

Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday 10TH January 2023 – 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Hartshill

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

Apologies: None

Absent: Cllr Peart

In attendance: Borough Councillor Bell, PC Hughes, PCSO. Jenkins, Parish Clerk.

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.

5. Report from Borough Councillor Bell.

- Kirby Glebe Site Appeal – Council feel they have done everything they can locally and need help from MP's. Council agrees to contact Michael Gove.
- Another piece of land next to existing site has been purchased. Enforcement officer has grounds for concern and will be applying for a High Court Injunction. They are doing everything they can.
- A strategy needs to be put in place now the appeal has been won for the payment of Council tax and a stop to the burning of toxic waste.
- Council was disappointed that there was no statement from the police at the hearing and no police in attendance. Martin Rone Clark, traveller liaison officer had said a statement was sent in but Jeff Brown of planning said none was received.
- Public felt the appeal was very one sided and did not feel they were given ample time to voice their comments, while the travellers in attendance were given up to a half an hour to speak. They felt it was very badly.
- Although it stated in the Travellers statement that they were attempting to open bridges of Communication with the Parish Council, they denied access to the Chairs of the Parish Council's in attendance to their site during a site visit.
- Elections to be held in May – public will have to bring a form of Photo ID with them to vote.

6.1. – Report from PCSO Emily Jenkins

- Council welcomed PC Hughes back following her maternity leave.
- Cuppa with a Copper to take place at Hartshill Community Centre on 18th January.
- PC Hughes to provide the Council with a copy of the ASB figures for the year.
- PC Jenkins mentioned they have stopped the meetings at Hartshill School as no positives were coming from it.
- Rural crime team will be focussing on fly tipping. CCTV has gone up but fly tippers just move to another location.

7. Public Question Time

- Member of the public raised her concerns over an incident with residents from the traveller site on Grange Rd. Incident was reported to the police. PC Hughes said she will visit the site if any reports are made to her.
- School traffic – Member of the public would like to see Michael Drayton barriers going up earlier as traffic is backed up down to School Hill at pick up time. School have previously responded to this request to state that their caretaker is needed to man it and hours do not permit him to open it earlier. They also need it to be clear for school buses. Parents have been advised not to come so early but continue to do so.
- Councillor Roberts has said she would like to see more police driving through village at pick up time as a deterrent to parents blocking Church Road.

8. Accounts for Payment

Invoices amounting to £10934.93 approved for payment – Proposed Cllr Parker, Seconded Cllr Roberts. Incl: £300 sign installation, £1263.60 Nuneaton signs – rec ground signage, £858.42 national grid (rec ground) £2394 hedge cut at cemetery and tree lop.

9. Financial Report

- The Clerk gave an update on the financial position of the Council.
- Income received during month of January £12421.73 Balance at Current Acc 88396.29 Reserves Acc £167223.62

10. Planning Applications

None Received.

11. Minutes of the last meeting 041022

- Proposed Cllr Sharp, Seconded Cllr Roberts that the minutes of the meeting Ref:061222 be signed as a true record.

12. Correspondence. – None to report.

13. Estate – Snowhill – lampposts not connected due to cable under public highway – National grid to reschedule at no extra cost.

Community Centre – Warm hub grant received – Clerk to set up.

Cemetery – Fly tipping incidents growing. Reported to police and investigation into personal information found within the rubbish taking place. Will have to consider over night closing of the gates if incidents continue. To monitor until next meeting.

14. Traveller Site

Discussed under Borough Councillor Report and Public Question Time.

15. Budget Setting and Precept Request 2023-24

- The budget for 23/24 approved by the Council.
- The Council agree to raise the precept request by 2% for the year 23/24. The increase will partially cover the expense of keeping the streetlights on overnight for another year.
Proposed by Councillor Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Sharp.

16. Items for next agenda.

- Traveller site – invitation to Martin Rone Clarke to attend meeting.
- Enhance Hartshill Sign.
- Kings Coronation.

17. Confidential Item.

- **Council discussed an item of confidentiality. Public in attendance asked to leave.**

18. Other Business discussed which did not appear on the agenda.

- Cllr Chaudry gave an update on the meeting he attended at Sarval with Cllr Sharp.
- 96 complaints were made during August due to the wind direction. October only 4 complaints were received.
- The anticipate the situation to be worse with the warmer summers we are now experiencing.
- Cllr Chaudry would be happy to attend further meetings to gain a more technical understanding of what is happening on the site.
- Cllr Roberts will attend the NWAC meeting at the NWBC offices but would like another Councillor to attend also.

19. Date & Time of Next Meeting 7th Feb 2023 at 6.30pm - Friends Meeting House.

Meeting Closed 9pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____