

Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday 11th January 2022 – 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Hartshill

Councillors: Councillor Roberts, Thomason, Pearson, Sharp, Peart.

Apologies: Cllr Lees and Cllr Parker – Accepted and Authorised by the Council.

Absent:

In attendance: County & Borough Cllr Bell, Parish Clerk & four members of the public

1)- Welcome and apologies

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2) 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.

3) 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.

4) 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 Borough Councillor Bell

- Identified areas to start with for the rejuvenation of Grange Road rec ground project. Cllr Bell & Cllr Lees will be contributing from their Cllrs Community Grant fund.
- Meeting with Highways on A5. Highways hoping to attend next meeting to address questions. Cllr Thomason aware of 3 accidents since November meeting.
- Traffic survey meeting to take place on January 21st in relation to Victoria Rd, School Hill, and Plough Hill junction. Cllrs invited to attend.
- Cllr Bell & Cllr Lees have a £1000 grant towards an event for the Queens Jubilee celebration.
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Councillor Bell welcomed questions:

- Concerns raised as to the state of Grange Rd currently. The road is unfinished, and the bottom half is treacherous with a 100mm drop on either side of the road. Heavy vehicles frequent the road – Clerk to contact Graham Stanley at Road Safety.
- Atherstone Rd hedges are very overgrown and obscuring the bus stop – Cllr Bell will report it to be cut back.
- Ponies were loose on the road resulting in an accident – this was the result of a broken fence during a burglary.
- Camera on Grange Rd obscured by trees – Cllr Bell explained the camera is to be moved shortly.
- Mancetter Road increasingly messy from vehicles using the Quarry – this could be a result of the harsh weather recently.
- Woodford Lane – would like to see a similar system to that at the Longshoot or a 'Left Turn Only' option. Junction has been identified as one of the top five worst junctions in Warwickshire. Highways England still stating they have no accident statistics for the junction. Action - Clerk to contact Highways and the County Council.

7. Public Question Time

- A member of the public raised an issue on behalf of another resident who has been targeted by traveller children. Resident informed the Council that a 999 call had been made and was not responded to by the police.
- A resident of Apple Pie Lane has met with Evan Ross of NWBC to discuss the possibility of an additional camera on the street. The resident has kindly offered the use of her electricity supply for the camera.
- Residents of Grange Rd would like to know if the current camera on the street has picked anything up as it has been reported that trees are currently covering it and it is unable to record anything.
- Other reports from residents include threatening/abusive behaviour from residents of the traveller site in local pubs. Police called but no response.
- Reports of residents of the traveller site stealing livestock have been made.
- The Council had requested the presence of the Traveller Liaison officer to attend but he was unable at this time.

8. Accounts for Payment – payments amounting £8906.34 were approved by the Council. Invoices inspected and approved by Council – Proposed Roberts, Seconded Sharp.

9. Financial Report - Income received £2137.83 Balances at end of December Current account: £100592.28 & Reserves at: £203933.26

10. Planning Applications.

- PAP/2021/0640 – No objections.
- PAP/2021/0686 – Would like more information on what will be featured on the billboard before making an informed decision. Councillors would also like to see residents consulted on the location. Clerk to contact planning for more information.

11. Minutes of last meeting. – Minutes of meeting Ref: 071221 were signed as a true record. Proposed Pearson, Second. Peart

12. Correspondence

- None

13. Estate

- **Community Centre** – Damaged door repaired by John Randle – Council would like to send thank you card.
- **Cemetery** – continues to be busy with burials.
- **Library** – None
- **Snowhill Recreation Ground** – Issues with vandalism. Estimate expected for repair work to damaged lamppost. No correspondence received from football club yet for match for cup. Committee agree to purchase defib for rec ground. Expected to spend between £1,200 and £1400.

13. Steps to the Hayes–

- Footpath closure arranged from 24th Jan. Works expected to start within 2 weeks of that date.

14. Grange Road meeting with Planning Enforcement and Police

- A meeting was arranged for residents of Grange Rd with the planning enforcement officer and the police to raise issues residents have been having with residents from the Traveller site in Hartshill. The Council would like to thank Planning Enforcement Officer Lucy McDonald for all her help in organising this for the residents.

15. Queens Jubilee

- Council to investigate the Beacon Trail for the village – Clerk to email information for decision.

Budget & Precept Setting.

- Council agrees to not raise the precept for the year 2022/23. Proposed Cllr Roberts, Seconded Cllr Pearson.
- Councillors to think about items for additional expenditure for the year. Councillor Roberts would like to consider a fund for the Queens Jubilee of approx. £15000 for additional items for the village. Would like to request ideas from residents for ideas such as grit bins, bus shelters etc.

Meeting Closed 8.33pm

17. Next meeting to take place on 1st February 2022.

Signed: _____ Date: _____