

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council

Held at the Powtrell Pavilion on Monday 8 July 2019

Present

Councillors Mrs C Hart (Chairman), Mr R Brooks, Mrs D Cox, Mr R Flatley, Mr K Garvey, Mr R Mee and Mrs L Webster

Also Present

Mrs K Sharpe (Clerk & RFO). There were two members of the public present.

115/19 Public Participation

At the start of the meeting a period was made available for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments about Parish matters.

116/19 Apologies for absence

None

117/19 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.

Councillor Mr R Brooks declared a personal interest in respect of being the Chairman of the Well Dressing Festival Committee.

118/19 Variation of Order of Business

None.

119/19 Public Speaking

a) Police

Councillor Hart had asked PC Gregory to attend the meeting following use of CCTV footage to identify an individual and hold him to account for damage to a camera at the Pavilion. PC Gregory was unable to attend however it was hoped that the Police will continue to report to the PC on incidents and their outcomes.

b) Borough Councillor Report

Councillor Hart advised that the latest edition of the EBC Today magazine had been distributed.

c) County Councillor Report

Councillor Hart reported that the replacement school sign, that had been damaged at Beech Lane, was on order and would be installed soon.

The bus subsidy on the Number 11 bus from DCC was due to run out at end of October 2019, however the intention was to extend the contracts till the end of March 2020 as the County Council were behind on their service review.

Highways had advised that St. Wilfrid's Road would be closed between 31 July and 2 August, with a diversion in place. The Clerk would publicise the notice on the website and on the noticeboards.

120/19 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 June 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to one correction: Minute 101 d) should read as Erewash Ramblers not West Hallam Ramblers.

121/19 Exempt Items

None

122/19 Chairman's Announcements

a) Chairman's report

The Chairman asked for approval for the Clerk to receive a copy of the parish magazine throughout the year at a cost of £10.00/year. The Members approved this expenditure.

The Chairman thanked Mr Broughton for putting together and distributing the latest newsletter.

HGA, the CCTV monitoring company reported that one of the cameras at the Powtrell Pavilion had been damaged however, it had not prevented good images being obtained of the culprit and the individual had been identified, allowing PC Gregory to visit individual and their parents. Individual was paying for the camera. A second camera had been damaged, however images of the individual responsible had been recorded and the Safer Neighbourhood Team will be following this up also. Hopefully the Parish Council could issue a joint press statement with the Police, to let people know the cameras are working and are effective; this would act as a deterrent to others.

There had been an incident of an ex-youth offender knocking on doors to sell items that they then tried to overcharge for. They had become abusive when the resident refused to pay. This incident had been included in the newsletter as a warning to other residents and it was suggested residents should make sure they ask for identification and even possibly take a picture of this, if the person was genuine, they would have no problem with this.

The Chairman wished to put her name forward for election to the Executive Committee for the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC). She asked that the Parish Council ratified/sponsored her application. The Members agreed to support Councillor's Hart application.

The Police had recently changed their stance on supporting the Community Speed Watch scheme and were now willing to work with local volunteers to provide training and support. A further discussion on this would take place at the September meeting.

Consideration given to items raised during Public Participation

A resident requested that the bushes around the War Memorial be cut back before the Well Dressing Festival on 13/14 July. The Clerk would arrange for this to be done.

The Chairman said there was a possibility of joining up with the local eco-group. In response to a query from a resident about a community litter pick the Chairman said there was a possibility of joining up with the local eco-group, who also wanted to do a community letter pick, and ask the Pride in Erewash team to provide equipment. EBC team had suggested a couple of dates for this. (See Item 125 d) for more information.)

RESOLVED that the report and actions be noted and approved.

123/19 Reports of Sub Committees and Working Parties

It was **NOTED** that a Finance & General Purposes Committee had been arranged for Friday 19 July at 3.30pm, at the Powtrell Pavilion.

124/19 Clerk's Report

a) Millhouse Crossroads planting

The Clerk reported that DCC had confirmed in an email that the planting could go ahead. A date for the end of July had been arranged for the start of the work. An exploratory dig was advised before work commenced to ensure that the ground was suitable for planting.

b) Update on applications for Co-option

The Clerk provided an update to the Council on the applications for the two seats available on Council. The Clerk would arrange a date in August for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to meet with the candidates; with delegated authority to bring a recommendation for co-option to the September meeting.

c) Derbyshire Poppy Appeal – lamp post poppies

The Clerk confirmed that all lamp post poppies had been saved from the previous year and therefore only 16 more were required to use at Mapperley Crossroads. An order for these had been placed and a donation for these was on payment list.

d) Arrangements for Well Dressing weekend

The Clerk confirmed that a litter picker would be available to clear litter at the end of the Saturday event and EBC would empty bins on the Sunday. The Well Dressing Committee had requested help from Members of the Council to tidy up on Sunday.

e) War Memorial Pre-application enquiry response from WMT

The War Memorial Trust had responded to the pre-application enquiry submitted by the Clerk. They advised there were some elements of the cleaning work that could be eligible for funding. Council resolved that the Clerk would apply to the WMT for a grant towards the work required. No work could proceed until a response was given by the WMT.

RESOLVED that the report and actions be noted.

125/19 Matters for Determination

a) Verge and hedge cutting

Council considered quotes from Fox Landscaping:

- to cut back verge on roadside at Beech Lane - £350.00 + vat.
- to cut back undergrowth on jitty between Hampton Close and Hallam Way and to cut back undergrowth on jitty between the back of the Community Centre and Hallam Way - £100.00 + vat.

RESOLVED that the quotes are approved, and the work be scheduled in.

b) Tree works at Beech Lane

Council considered a quote to cut back tree canopy over the Beech Lane pathway - £200.00 + vat.

RESOLVED that the quote be approved, and the work be scheduled in.

c) Annual ROSPA check of play areas

The report had been received for the annual ROSPA check of the Council's four play areas. The report had highlighted some remedial work that was required and improvements to signage.

RESOLVED the Clerk would work with the Council's contractor to address the issues highlighted in the report

d) Litter pick offers

Following the request from a resident at the previous meeting for the Parish Council to arrange a Community litter pick, Councillor Hart had spoken to EBC and they had offered two dates that the Pride in Erewash team could support.

RESOLVED that Saturday 28 September be selected as the date for a Community litter pick. Councillor Hart would arrange with EBC and copy to the Clerk. All Councillors were asked to support on the day.

e) Footpath report and right of way maintenance grant

Councillor Mee had submitted a report regarding Footpaths no 21, 17, 16 and 15. There were some improvements identified that may qualify for the DCC Right of Way maintenance grant.

RESOLVED the Clerk would submit the report to the DCC Footpaths Officer to ask for advice on whether the work could be done with a maintenance grant.

f) Parking at Beech Lane

Councillor Mee had brought a suggestion to the meeting from a resident to ease the issues of parking on Beech Lane; introducing extra pull-ins for cars to pass. It was noted that drivers adhered to the one existing pull-in.

RESOLVED that Councillor Hart would speak to Highways dept. about the suggestion.

g) Cleaning of Village Sign

It was noted that the Village Sign required cleaning.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would ask the Caretaker at the Pavilion to clean the sign.

h) Arrangements for business continuity in August

Because there was no meeting in August the Council were asked to consider arrangements for business continuity for this month.

RESOLVED that any matters raised could be dealt with by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman unless it was felt information had to be emailed to all Members for decision.

126/19 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

DALC Circular 08/2019 was **NOTED**.

127/19 Consultations

None.

128/19 Finance

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

These reports were **NOTED**.

- b) 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 income **NOTED**.

(2) The Bank Account Balances at 30 June 2019 be noted: -

- Co-Op - Community Direct Plus - £ 37,383.38
- Business Select - £14,339.04
- Unity Trust Bank - £ 40,800.69

Payments

BACS Payments were authorised by Councillors Mrs C Hart and Mr R Brooks. (All payments were made from the Unity Trust Bank account).

Cheque no/BACS	Payee/Description	Nett	VAT	Gross
BACS UTB	Erewash Borough Council – salaries June	£1327.55	£6.56	£1327.55
BACS UTB	Fox Landscaping – monthly contract June	£616.66	£123.33	£739.99

BACS UTB	K Sharpe – Clerk's Expenses	£49.30	£0.00	£49.30
BACS UTB	Tom Richards – work at Millhouse, back of Eton Court	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
BACS UTB	Tom Richards – work at Millhouse, back of Hallam Way	£180.00	£36.00	£216.00
BACS UTB	Erewash Borough Council – Planting and Maintenance of Planters at White Hart and Mapperley Xs.	£225.26	£45.05	£270.31
BACS UTB	Powtrell Pavilion – room hire for PC meetings 19/20. This BACS payment replaces cheque payment 300045, now cancelled	£275.00	£0.00	£275.00
BACS UTB	Powtrell Pavilion – room hire for F&GP meeting on 19/07/19.	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
BACS UTB	Playsafety Ltd. for Annual play area inspections	£372.00	£74.40	£446.40
BACS UTB	Park Hall designs – newsletter and website maintenance	£295.50	£0.00	£295.50
BACS UTB	DALC – Training course fee for two Councillors @£50 each	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
BACS UTB	Royal British Legion – donation for 16 lamp post poppies	£48.00	£0.00	£48.00
BACS UTB	K Sharpe – reimbursement for purchase of new battery and adult pads for Defib.	£68.75	£13.75	£82.50
Bank Charges UTB	Unity Trust Bank – bank service charge for quarter	£18.00	£0.00	£18.00

Income

Licence Fee at High Lane East	£25.00
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129/19 Planning

The Clerk advised that EBC had confirmed the date for planning training as Tuesday 23 July, 3-5pm at Long Eaton Town Hall.

Dealt with previously: -

- a) **ERE/0619/0012** - 87 High Lane West, West Hallam
Single storey rear extension.

130/19 Items for Information only

None

131/19 Correspondence

None

132/19 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Council **NOTED** that there would not be a Parish Council meeting in August therefore the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on **Monday 9 September 2019 at 7pm.**