

Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday 9th January 2024 – 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Hartshill

Councillors: Chairperson Cllr Roberts, Vice-Chairperson Cllr Pearson, Sharp, Thomason, Chaudry.

Apologies: Parker, Peart

Absent:

In attendance: Borough & County Councillor Bell, Parish Clerk.

1 & 2 Welcome and apologies

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

3 Procedural items

Councillors are reminded that they must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person, or act to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend, or close associate – Noted.

4 Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, s81 and the Parish Councils (Model code of Conduct) Order 2001, members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting as well as any gifts or hospitality received. This requirement applies to elected members and co-opted members – Noted.

5 Chairman's Announcement

In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Council or its Committees when they are open to the public. This does not extend to live verbal commentary. Filming and photography will only be permitted from the area designated. No flash photography or additional lighting should be used without prior consent. Anyone wishing to report on the meeting should notify the Clerk or Chairman so that they can be afforded reasonable facilities. People under the age of eighteen or other members of the public not wishing to be filmed or photographed should notify the Clerk or Chairman and should sit in the area designated for this purpose. Improper conduct or any disruptive behaviour could result in expulsion from the meeting – Noted.

6. Report from County & Borough Councillor Bell

- Leak on Clock Hill – Severn Trent deny responsibility. Residents have contacted Marcus Jones for involvement due to a number of accidents on the road due to icy conditions. WCC Highways engineers have agreed to visit the site to assess consider a possible grill to drain water. More salt to be put down in the meantime. Parish Council request the clerk send a letter to Marcus Jones, Police & Crime Commissioner, Severn Trent and WCC to further express their disappointment on how this has been handled, with the leak being an ongoing issue since last summer.
- 3 Teenagers have pleaded guilty to manslaughter for the incident on Hartshill Rec Ground last year where a local man died.
- Woodford Lane – left turn only is no longer an option and there will be no roundabout either. Highways have considered a lower speed limit for that stretch of road with a speed camera to enforce. Parish Council have requested that the clerk send a response to Highways and ask that they consider lighting the junction better and also extending the pull in to make visibility better for traffic pulling out from Woodford Lane.
- Quarry Liaison meeting scheduled for Tuesday 16th January at the Friends Meeting House
- Councillor Bell & Councillor Hopley arranged a £1000 grant to go towards Hartshill Community Foodbank.

7. Report from PC Andy Hoey

- 2 x stolen caravans and a stolen trailer recovered from Kirby Glebe
- Anti-social behaviour contracts issued in relation to Thefts from Dobbies
- Stolen van recovered from Apple Pie Lane
- Proactive work carried out with Dobbies to reduce ASB and crime at the store.
- ASB patrols completed on Halloween/Bonfire night.
- There are a number of calls relating to ASB/Damage at the Clock Bridge whereby groups of children are throwing items, such as eggs, at passing vehicles.

8. Public Question Time

- No members of the public in attendance.

9. Accounts for Payment

Invoices amounting to £18880.99

Including orders for payments raised for approval:

- £250 for Bedworth Brass Band during the Christmas light switch on.
- £3797.59 for street lighting
- £1169.20 Glendale Christmas lights
- £2881.89 HMRC
- £159.73 Grit Bin (Oldbury Rd, Moor Rd)

10. Financial Report

- Financial report Income received: £12892.09 Including £1000 Grant Donation.
- Balances at end of December: Current £68561.61 – Instant Access Acc £115842.84

Invoices & Financial Report approved by the Council – Propose Thomason, Seconded Sharp.

10.1 Budget Planning

- £4000 allocated to Christmas Light Switch on.
 - £10000 allocated to installing electricity on Hartshill Green.
 - Other items to consider including replacement signage to entrance points of the village, grit bin for Hartshill Green, and lowering of larger trees in the Cemetery.
- Budget projection agreed and approved by the Council. Proposed Councillor Sharp, Seconded Councillor Thomason

11. Precept

- Proposed that the Council increase their precept request by 2.4% for the year 2024. The Tax base figure for 2024 is £1067.29. The increase will have a £2.49 effect on a BAND D property. Due to the rise in cost of utilities and maintenance it is a necessary increase as the Councils outgoings have also increased.
- Proposed Councillor Sharp, Seconded Councillor Thomason that the precept request for 2024 is £105531.72.

12. Planning Applications

- None to report.

13. Minutes of the last meeting 051223 signed as true record. Proposed – Roberts, Seconded – Pearson.

14. Correspondence.

- Correspondence received from High Street Safari – 181 families took part in the Hartshill Christmas Trail.

15. Estate

- Snowhill – all ok.
- Community Centre – Fire doors to be replaced Wednesday 10th January.
- Cemetery – Councillor Roberts suggested the removal of the sharp points on the fencing at the back of the Cemetery for safety reasons. Councillors agreed to visit the Cemetery so they can make an informed decision on this at the next meeting. Slabbed area considered for the area around the tap due to how muddy this area gets – Clerk will get a quote. Further quotes to be obtained for lowering trees in the Cemetery. Scattering area to be tidied up ready for ashes burials.

16. Grit Bins

- Council agrees to place Grit bin on Hartshill Green. Clerk to contact NWBC.

17. Tarmac Planning Application

- No update yet.

18. Items for decision on next agenda.

- Christmas Lights
- Cemetery Fence

Meeting Closed 8.20pm

Date and Time of Next Meeting – February 6th 6.30pm 2023 at Friends Meeting House.

Signed: G. Roberts Date: 6.02.2024. Reference: 2324-011

Month		2324-010		Current Account		Reserves Account			
OPENING		84550.51				OPENING		115842.84	
Income	Expenditure	DETAIL	CODE	Income	Expenditure	Detail	Code		
	£23.99	PRINTING/COPIER	PC	802.97		interest	pc		
	294.26	PHONE/BROADBAND	CC						
	£65.00	SANITARY BINS	CC						
	£24.00	SOCIETY OF FRIENDS	PC						
	£31.50	PAYROLL/HMRC	PC						
	£1,606.33	ADMIN	PC						
	£43.18	PHONE/BROADBAND	LIB						
	69.41	STATIONARY/POSTAGE	PC						
	£89.32	CAFÉ FLOAT	CC						
	£147.30	PAT TEST UK SAFETY MNG	CC						
	£60.35	WATER PLUS REC GROUND	SH						
	£171.59	SSE PAYMENTS	SH						
	£462.28	GAS AND ELECTRIC CC	CC						
	£250.00	BEDWORTH BRASS XMAS LIGHT	PC						
	£330.00	CEMETERY SKIP	CEM						
	£3,797.59	STREET LIGHTS	PC						
	£330.00	CEMETERY SKIP	CEM						
58.99		CAFÉ/ROOM HIRE	CC						
575.00		BURIAL	CEM						
	34.16	STATIONARY/POSTAGE	PC						
	£26.96	CAFÉ FLOAT	CC						
	£46.45	CAFÉ FLOAT	CC						
128.70	1,169.20	XMAS LUGHTS GLENDALE	PC						
		CAFÉ/ROOM HIRE	CC						
86.02	£40.66	CLEANING	CC						
	£540.00	CAFÉ/ROOM HIRE	CC						
	£264.00	FIRE ALARM TEST	CC						
	£238.44	NAMM MEMBERSHIP	CEM						
	£417.60	GAS AND ELECTRIC CC	CC						
	£287.93	ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE	PC						
	£60.82	PITCH PAINT	SH						
	£280.82	REC WATER	SH						
	£360.29	REC ELECTRIC	SH						
	£2,881.89	GRASS CUT	SH						
	£11.97	HMRC	PC						
	£16.57	PANSIES FOR GREEN	PC						
	£287.89	WATER REC GROUND	SH						
	£372.90	GAS AND ELECTRIC CC	CC						
	£34.89	GAS AND ELECTRIC CC	CC						
	£31.59	CAFÉ FLOAT	CC						
	£159.73	CAFÉ FLOAT	CC						
	£254.50	SALT BIN GRITTERS	PC						
504.69		PHONE/BROADBAND	LIB						
		REC RECEIPTS	SH						
	£251.87	ADMIN	PC						
1,000.00	£1,366.73	ADMIN	PC						
		FUNDING GRANT FOOD BANK	PC						
	£655.16	ADMIN	PC						
	£365.04	ADMIN	PC						
55.00		BURIAL	CEM						
	£577.48	ADMIN	PC						
	£6.60	ADMIN	PC						
483.69		BANK FEE	PC						
		CAFÉ/ROOM HIRE	CC						
	£42.75								

2,892.09	£18,880.99		802.97	£0.00
	£68,561.61			-£802.97
Bank Balances to carry over			Bank Balances to carry over	
Current	£68,561.61		Reserves	£116,645.81

CC - COMMUNITY CENTRE
SH - SNOWHILL REC
PC - PARISH COUNCIL
CEM - CEMETERY
LIB - LIBRARY
ADMIN INCLUDES STAFF COSTS & OFFICE EQUIPMENT