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would obtain more details and prices and bring these to a future meeting.

b) Eton Court tree works

The Clerk asked Council whether they wished to consider a request from a resident for a tree to cut back on Millhouse field. The request had been deferred from previous budget year.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would ask the tree surgeon to visit property and report back to Council on any necessary work.

### **64/19 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

DALC Circular 04/2019 was **NOTED**.

The Clerk gave a report on the DALC Sprig Seminar which she attended on 1 April 2019. The report was **NOTED**.

### **65/19 Consultations**

None.

### **66/19 Finance**

a) Council was asked to receive the monthly Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring Report.

These reports were **NOTED**.

b) The Council were asked to note the draft (unaudited) end of year accounts, prior to submission to the Internal Auditor.

**RESOLVED** that the accounts be noted and be submitted to the Internal Auditor.

c) 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.

(2) The Bank Account Balances at 31 March 2019 be noted: -

- Co-Op - Community Direct Plus - £37,378.38
- Business Select - £14,313.73
- Unity Trust Bank - £1,746.90

## Payments

BACS payments were authorised by Councillors Mrs C Hart and Mr B Broughton. (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 – salaries March	£1284.26	£6.56	£1290.82
BACS UTB	Fox Landscaping – monthly contract Feb	£616.66	£123.33	£739.99
BACS UTB	K Sharpe – Clerk’s Expenses	£32.92	£0.00	£32.92
BACS UTB	s137 Payment to the Well Dressing Festival Committee – approved at Feb meeting	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
BACS UTB	Comparity Ltd. – replacement LED light on lamp post on Beech Lane recreation ground	£95.00	£0.00	£95.00
BACS UTB	DALC Annual Subscription – Enhanced level	£978.52	£0.00	£978.52
BACS UTB	Fee for Clerk to attend DALC Spring Seminar	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
BACS UTB	To Community Centre – Broadband Recharge	£192.61	£0.00	£192.61
BACS UTB	Dirty Wellies – play area inspections April 2018 – March 2019	£465.00	£0.00	£465.00
BACS UTB	Powtrell Pavilion – 50% recharge for Waste Management by EBC	£76.00	£0.00	£76.00
BACS DD	Bank Charges 31.03.19	£18.00	£0.00	£18.00

## Income

Licence Fee for High Lane Central	£25.00
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## **67/19 Planning**

- a) **ERE/0319/0018** – Stables 120 Meters North East Of Beaumont, Park Hall Lane, West Hallam  
To erect an agricultural style barn for the purpose of fodder and machinery storage.  
Responses – None.

- b) **ERE/0319/0031** – 7, High Lane West, West Hallam  
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension  
(retrospective).  
Response from Councillor Mrs C Hart.
- c) **ERE/0319/0037** – 33 Station Road, West Hallam  
Wrap around extension - two storey to side, single storey to front.  
Response from Councillor Mrs C Hart.

**68/19 Items for Information only**

None

**69/29 Correspondence**

Council **NOTED** receipt of requests for donations from two organisations:

- Rainbows Hospice
- 2<sup>nd</sup> West Hallam Rainbows.

The Parish Council do not have a grant policy, therefore it was **RESOLVED** that the requests could be diverted to Councillor Mrs Carol Hart – in her capacity as an Erewash Borough Councillor and a Derbyshire County Councillor. Councillor Hart indicated she may have some of her EBC or DCC community grant fund remaining; and could consider a request for a donation. The Clerk would write to the two organisations suggesting that they contact Councillor Hart via her EBC and DCC email addresses.

**70/19 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Council **NOTED** that the next meeting would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, which would be held on Monday 14 May 2019 at 7pm. This meeting would be preceded by the Annual Parish meeting **at 6.30pm.**