

Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday 4th July 2023 – 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Hartshill

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

Apologies: Parker, Peart

Absent: None.

In attendance: Borough & County Councillor Bell, Borough Councillor Hobley, Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

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 and Borough Councillor Bell

- Har3 Development -WCC objected to the application due to Plough Hill Junction, Nuneaton & Bedworth objecting to Camphill Road access. Quarry owner submitted report on how much it will cost his business. Planning meeting to take place in August and Tarmac are expected to appeal.
- Grange Road Recreation Ground – complete
- Severn Trent Leak – Cllr Bell receiving regular updates, but they cannot find the source of the leak.
- Questions have been raised about activity on White House Farm, they have explained it is to do with the Quarry – currently being questioned by enforcement officers.
- Email re: Gypsy Roman and Traveller art exhibition, parish council to review.

Report from Borough Councillor Hobley

- Thank you to the Parish Council for their involvement on the work on Grange Road Recreation Ground.
- Met with MDJS following career day. Concerns raised about entry points to new school build and MDJS being so close. Assured that the school entrance is temporary and only there during work, once everything is complete it will be returned to normal.
- Spoken to children re: silent 999 calls asked them to switch off emergency button on their phones to prevent this.
- Still hearing about water leak on Clock Hill.
- Would like to promote the foodbank more. Clerk will send on any updates via email/ Facebook.
- Will be attending Memorial event at Hartshill Hayes.

7. Report from PC Taylor

- PC Taylor introduced himself as the new PC for the area.
- Report received about possible drug dealing in the cemetery at night. Police have patrolled but found nothing to suggest this was taking place.
- Cuppa with a copper took place at Hartshill Community Centre.
- Kirby Glebe – issues with horses being left on other people's land. Rural Crime Team visiting to make sure this stops happening.
- Crime prevention event taking place on 8th July at Hartshill Hayes.

8. Public Question Time

- Drayton Close attempted burglary last August and again in April of this year. Police confirmed entry point was to the back of the new health centre which is WCC land. Cllr Bell explained that WCC had previously said they would secure the land – will chase up.

9. Accounts for Payment

Invoices amounting to £15534.48.

Including orders for payment approved by the Council:

- 791.79 for replacement Lincat boiler.
- £1620.00 Beechwood Landscaping
- £434.88 Brockwells Play bark for recreation ground.
- £510 for internal audit fees
- £720 for Beechwood Landscaping.

10. Financial Report

- Financial report Income received: £1536.06.
- Interest received £951.66.
- Current Balance: £68370.88 Reserve: £170449.23

11. Planning Applications

- None to report.

12. Minutes of the last meeting 060623 signed as true record. Proposed – Roberts, Seconded – Chaudry.

13. Correspondence. –

- None to report.

14. Estate

- Snowhill – Tarmac preparing grass path through wood. Recreation Ground path needs repairing – rec committee considering asking Tarmac to fund repair through their donations department.
- Cemetery – New Groundsman in post but away for two-week holiday. Made a great start.
- Community Centre – replacement Lincat heater needed for kitchen. Council approve expenditure.

15. Staff

New Groundsman in post at the Cemetery following a successful interview. Will be working for 30 hours per week with optional overtime when needed. Starting on NALC scale 7 with review after 3 months in post.

16. Signage for Rec Ground

Clerk to get quote from Nuneaton Signs

17. Plaques

Council agrees to purchase plaques for bench on recreation ground, Steps to Hartshill Hayes and Hartshill Village Sign

18. Disable access for Grange Road Recreation Ground

- Still waiting on update from Borough Council.

19. Sewage Farm

- Cllr Roberts would like to invite a representative from Severn Trent to attend a parish council meeting to discuss the sewage farm.

20. Xmas Lights

- Cllr Roberts to obtain quote for electrical installation on the Stag & Pheasant side of the green for additional Christmas lights.
- Clerk to look into batter lighting options.

21. Items for decision to appear on next agenda

- The Green Christmas Lights
- Cemetery Gate Locking
- Water connection on the green.

Meeting Closed 8.35pm

Date and Time of Next Meeting – September 5th 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Reference: _____