

Minutes of a Meeting of the West Hallam Parish Council

Held at the Powtrell Pavilion on Monday 11 February 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 three members of the public.

19/19 Apologies for absence

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

20/19 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 B Broughton declared a personal interest in respect of being a trustee of the Village Hall.

21/19 Variation of Order of Business

None.

22/19 Public Speaking

a) Police

Councillor Hart reported on a recent Police & Crime Panel, which she chairs. After much lobbying from the Scrutiny Panel over the past year about the need to put more police in the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and more visible policing to deal with the issues that affect most of our residents, the Police & Crime Commissioner had agreed to do more in these areas. However, it did mean a larger than normal precept for the budget year. There would also be more effort put into road safety; and after taking a step back from Community Speed watches the police may now encourage them and put in place some support for these.

b) Borough Councillor Report

This was included in the Chairman's report.

c) County Councillor Report

This was included in the Chairman's report.

23/19 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 January 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/19 Exempt Items

RESOLVED that an item on the upcoming elections would be considered in Exempt Items.

25/19 Chairman's Announcements

a) Chairman's report

The Chairman reported on a letter that had appeared in the Derby Evening Telegraph praising our litter pickers for keeping West Hallam relatively free of litter. Members requested that the Clerk write to the three litter pickers employed by the Parish Council to pass on the Council's thanks for their excellent work in keeping the village tidy.

During maintenance at the closed churchyard of St. Wilfrid's, Erewash Borough Council had found a drop in the land that was a potential hazard. EBC would be carrying out some remedial work to make the area safe.

A resident had requested that the footage of the CCTV cameras was inspected for a particular night as his car had been vandalised, this would be organised.

The Chairman had visited Millhouse Field to look at the trees identified by a resident of Eton Court as a problem to their property. There were two or three trees there that could be a problem, therefore the Chairman would visit the site again and report back to a future meeting. The resident would be contacted to inform them that this item would be considered in the new budget year at the April meeting.

The Chairman had received complaints about the hedge on High Lane near Mapperley Crossroads and on St. Wilfrid's Road, both being overgrown and covering footpaths. She would approach Derbyshire County Council to get the work done to address the problems.

There was to be a new bus shelter on Scargill Road. A resident had some concerns about the siting of this shelter, however for various reasons the positioning of the shelter was limited to a certain place and the work would go ahead as planned.

b) Consideration given to items raised during Public Participation

In response to a resident's request for an update on the withdrawal of the No.11 bus, the Chairman read out a letter from the local Doctor's surgery commenting on the impact of the withdrawal of the bus route to their elderly patients, who relied on the bus services to get to their GP appointments. The letter had been requested by the Chairman to provide supporting evidence for the need of a re-routed bus service. The Clerk would write to trentbarton to ask for a meeting with their Managing Director and representatives from both West Hallam and Stanley & Stanley Common Parish Councils.

RESOLVED that the report and actions be noted and approved.

26/19 Reports of Sub Committees and Working Parties

None.

27/19 Clerk's Report

- a) Update on Friends of Beech Lane bench & others
Replacement work to the benches at Millhouse Field and refurbishment work to the wooden benches at Station Road and Mapperley crossroads would commence w/c 11 February 2019. The Clerk had taken delivery of the new recycled plastic benches for Beech Lane and Station Road and these were to be installed w/c 18 February 2019. A cheque for £813.08 had been received from the Friends of Beech Lane group to cover the cost of the bench and installation of the bench at Beech Lane; with the remainder to go towards ongoing maintenance costs at the site.
- b) Update on new CCTV installation
The Clerk updated the Council on where HGA were at with the upgrade of the CCTV system. There had been a delay due to illness, and it would be several weeks before the upgrade was complete.
- c) Erewash in Bloom
The Clerk had spoken to EBC about the details and time scales for this competition. There were various options available including the East Midlands in Bloom competition. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the Gardening Club to enquire whether their members would like to be involved and report back on this to the next meeting.
- d) Cultivation at Millhouse
The Clerk had been advised by DCC that there were no barriers to proceeding with the cultivation at Millhouse crossroads therefore, the Clerk had written to the owner of the Millhouse garage to advise that work would commence w/c 18 March 2019.
- e) Easter Playscheme
The Clerk requested approval from Council that she approach A M Sports for dates and costs for a playscheme at Easter. As this had been discussed and budgeted for, members gave their approval for details to be brought to the next meeting for approval of spend.

RESOLVED that the report and actions be noted.

28/19 Matters for Determination

- a) War Memorial Cleaning/Conservation
At the January meeting, the Clerk was asked to seek alternative quotes for reporting on the condition of the War Memorial.

RESOLVED to defer the item to the March meeting as not all quotes had been received.

b) Flail of Millhouse Field

The Clerk confirmed that a flail was not included in the Grounds Maintenance Contract. A quote of £100 had been received from the Contractor to flail the boundary.

RESOLVED that the quote be accepted, and the Clerk instruct the Contractor to carry out the work, ensuring the flail was close as possible to the boundary.

c) Hanging Baskets 2019

The Clerk advised that not all previous sponsors had confirmed they wished to renew their sponsorship for another three years.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would write again to the two sponsors who had yet to confirm, and report back to the next meeting.

d) Review of Asset Register and Financial Risk Assessment

The Council were asked to review the Asset Register and Financial Risk Assessment document.

RESOLVED that no updates were required to the Financial Risk Assessment document; the Asset Register was approved with additions of the new play area equipment, along with details of the new CCTV camera equipment installed in early 2019.

e) Request for s137 donations

The Council were asked to consider requests for s137 donations.

RESOLVED that the following donations be made:

£615 to the Village Hall for annual utility costs (in 2018/19 budget year).

£210 to the Parochial Church Council for the annual servicing of the church clock (in 2018/19 budget year).

£400 to the Well Dressing Festival Committee towards the 2019 event (in 2019/20 budget year).

29/19 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

DALC Circulars 01/2019 & 02/2019 were **NOTED**.

30/19 Consultations

It was **RESOLVED** that a response from the Parish Council was not required to Erewash Borough Council's Draft Statement of Community Involvement.

31/19 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.
- (2) The Bank Account Balances at 31 January 2019 be noted: -
 - Co-Op - Community Direct Plus - £37,378.38
 - Business Select - £14,313.73
 - Unity Trust Bank - £5,935.93

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).

Cheque no/BACS	Payee/Description	Nett	VAT	Gross
BACS UTB	Fox Landscaping – monthly contract Jan	£616.66	£123.33	£739.99
BACS UTB	K Sharpe – Clerk’s Expenses	£56.77	£0.00	£56.77
BACS UTB	Powtrell Pavilion – 50% contribution to waste services	£72.50	£0.00	£72.50
BACS UTB	NBB Recycled Furniture – 3 benches	£1385.00	£277.00	£1662.00

Income – None.

32/19 Planning

No planning applications dealt with for this month.

33/19 Items for Information only

None received.

34/29 Correspondence

No correspondence received.

35/19 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Council **NOTED** that the next meeting would be held on Monday 11 March 2019 at 7pm.

36/19 Exempt Items

The Council discussed the upcoming elections and promotion of these to the local community to encourage residents to stand in upcoming elections.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would promote elections on the website, noticeboards and to community groups by email.